



HILLCLIMBER HEADLINES

URBANA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

September 24 2021

At their meeting on Tuesday, September 22, 2021, the Urbana City School District Board of Education took action to implement a universal **face mask requirement for all students and staff in the school buildings starting on Monday, September 27, 2021.** All guests and visitors will also be required to wear a face mask when inside of the school buildings. A physician's statement is required for a medical exemption. More information is available on the District's website at www.urbanacityschools.org

SAT. SEPT 25

XCountry @ Sidney – 9:00 am

MON. SEPT 27

Volleyball vs Ben Logan -5:30 pm

TUES. SEPT 28

XCountry @ Triad 5:00 pm

WED. SEPT 29

7th GR Football vs Jonathan Alder - 5:30 pm
Volleyball @ Bellefontaine - 5:30pm

THURS. SEPT 30

8th GR Football vs Graham – 5:30 pm

SAT. OCT 2

Volleyball @ Tri-Match – 10:00 & 11:00 am
XCountry @ Cross the Creek - 9:00 am

WED. OCT 6

7th GR Football vs Ben Logan – 5:30 pm
XCountry @ D. Lightle - 4:30 pm

THURS. OCT 7

8th GR Football vs Ben Logan – 5:30 pm

FRI. OCT 8

Picture Day

SAT. OCT 9

XCountry @ Mechanicsburg– 9:30 am

MON. OCT 11

Two hour Delay - Teacher Inservice

THURS. OCT 14

7th GR Football @ North Union – 5:30 pm
8th GR Football @ North Union – 6:45 pm

FRI. OCT 15

End of 1st Quarter

MON. OCT 18

No School

TUES. OCT 19

2nd Quarter begins

FRI. OCT 22

Report Cards mailed

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

Washington Information – 8th Grade Trip

Washington DC trip dates:

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

1st Payment due September 24 - \$160.00

2nd Payment due November 11 - \$160.00

3rd Payment due January 21 - \$160.00

4th Payment due March 11 - \$170.00

Cut-off date for a refund is April 1st, 2022. Trip eligibility and other additional information are available in the student handbook and detailed information will be sent home with students during the school year. All school fees must be paid prior to making payments for the Washington Trip. 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.

Kirkmont Information – 6th Grade Trip

Kirkmont trip dates:

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

1st Payment due September 24 - \$30.00

2nd Payment due October 29 - \$30.00

3rd Payment due November 19 - \$30.00

4th Payment due March 25 - \$35.00

Cut-off date for a refund is April 8th, 2022. Trip eligibility and other additional information are available in the student handbook and detailed information will be sent home with students during the school year. All school fees must be paid prior to making payments for the Kirkmont Trip. *This is an estimate until trip details are finalized.

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.

As reported by Coaches:

Cross Country:

The Urbana Cross Country team competed at the Northwestern Invitational. Hazel Lightle led the team with a time of 16 minutes 39 seconds on the two-mile

course. Emily Hughes and Olivia MacKendrick each ran personal best times.

On the boys team Vincent Lightle finished 2nd out of 74 runners with a time of 12 minutes 20 seconds. Zachary Nutt earned a medal with a 13th place finish. Everett Chapman ran his best race of the season so far.

The Junior High Cross Country team competed at the Miamisburg Invitational this weekend. Vincent Lightle and Zachary Nutt earned medals with 3rd-place and 22nd place finishes in a field of 137 runners. Everett Chapman ran a personal best time.

On the girls team, Emily Hughes, Avari Jenkins, Olivia MacKendrick, and Hazel Lightle all ran their fastest races yet. Hazel, Olivia, and Avari all earned top-40 finishes.

The girls cross country team competed at the Graham Invitational. Hazel Lightle led the team with a time of 15mins 16 secs, earning 8th place. Olivia MacKendrick and Avari Jenkins had top-25 finishes. Caileigh Busch and Emily Hughes scored points, contributing to the team's 4th place finish--beating 5th place Graham Junior High by just one point. On the boys' side, Vincent Lightle finished 5th out of 57 runners. Everett Chapman finished 35th.

Volleyball:

7th grade beat Northwestern in 3
22-25, 25-11, 25-16.

8th grade lost to Northwestern in 2
7-25, 7-25

7th grade lost to Graham last night 13-25, 21-25. LaKayla Beckley had 3 ace serves and a dig. Janaya Scott had 3 ace serves and Chloe Nannarone also had 3 ace serves.
8th grade lost to Graham in 3 sets. 23-25, 25-19, and 23-25. Lanie Dingledine had 8 ace serves, 1 kill, and 3 digs. Alicia Venneman had 6 ace serves, 3 kills, and 2 digs. Mary Ober had 2 ace serves and 2 digs.

Football:

Climbers vs Indian Lake - Both teams played really well!

7th Grade won 28-0

8th Grade won 38-12

Climbers vs Bellefontaine

7th Grade lost 12-6

8th Grade won 42-0

Congrats Climbers!

Dr. E.W.B Curry

Urbana Jr. High teachers Sadie Steffan and Amanda Goodwin will present a program about local educator and civic action leader Dr. E.W.B. Curry on Sunday September 26th at 2:00 pm at the Champaign County Historical Society. Dr. Curry has been the focus of a Junior High Project Based Learning unit for the past year and this year students will be moving forward with even more projects that bring to the forefront his many achievements. The title of the PBL is "Lost Voices". The goal of this project is to preserve and promote the history of African Americans and their contribution to our community. Students will create museum displays, plant a memorial tree, and create a research data bank so that others can fully appreciate what Dr. Curry did for Urbana and the country. The presentation is open to the public.

