



HILLCLIMBER HEADLINES

URBANA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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SUN. MAR 14

Daylight Savings - Spring clocks up 1 hour

FRI. MAR 19

End of 3rd Quarter

MON. MARCH 22 - FRI. MARCH 26

No School - Spring Break

MON. MAR 29

School Resumes
4th Quarter begins

TUES. MAR 30

Track @ Northeastern HS 4:30 pm

THURS. APRIL 1

Report Cards mailed - No Foolin'

FRI. APRIL 2

No School - Good Friday

MON. APRIL 5

Track vs Quad Meet 4:30 pm

FRI. APRIL 9

Track @ Miami East Invite 4:30 pm

MON. APRIL 12

Track @ Tecumseh 4:30 pm

FRI. APRIL 16

Track @ Chieftain Relays 4:30 pm

MAKE UP DAY

The 2020-2021 school calendar approved by the Urbana Board of Education includes make up days after missing five school days. With the school closure on February 16, 2021, school will now be in session on Friday, May 28th.

CHROMEBOOK PAYMENTS

All Chromebook payments were due **October 23, 2020**.
The scheduled payment has been placed on school fees.

Congratulations to March

Students of the Month:

Five Points - Bailey Latham

Gutridge - Ethan Botkin

Mohawk - Eveline Schelle

Toll Run - Adeline Hegyi

UVA - Layla Nickell

Sports programs

Sports programs are available for \$5.00. They include fall and winter sports for high school and junior high. Contact Carie Thomas at 937-653-1416 or Jamie Jacobs at 937-653-1412 to purchase one. Thanks!

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: @urbana_jhs

20-21 Free and Reduced Priced Meal Applications

If you have not already done so, please fill out a new Free and Reduced Meal Application. **Households that qualify for Free meals are eligible to have their students school fees waived.** This process may also help in determining the P-EBT Card eligibility. If you have questions, please call the Food Service Dept. at 937-653-1427.

ATTENDANCE

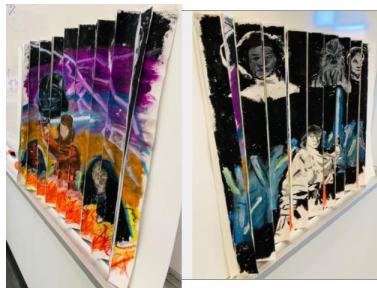
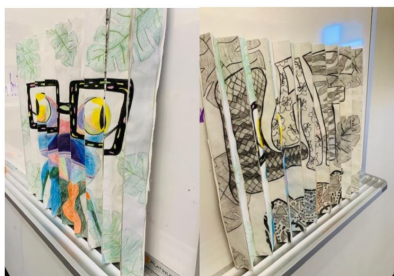
Please call the school by 9:00 am if your child will not be attending 653-1439 option 1. We have voicemail, so you may leave a message 24 hours a day. If you do leave a message, **PLEASE STATE THE REASON** for the absence. A call with no reason given does not necessarily make the absence excused. If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

Art

The 7th graders have completed an "All About Me" Digital self portrait using Google Drawings, created an 'Elements of Art' foldable, String Art emphasizing the element of line and angles to create an illusion, and finally learning about space and form, by creating a 2 Point Perspective Cityscape.



The 8th graders have been busy making "Bring a Painting to Life" Box, Radial Balance Origami compositions, and Agamographs (two drawings cut and viewed from two perspectives). They are currently starting cropped animal paintings.

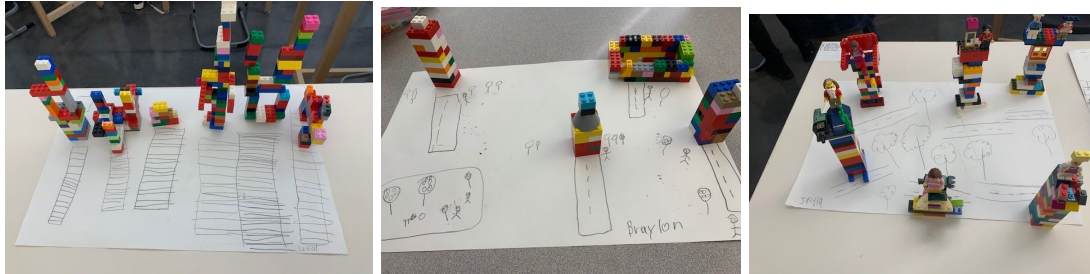


Our ESC student work from the MH classroom

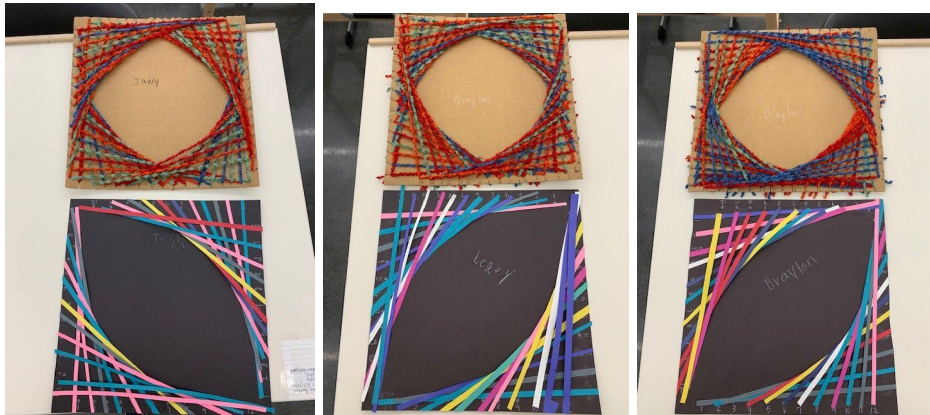
Collage cityscapes:



