

UPCOMING DATES

January 16 - MLK Day - **No School**

January 17 - 3rd Grading Period begins

January 20 - Report Cards released

January 25 - Parent-Teacher
Conference request forms due



FinalForms

If you have not yet done so, please make sure to update all student information on FinalForms. Parents/Guardians need to sign forms online at urbana-oh.finalforms.com each year.

- If you have previously logged into your account, login to that same account and update your forms.
- If you have never logged in- choose "Login" under the Parent Icon and then choose "Never Logged In"- DO NOT CREATE A NEW ACCOUNT. Enter your email address. A confirmation link will be sent to you.
- If you do not receive a confirmation link, or have any issues, please contact kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org.



SPARKY SAYS:

Follow the Climber Code

- Be Respectful
- Be Responsible
- Be Ready



Urbana Elementary Culinary Challenge

Hey 4th & 5th grade students! Are there any aspiring chefs out there? Well, you can showcase your skills by participating in the upcoming Future Chefs culinary competition! Fill out an entry form with your recipe showcasing **"YOUR FAVORITE FRUIT OR VEGETABLE SIDE DISH TO COMPLETE THE PLATE,"** and you'll be in the running to compete in a live competition at Urbana Elementary School on March 15th, 2023. Check in the cafeteria or ask your teacher for entry forms and more details.

Good Luck!

**Just a reminder to call the school at 937-653-1453
by 9:15 am to report the absence of your child.**



REMINDE

- The staff at Urbana City Schools will be using Remind to share pertinent information with parents.
- Remind allows our staff to share information through messages that can be received by text, email or through the Remind app.
- Please make sure your mobile number is updated in FinalForms to ensure that the Remind system works properly.
- If you are not receiving information through Remind, please contact your child's teacher or contact Kelli Marsh:
kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org 937-653-1453 ext. 2126 for further assistance.



December/January
Good Citizen trait:

Trustworthiness

Mindful breathing is a technique that can help improve focus and restore calm.

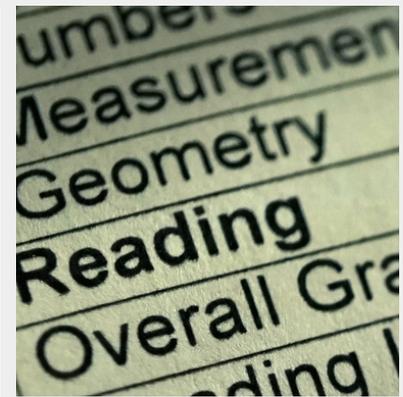
It's important to note that practicing deep breathing really is a practice.

Bubble breathing - Most kids know what it feels like to blow bubbles. If they don't, you can certainly even use actual bubbles for this breathing activity. Have kids close their eyes and imagine they are blowing bubbles as they breathe in and out.

Taken from www.thepathways2success.com

Parent Access

It is not too late to set up your Parent Access account! In order to set up a Parent Access account to monitor your child's grades, you will need a school provided registration key. To obtain this registration key, please email kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org



Good two-way communication between families and schools is necessary for your child's success. Not surprisingly, research shows that the more parents and teachers share relevant information with each other about a child, the better equipped both will be to help that student achieve academically.

Opportunities for two-way communication include:

Parent -Teacher conferences - information coming home with report cards
Student Planner
Phone calls
E-mail or school website

www.urbanacityschools.org

Promoting Good Attendance

All Winter Long



WHAT CAN PARENTS DO?



Every winter, bad weather — snow, slush, freezing temperatures or even heavy rains — can present challenges to getting children to school. So do the illnesses such as colds, flu, fevers and earaches that often come with the winter months. Students might also have to stay home due to Covid-19.

1. Develop back up plans for getting your children to school in bad weather.

- a. Check to see who can give your children a ride to school if you aren't able to take them or the bus doesn't arrive.
- b. Talk with your school about forming a "walking school bus" with other families to get students to school safely.
- c. Contact your local government if roads to school are not regularly plowed.
- d. Join other families to clear snow from the sidewalks closest to the school.
- e. Tell school administrators about transportation challenges, including safety, and ask if they have plans for transporting students.

2. Keep your children healthy.

- a. Maintain a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- b. Ensure students eat a good breakfast every morning or check to see if your school serves breakfast.
- c. Ensure your children visit their medical provider and have received their vaccines, including flu and Covid.
- d. Stress hand washing, particularly before and after eating, and after using the restroom.
- e. Reinforce the importance of avoiding close contact with individuals who are sick, and not sharing cups and/or utensils with others.
- f. If your children seem anxious about going to school, ask teachers, school counselors, your medical provider and parents for advice on how to make your children feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- g. If you are concerned your children may have Covid, call your medical provider or school nurse for advice.

3. Keep your children engaged in learning if they cannot attend school in person.

- a. Ask your teacher or school for resources that you can use at home to keep your children learning, including computer tablets, internet access and online learning platforms.
- b. Identify who can support your children's learning at home, especially if you must go to work.
- c. Encourage your children to call classmates and stay connected to the teacher to find out about what they missed.

To learn more about attendance and strategies that make a difference visit www.attendanceworks.org