



HILLCLIMBER HEADLINES

URBANA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

February 24, 2023

SUN. MAR 12

Daylight Savings - Spring clocks up an hour

FRI. MAR 17

Third Quarter ends
St Patrick's Day

MON. MAR 20

No School - Teacher Inservice

TUES. MAR 21

Fourth Quarter begins

FRI. MAR 24

Report Cards mailed

APR 3 - 9

No School - Spring Break

TUE. APR 4

Track Quad Meet home 4:30 pm

SAT. APR 8

Track @ Triad Invite 10:00 am

THUR. APR 13

Track @ Xenia Invite 4:30 pm

TUES. APR 18

Parent Teacher Conferences

WED. APR 19

Track Mini Invite home 4:30 pm

FRI. APR 21

Track @ McBurg Invite 4:30 pm

MON. APR 24

Two Hour Delay - Teacher Inservice

TUES. APR 25

Track @ Champaign County Meet 4:30 pm

Parent Access

You can add multiple children to one Parent Access account. To add a child, click "My Account," "My Students," "Link Another Student." You will need a Registration Key for each child. Please contact Kelli Marsh at kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org to obtain a registration key.

Remind

When you download the app, push notifications are turned on, and your text and email Remind messages are automatically disabled - so you do not receive duplicate notifications. You can control your notification preferences by clicking your name, choose "Account Settings" and then "Notification Preferences." From there you will be able to enable text messages, email messages, etc. It is also important to sign in to the app using your cell phone number and not an email address. Signing in with an email often creates a new account for the user which will not be linked properly to a student. Please contact Kelli Marsh at kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org with any questions or concerns.

FinalForms

Please make sure to update your FinalForm as any changes in your address or phone number occur. Login to your account at <https://urbana-oh.finalforms.com/>. Updating your information this year will make signing next year's forms even easier! Please contact Kelli Marsh at kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org if you have any questions or issues.

UJHS PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The last Parent-Teacher Conference will be Tuesday, April 18th 2:45 - 6:00 pm. To schedule a conference, please contact your child's teacher through email or call the office at 937-653-1439 to be connected to their voicemail.

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

DC trip dates: May 15-19 - \$650.00*

4th Payment due March 10 - \$170.00

Cut-off date for a refund is April 7th, 2023. Trip information is available in the student handbook. All school fees must be paid prior to making payments for the Washington Trip. All deadlines must be met to hold your spot on this trip. *This is an estimate until trip details are finalized.

Kirkmont Information – 6th Grade Trip

Kirkmont trip dates: May 8-12 - \$125.00*

4th Payment due March 24 - \$35.00

Cut-off date for a refund is April 7th, 2023. Trip information is available in the student handbook. 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:

Boys Basketball:

Urbana 8th grade won against Bellefontaine 51-42. Grady Lantz with 25 points.

Urbana 7th grade won against Bellefontaine 52-23. Case Teepe with 12 and Drew Dixon with 10 points.

Urbana 8th grade lost against Indian Lake 29-30. Grady Lantz with 11 points.

Urbana 7th grade lost against London 38-33. Drew Dixon with 10 points.

Wrestling:

Urbana placed 7/12 teams at the CBC league tournament. Placing for the climbers: Libertie Nigh- 1st, Colton Roberts- 3rd, Trent Hoffman- 3rd, Lance Saylor- 5th, Gavin Stacy- 2nd, Brayden Zeigler- 5th

The climbers competed at the Harrison OAC district. State qualifiers for Urbana: Gavin Stacy and Brayden Zeigler
State alternates : Libertie Nigh and Damien Mattox



It's that time..... If you are interested in CHEER for the 2023-2024 season - This registration is for ALL grades 7-12.

All information will be sent out via email.

REGISTER HERE:

bit.ly/3Hlxv4E

Clark State Scholars

Clark State Scholars is a program through Clark State University that works to identify and support students who will become the first in their families to earn a college degree. There are ten eighth grade students selected from each participating district. Applicants must meet certain eligibility requirements and go through an interview as part of the selection process. Selected applicants will meet with a mentor throughout high school and must sign a contract along with their parents/guardians. The contract states the Scholars Program student must maintain a 2.0 or greater grade point average, maintain 93 percent or better school attendance, participate in at least 75 percent of the program activities, exhibit good citizenship, take classes in high school that will prepare the students for college and stay enrolled in the district in which they were inducted. Upon graduation from high school, the students will be eligible for three years of college at Clark State at no cost to the students. Congratulations to the following students who were selected for the program: George Kellar, Megan Goings, Hannah Saylor, Mallory Ratcliff, Brayden Zeigler, Paige Meadows, Kaitlynn Folden, Kylie McDaniel, Mister Applin, and Alexander Wertz

7th Grade Health

With our Health class now in the middle of the third nine weeks we just finished the first half of our Level 2 Life Skills. We spent the first half talking about drug abuse and violence, making decisions, media influences, coping with anxiety, and coping with anger. We had some really good conversations about these topics and gave the students some tools to help them with these topics. As we move into the second half of the third nine weeks we will be going over our Nutrition unit. We will be talking about the different kinds of nutrients that the body needs, going over what are healthy meals and snacks, the digestive and excretory systems, and how we can manage our weight in a healthy manner.

