



# HILLCLIMBER HEADLINES

## URBANA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

February 25, 2022

**MON. MARCH 7**

No School - Teacher Inservice

**FRI. MARCH 11**

Third Quarter ends  
Washington DC fee due in Full

**SUN. MARCH 13**

Daylight Savings time - Spring clocks up 1 hour

**MON. MARCH 14**

Fourth Quarter begins

**FRI. MARCH 18**

Report Cards mailed

**FRI. MARCH 25**

Kirkmont fee due in Full

**MON. MARCH 28 - FRI. APRIL 1**

Spring Break

**WEDS. MARCH 30**

Track @ Northeastern Track Quad 5:00 pm

**SAT. APRIL 9**

Track @ Triad Invite 10:00 am

**MON. APRIL 11**

Two Hour Delay Teacher Inservice

**TUES. APRIL 12**

Track Quad vs ECA, YS & Riverside 4:30 pm

**FRI. APRIL 15**

No School - Exchange Day

**MON. APRIL 18**

Track @ Northeastern Quad 5:00 pm

**TUES. APRIL 26**

Track vs County Meet 4:30 pm

**THURS. APRIL 28**

Track @ Northeastern Invite 5:00 pm

**SAT. APRIL 30**

Track vs JH Invite 10:00 am

**MON. MAY 9**

Two Hour Delay Teacher Inservice

**KIRKMONT CAMP SCHEDULE**

Boys May 9th - May 11th

Girls May 11th - May 13th

**FinalForms**

You will be required to sign your forms once per year and after any update. Emails have been sent to all parents with your login information. We understand that you may have filled out a paper form at the beginning of the year, but all forms will need to be done within FinalForms as soon as possible. If you did not receive an email, or you have any questions, please contact the office at your child's school. You may also contact Kelli Marsh - [kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org](mailto:kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org) for additional help.

**ATTENDANCE**

Please call the school by 9:00 am if your child will not be attending 653-1439 option 1. We have voicemail, so you may leave a message 24 hours a day. If you do leave a message, **PLEASE STATE THE REASON** for the absence. A call with no reason given does not necessarily make the absence excused. If you do not have a phone, be sure to send a note with the student the next day explaining the reason for the absence.

## **FinalForms**

If you have not yet filled out your child's forms on FinalForms please do so as soon as possible. All yearly forms, including athletic forms, are now being filled out online through FinalForms. You should have received a confirmation email from FinalForms. If you did not, please contact your child's building secretary or Kelli Marsh [kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org](mailto:kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org) or 937-653-1453 ext 2126

### **Communication**

Schools are successful when there is strong parental and community involvement. Communication is essential to foster a positive learning environment.

**Students:** Talk to Teachers, Counselor and/or Administrator, and PA(Student Access)

**Parents:** PA(Parent Access), email, telephone, conferences, face to face

**Remind App:** Enter 81010, Text@urbanj

**Download PBIS Rewards App**

**Twitter:** @urbanajh\_oh

### **Kirkmont Information – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip**

**May 9-13, 2022. Cost: \$125.00\***

4th Payment due March 25 - \$35.00

Cut-off date for a refund is April 8th, 2022.

Additional information is available in the student handbook and detailed information will be sent home during the school year. All school fees must be paid.

\*This is an estimate until trip details are finalized.

**For Ticketing and location information on Hillclimber Sports you should check out [cbcsportsonline.com](http://cbcsportsonline.com)**

### **Washington Information – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip**

**May 16-20, 2022. Cost: \$650.00\***

4th Payment due March 11 - \$170.00

Cut-off date for a refund is April 1st, 2022.

Additional information is available in the student handbook and detailed information will be sent home during the school year. All school fees must be paid. Deadlines must be met for all payments and also for any paperwork associated with this trip. Students who fail to meet these deadlines will be moved to the end of the waiting list. \*This is an estimate until trip details are finalized.

### **As reported by Coaches:**

#### **Boys Basketball**

##### **8th Grade**

Graham 33 Urbana 47 JJ Johnson 20 pts Gavin Dyer 14 pts Urbana is 9-8

##### **7th Grade**

Jonathan Alder 24 Urbana 40 Grady Lantz 20 pts Kaden Underwood 11 pts Urbana is 17-1

Northridge 31Urbana 19

Urbana finishes the season 16-2

#### **Wrestling**

The Climbers competed in London for the Junior High CBC tournament. As a team Urbana placed sixth. Mike Dale placed 6th. Lance Saylor and Trent Hoffman placed fourth. Libertie Nigh and Damien Mattox placed third. Gavin Stacy placed third and bringing home a CBC championship was Colton Roberts.

The Climbers also competed in Worthington at the OAC Divisional State tournament. Gavin Stacy placed second and Libertie Nigh brought home the championship! As a team the Climbers placed 7th out of 58 schools!

The climbers competed in the OAC district meet. Qualifying for junior high state is Colt Roberts who placed 6th, Trent Hoffman who placed 5th and Libertie Nigh who placed 3rd.