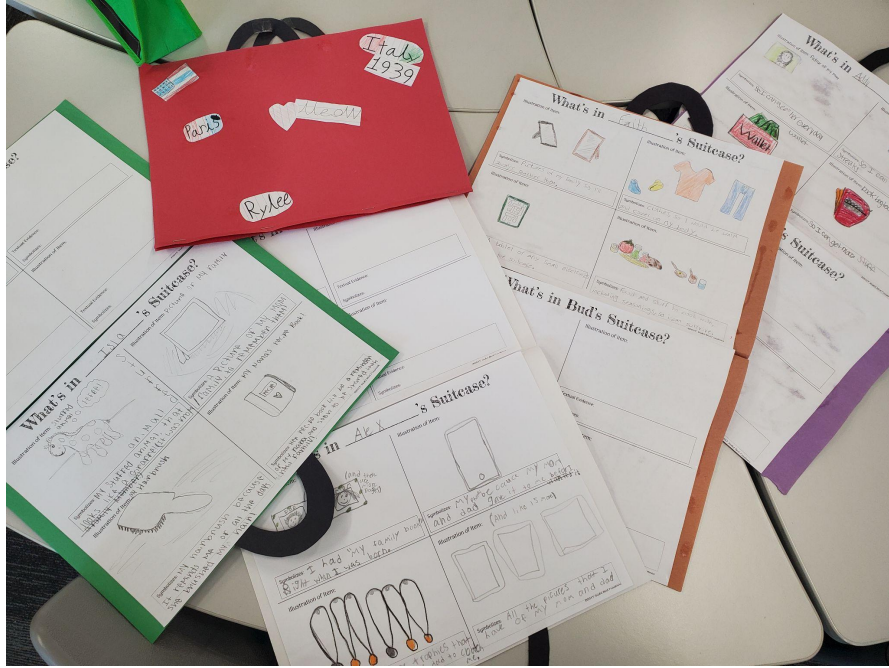


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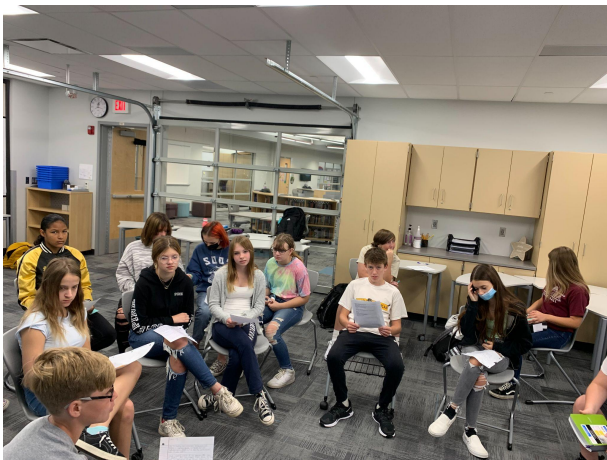
In **7th grade ELA** we are in the first module centered around identity in the Middle Ages. We have been reading a variety of texts to build background knowledge of this time period. While reading, we are also practicing skills to build writing knowledge and stamina. Below are a few pictures of a recent Socratic Seminar where students lead a discussion centered around text-dependent questions. We have watched the students have many "A-ha moments" and it is very exciting to see their curiosity and joy for learning.



In **6th grade ELA**, we have just wrapped up Module 0 of our new curriculum, *Wit and Wisdom*. In this introductory module, students learned several instructional routines that will be used throughout the year. We are gearing up to begin Module 1: Resilience in the Great Depression. We will be reading two core texts, *Bud, Not Buddy* and *Out of the Dust*. In addition, students will be exploring two art pieces: *Kentucky Flood* and *Migrant Mother*. Through our lessons and activities, students will be looking to answer, “How can enduring tremendous hardship contribute to personal transformation?” As an introduction to *Bud, Not Buddy*, students are creating personal suitcases like the main character of *Bud, Not Buddy*, Bud.



The **8th grade ELA** department is currently reading *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander. In this module, students have been learning poetic types and practicing how to compose their own poems to prepare for their End-of-Module tasks. Each day, students participate in class discussions and personal analysis of the main character's identity and add these reflections to their digital journals.



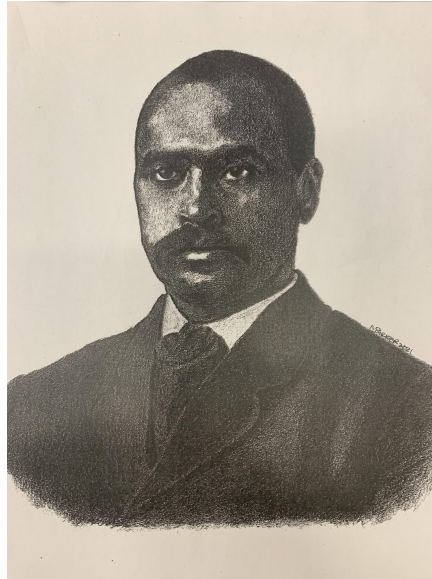
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6th Grade Social Studies Mr. Blair's sixth graders have begun their collaborative investigation on Dr. Curry, who is their PBL project topic for the 2021-22 school year. They also have begun creating their Google Slides presentations and researching one of the five main world religions: Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Islam, and Judaism.



7th Grade World Studies and ELA are working together on a Feudalism unit. The students are examining what life was like during medieval times. They are learning about the social hierarchy of feudalism, what life was like as a knight, and how the Black Plague changed society.



8th Grade American History has spent the 1st quarter developing our knowledge of why and how our American government was set up. One process we've had fun diving into is "How a Bill Becomes a Law". Check out the amendments in clothing we made to our volunteer Bills below. With the help of our student House and Senate members we were able to successfully run through all of the steps in the process and turn all three Bills into laws.

Big thanks to **Mr. Wasserman**, **Mr. Souders**, & **Mr. Walter** who volunteered as a Bill!