Mr. Bowdle

8th Grade Health & Physical Education - Mr. Maycock

8th grade students have recently finished their "Lifeskills Curriculum" as a part of their health education. Some topics in Lifeskills are:

- Making Decisions
- Coping with Anger
- Coping with Anxiety
- Cause and Effects of Drug Abuse
- Communication Skills (Social Skills, Assertiveness, Resolving Conflicts)
- Resisting Peer Pressure

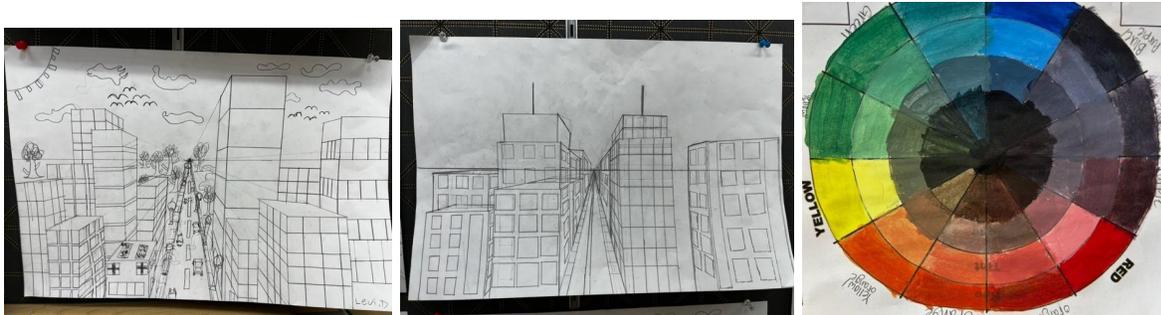
Currently, we are beginning a Volleyball Unit in PE. This is a combined unit with the 6th grade PE classes with an emphasis on teamwork skills. 8th graders will be asked to work alongside, and against the 6th graders within their combined teams.

6th and 8th Grade Art

8th graders have completed an ATC (artist (career) trading card, a polaroid watercolor landscape, and scratch art. They have learned about careers in art and how to create value and depth.



6th graders started the semester making one point perspective cityscapes. They learned how to use the VP to create form and depth. They are now learning to mix colors.



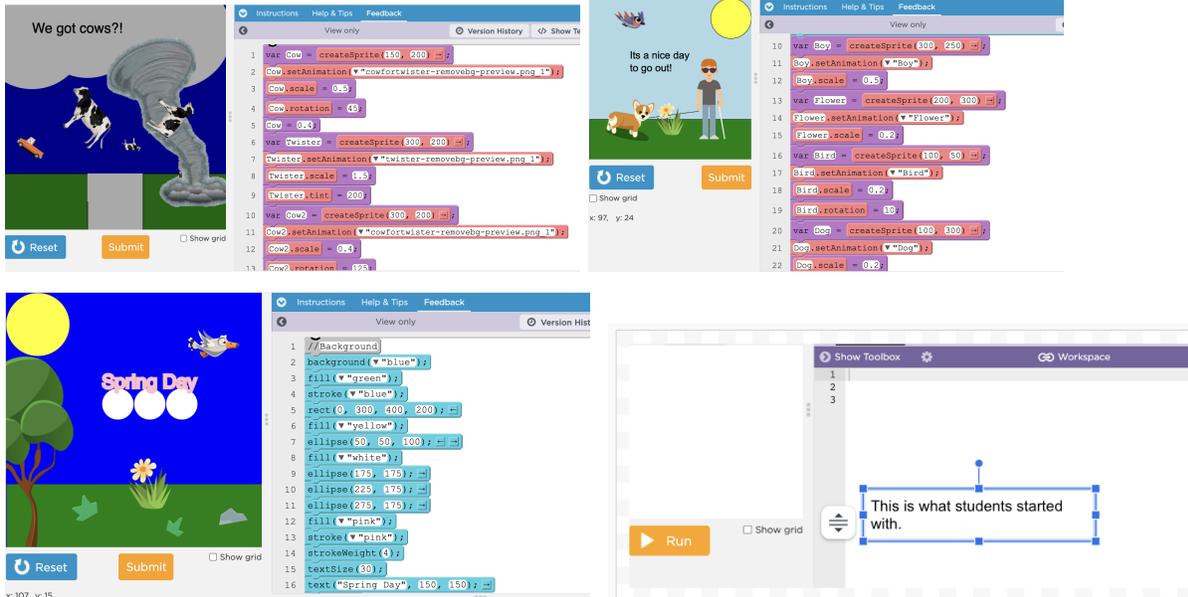
7th and 8th Grade STEM - Mr. Souders

- Students in STEM have been discussing the four main branches of engineering, how culture affects engineering, and the engineering design process. Civil engineering is considered to be one of the most important branches of engineering because it is the design and construction of public infrastructure.
- Students were tasked with researching ancient and modern examples of civil engineering as well as designing and constructing a popsicle stick bridge. Students tested their bridge with 10 lbs and 20 lbs weights. Students had the goal of holding 20 lbs and almost all groups met that goal.
 - Some students even took a risk by trying to stand on their bridge. Four groups tested their bridge by standing on it and three bridges successfully held the weight of a student! All in all, STEM is in full swing and will only continue to get more exciting.



7TH and 8TH grade Computer Science Discoveries

This semester students are using the Code.org platform to learn how to create interactive animations and games. Students first learned how to communicate with the computer by using draw commands. In order to do this effectively, students must be able to use a coordinate grid to tell the computer where they want their items placed. Students also learned how to make elements look the way they want by using specific draw blocks and sprite properties. Our most recent project is a captioned scene. Here are a few examples:



Stay tuned as we make our static images come to life with motion.