Lego Cityscapes:



String Art:



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. After that, we will be finishing the fourth nine weeks the same way that the SWAP classes will finish. The swap 6th grade health classes have just finished our lessons over coping with anxiety and anger. 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

Physical Education

The 3rd quarter has been going really well to this point. My new group of students have really been participating well in Physical Education. We have just completed our Floor Hockey Unit and tournament as well for 6th grade. We will soon be starting our basketball, volleyball, and weightlifting units. For 7th grade we will be starting our tennis and weightlifting units. Stay tuned, as 7th grade Create A Dances will be coming in the 4th quarter!!! Never a boring class then. - **Mr. Mattern**

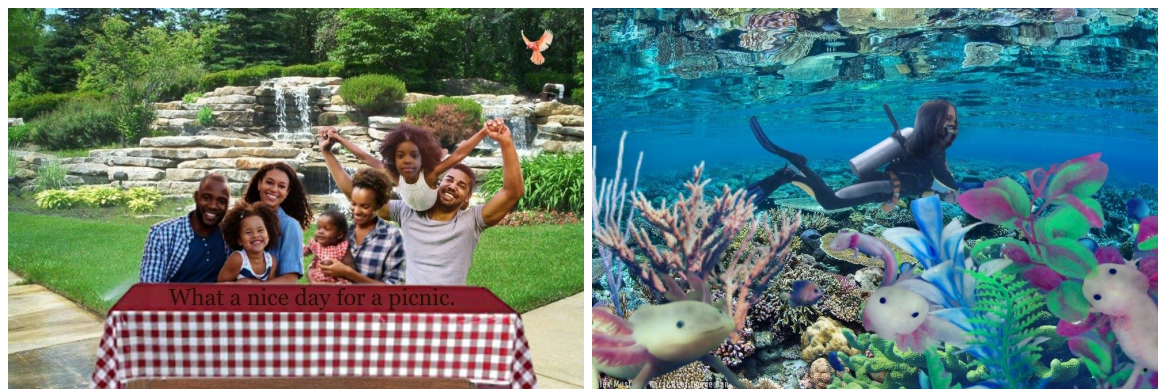
Second semester students in 8th grade PE are in the middle of a badminton tournament. Students have already completed a doubles tournament and are currently playing in a singles tournament. Health will be coming up soon! Fitness/weight lifting will occur after spring break. For my daily switch classes (maroon/white), 8th grade students are finishing up an archery unit, and my 7th grade students are finishing up a floor hockey unit. Student participation and involvement has been fantastic this year so far, and students have handled all of the COVID-19 protocols extremely well!!! Keep up the great work!!! - **Mr. Maycock**

Computer/Technology:

Cash:

Seventh grade students have been learning the basics of website development including html and css coding language. We will finish up the quarter by creating and publishing a multi page website.

Sixth grade students have been very busy. We started the semester with a tour of the google suite including gmail, google docs and google slides. We then spent a couple of weeks exploring digital images and editing using pixlr. Below are group photos created using At least 3 separate images of people, an item and a background. We are currently building our coding skills by using block coding and code.org.



Mackey:

My 2nd Semester students are finishing their websites for their superhero. Check them out at

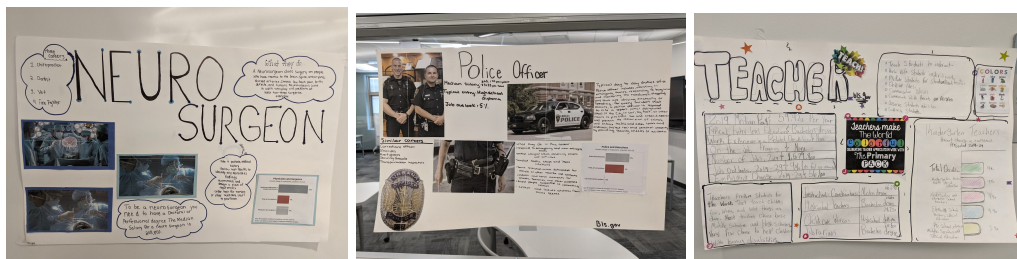
<https://mackeys-heroes.weebly.com/super-hero-websites.html>

CBI

Students in Career Exploration/CBI have been off to a great start. They have been taking interest inventories to help them identify their career interests. Recently they created career posters that were used in a career showcase in the learning centers. Students then circulated around to each of the posters to gather information about various careers. Most recently they have learned about the 16 different career clusters and have identified the three career clusters that are of the most interest to them. They will soon begin to work with a partner to create a career cluster brochure.

We have also created a Knowledge Bowl team of ten students that will participate at the regional level against other schools on March 18th. Students on this team prepare on their own time by studying twenty different topics. The topics are vast and range from general school subjects to income tax and finance to sports.

Student interest and participation has been great! What a nice group of students! - Mrs. Flowers



BAND:

The band is continuously working on skills and techniques to make us better musicians. All junior high bands are actively working on all twelve major scales and scale techniques to work on our finger facility. Keep encouraging practicing at home to make better musicians.

Choir

The choir students are diligently preparing for their upcoming Spring Virtual Concert performance. The theme for the concert is Popular Music, so all of the songs and medleys of songs are popular in nature. The release date of the Spring Virtual Concert will be the middle of May and the link will be shared on the Choir Facebook Page as well as through Remind. We hope to get back to normal in-person concerts next school year and look forward to seeing all of you again.