CONSIDERATION FOR 2022-23 SCHOOL YEAR  
URBANA CITY SCHOOLS

Friday, March 18, 2022 by appointment only

**PRESCHOOL DEVELOPMENTAL SCREENING**

Free Early Childhood Developmental Screening

Bring your preschool-age child 34 months – 5 years\*\* for a free screening conducted by an early childhood specialist. \*\*students who will be 5 years old on or before 8/1/22 are considered age-eligible for Kindergarten and not eligible for preschool enrollment. Your child's development may be screened in these areas: Gross Motor Skills, Self-help skills, Speech, Fine Motor Skills, Learning skills, Social and behavior skills

Call 653-5214 for more information

**Career Exploration**

Career Exploration students have been learning about the differences between a job and a career. They have taken several interest inventories to determine their learning styles and careers that may be of interest to them. Career clusters were introduced to students by having them create career cluster pizzas. Speaking of food, they are now beginning to create their own career boxes that will help them identify interesting careers, their strengths and interests, goals and more.

**6th grade Health**

Our 6th grade 2nd semester Health classes are off and going with Life Skills. As we get close to the end of the third nine weeks we find ourselves having those very important conversations about smoking, alcohol, and other drugs. We will start getting into our talks about how to have good communications with other people and how to say NO effectively. All health classes this year have been really great. My goal is to give them information so that each student can create their own values and beliefs to help them make very healthy decisions throughout life.

Mr. Bowdle

**7th grade Health**

Our 7th grade students have finished up the first half of the 7th grade life skills lessons. We went over how to make healthy decisions, how to avoid the pressures from advertising, and had our talks about what is drug abuse and how to avoid it. We are currently in our unit about nutrition. We talk a lot about what we should try to eat on a daily basis and things that we should try to stay away from. We tell them that we want them to enjoy food but may need to cut back on those things that aren't so good for us.

**8th grade PE:**

Students have just started our Pickleball unit and will be competing in a round robin regular season next week with single elimination playoffs for the top 8 seeds in each class.

# What's been happening in STEM

To kick off the semester, students were asked to brainstorm what separated animals and humans. Of course, this question could have many answers, but we decided that the ability to make and use tools is the main difference between humans and animals. This then opened up a discussion about how and why tools are developed. Tools are developed to fulfill a need. We then bridged the gap between the development of tools and engineering.

## **Our next course topic was the Engineering Design Process:**

1. Define the Problem – Usually in the form of a question.
2. Generate Concepts – Brainstorm solutions for the problem.
3. Design Solutions – Sketching Stage, draw out your idea.
4. Build & Test – Construct and try out.
5. Evaluate Solutions – Compare results of test and find the best solution.
6. Present Solution – Share your ideas!

In order to better understand the Engineering Design Process, students participated in guided notes, review sessions, created word art, and ultimately created examples of products and how engineers used the EDP to produce said product.

## **Examples of student word art:**



## **Main Branches of Engineering:**

Now we are working on understanding the world of engineering. We have taken a look at the four main branches of engineering: Mechanical, Civil, Electrical & Chemical.

Students have completed assignments surrounding Civil Engineering, bridge building, and a deep dive into past civil engineering projects.

We are conducting a research project in which students are diving into a field of engineering, learning about the ins and outs, what careers are available, and what advancements have been made.

## CS Discoveries

New semester, new class! Students have been busy learning how to code webpages using the Code.org curriculum. We have covered html and css languages, creative commons license and how to use images responsibly and ways to protect our identity by minimizing our digital footprint. Here are some excerpts from some of our students' web page designs.

Lovely recipe from [simplyrecipes-ELISE BAUER](#)

### How to make STRAWBERRY SHORT CAKE

#### Strawberries



[simplyrecipes-ELISE BAUER-BY](#)

- 3 pint baskets fresh strawberries (about 6 cups)
- 1/2 cup (100g) white granulated sugar for the strawberries

#### Whipped Cream

- 1 cup (236ml) heavy whipping cream
- 2 teaspoons powdered sugar
- 2 drops vanilla extract

#### Biscuits

- 3 1/4 cups (455g) all-purpose flour, divided ( 3 cups and 1/4 cup)
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 1 1/2 tablespoons baking powder
- 3/4 teaspoon salt
- 12 tablespoons (168g) unsalted butter, cut into small cubes
- 1 cup (236ml) milk
- 1/4 cup (60ml) heavy cream
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract

### Enviornment of Red Pandas

Red pandas live in the forests with bamboo in the Himalayas and other high mountains.They are also found in Nepal, India and Tibet.



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### What Red Pandas Eat

1. Bamboo
2. Fruit
3. Acorns
4. Roots
5. Eggs

### How They Live and Hunt

They spend most of their time in trees. They use thier claws help them move easily from branch to branch.Red pandas use on their long, bushy tails for balance as they cross tree branches.They also wrap it around themselves for warmth during the winter months.Red pandas travel alone only rarely do they travel with thier family.