



HILLCLIMBER HEADLINES

URBANA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

September 22, 2023

SAT. SEPT 23

XCountry @ Sidney Invite 9:00 am

Volleyball @ Tecumseh 10:00 am

MON. SEPT 25

Teacher Inservice - No School

Volleyball @ Bellefontaine 5:30 pm

TUES. SEPT 26

Parent Teacher Conferences 2:45 - 6:00 pm

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

The Fall Parent-Teacher Conference will be

Tuesday, September 26th 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. We will also be holding conferences on November 28th, February 22nd and April 16th.

WED. SEPT 27

Volleyball vs Northridge 5:30 pm

7th GR Football @ London 5:30 pm

8th GR Football @ London 6:45 pm

SAT. SEPT 30

XCountry @ London Invite 9:00 am

WED. OCT 4

XCountry @ David Lightle Invite 4:30 pm

THUR. OCT 5

7th GR Football vs Kenton Ridge 5:30 pm

8th GR Football vs Kenton Ridge 6:45 pm

FRI. OCT 6

Picture Day

SAT. OCT 7

XCountry @ Wm Saxbe Invite 9:30 am

MON. OCT 9

Two Hour Delay Teacher Inservice

THUR. OCT 12

7th GR Football @ Bellefontaine 5:30 pm

8th GR Football @ Bellefontaine 6:45 pm

FRI. OCT 20

End of 1st Quarter

MON. OCT 23

No School

TUES. OCT 24

2nd Quarter Begins

FRI. OCT 27

Report Cards Mailed

MON. NOV 6

No School - Teacher Inservice

FRI. NOV 17

Picture Retake Day

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.

Parent Access

Stay up to date with your child's academic progress by creating a Parent Access Account. With a PA account, parents can view their child's grades online and in real-time. Items such as grades, attendance and teacher comments are available for viewing by parents as soon as they are posted in a teacher's online gradebook. If you have previously created a Parent Access Account, your account will remain active until your child graduates. The only thing you need to update at the beginning of the year is your alert setups. If you have not yet created an account, letters containing the information needed to set up an account were sent home a couple of weeks ago. Please note, printed interim reports will not be available this year. It will be important that you set up your Parent Access Account to monitor your student's grades. You can access your account at <https://pa.woco-k12.org/> Please contact Kelli Marsh: kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org 937-653-1453 ext. 2126 for further assistance.

Remind

If you are experiencing issues with the Remind app, log out of your app and log back in using your cell phone number. When the system rolled over for the new year, it seems that many users got logged out and started experiencing issues. In addition, in the app, you can click on your name, click settings, and click notification preferences. Then you can set how you would like to receive messages- via text, the app, or email. Please contact Kelli Marsh: kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org 937-653-1453 ext. 2126 for further assistance.

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.

Washington Information – 8th Grade Trip

DC trip dates: May 13-17 - \$700.00*

1st Payment due September 22 - \$175.00

2nd Payment due November 10 - \$175.00

3rd Payment due January 19 - \$175.00

4th Payment due March 8 - \$175.00

Cut-off date for a refund is April 12th, 2024.

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.

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

Twitter: @urbanajh_oh

Kirkmont Information – 6th Grade Trip

Kirkmont trip dates: May 6-10 - \$140.00*

1st Payment due September 22 - \$35.00

2nd Payment due October 27 - \$35.00

3rd Payment due November 17 - \$35.00

4th Payment due March 1 - \$35.00

Cut-off date for a refund is April 7th, 2024. 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.

As reported by Coaches:

Cross Country:

The cross country runners competed at the Hillclimber Invitational. The boys finished 2nd place as a team, led by Landon McKellop who finished 5th place out of 38 runners and Jacob Blakeman who finished 10th place. Josh Blakeman, Levi Zachrich, and Sawyer Risner also ran their fastest races of the year so far. On the girls side, Avery Smith led the team with a 12th place finish.

The cross country team competed at the Piqua Invitational. Landon McKellop led the boys team, finishing the 2 mile course in 12 minutes 11 seconds. Jacob Blakeman, Joshua Blakeman, Henry Chapman, and Levi Zachrich each also ran personal best times. For the girls team Sara Hildebrand led the team with a time of 15 minutes 14 seconds. Aubrie Cayten also ran a personal best time.

The cross country team competed against runners from 6 other schools at the Triad Invitational. The boys team earned 1st place, led once again by Landon McKellop who was 2nd place individually. Jacob Blakeman, Joshua Blakeman, Sawyer Risner, and Henry Chapman all had their fastest races yet. Sara Hildebrand, Avery Smith, and Aubrie Cayten each ran their personal best times as well, competing in the girls race. Sara Hildebrand and Avery Smith both completed the 2 mile race in 15 minutes and 13 seconds.

Football:

The 7th Graders played the Shawnee Braves last night and won a tough - hard fought game! The score was Urbana 28 and Shawnee 22! Congrats on the big win! #GoClimbers

Our 8th Graders won 16 to 6! Another day - another hard fought - tough victory against Shawnee! Great job Climbers!

7th Grade lost to Jonathan Alder 30-0.
8th Grade lost 22-16 to Jonathan Alder in a heartbreaker that went down to the final seconds. Go Climbers!

Congrats to the 7th Graders last night beating Tecumseh 36 - 0! Really proud of the effort and contributions from everyone!

The 8th graders had a very strong performance beating Tecumseh 44-28!
Go Climbers!!

Volleyball:

8th grade beat Graham 25-19, 25-14
7th grade beat Graham 25-15, 25-13

8th grade lost to Indian Lake 11-25, 17- 25
7th grade lost to Indian Lake, 25-20, 25-23.

7th grade defeated Northwestern 25-12, 25-19
8th grade lost to Northwestern 25-19, 25-22

7th grade defeated Southeastern 25-11, 25-12.
8th grade defeated Southeastern 25-13, 25-14.

7th grade lost to North Union 23-25, 25-12,
16-25

7th grade defeated Ben Logan 25-10, 28-26
8h grade lost to Ben Logan 10-25,12-25

7th grade defeated Shawnee 25-15, 25-9
8th grade lost to Shawnee 19-25, 27-29

7th grade lost to Jonathan Alder 10-25, 22-25.
8th grade lost to Jonathan Alder 25-17,18-25,
21-25.

7th grade lost to London 16-25, 17-25
8th grade lost to London 14-15, 25-23, 18-25

Just a reminder that any student that does not have fully completed information in FinalForms and/or have not paid fees would be unable to receive or participate in the following:

- Pictures
- Report cards
- Dances or Student Nights

Questions? Just call the office 937-653-1439

Social Studies Department

The Jr. High Social Studies students and department honored Markus Vactor in a short ceremony on August 29th for his support of the PBL "Lost Voices". Markus volunteered to watch over and water the Dr. Curry Memorial Tree that was planted at the K-8 building last fall. He worked diligently all summer to make sure that the tree thrived. Markus was presented with a volunteer medal. In addition, a plaque was placed on the memorial tree that was planted at Oak Dale Cemetery at the gravesite of Dr. Curry and his family. On Monday September 25th, apple trees will be presented to Graham Local and Triad Local school districts to honor Dr. Curry as well as informational texts and childrens books written by Urbana Jr. High students. The goal is to present memorial trees to every school district in Champaign County to honor Dr. Curry and his devotion to all students.



6th grade ELA

In 6th grade ELA, students are digging in deep to the first module of Wit & Wisdom: Resilience in the Great Depression. The first novel that we are reading is *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis and the second novel will be *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse.

Some of the questions that our class will work on answering are:

- What makes Bud a survivor?
- What hardships did people face during the Great Depression?
- How is Bud transformed by his journey?
- What sustained people's spirits during the Great Depression?
- How does hardship alter the characters' perspectives in *Out of the Dust*?
- What makes the characters in *Out of the Dust* survivors?
- How can enduring tremendous hardship contribute to personal transformation?

A great conversation starter for at home is to have your child tell you all of the things that he/she is "Noticing & Wondering" in our class texts.

8th Grade American History

The 8th graders have been diving into government topics this quarter including the different types of government, the Enlightenment thinkers who inspired changes in government, the three branches, and checks and balances. To help model these topics students have created gummy bear government scenes, drawn like Michelangelo, and have simulated how a bill becomes a law by dressing up and making “amendments” to a teacher’s outfit.



7th grade ELA

Ms. Davis, Mr. Tobias, Mrs. Nehls

We are currently studying “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 improve writing and build stamina. We also completed an activity where students read about different social classes of medieval society then presented the information to the class. We have also been working on Habits of Discussions and Habits of Attention to help students build strong ELA skills. Students have been having great conversations and are developing an appreciation for learning from each other.

8th Grade ELA

8th graders started the year by reviewing story elements, such as plot, theme, characterization, and setting. We then analyzed how those story elements develop over the course of various short stories.

Currently, we are reading *The Crossover* by Kwame Alexander in our journey to answer the essential question, “What is the power of storytelling?”

