



# HILLCLIMBER HEADLINES

## URBANA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

November 3, 2023

**MON. NOV 6**

No School - Teacher Inservice

**FRI. NOV 17**

Picture Retake Day

**MON. NOV 20 - FRI. NOV 24**

No School - Thanksgiving Break

**TUES. NOV 28**

Parent Teacher Conferences 2:45 - 6:15 pm

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The 2nd Parent-Teacher Conference will be Tuesday, November 28th 2:45 - 6:15 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. Future conference dates are February 22nd and April 16th.

**SAT DEC 2**

Girls Basketball vs Franklin 10:00

Boys Basketball vs Franklin 12:30

**THUR DEC 7**

Boys Basketball vs Franklin Monroe 5:30

**SAT DEC 9**

Wrestling @ Milton Union Invite 9:30

**MON. DEC 11**

No School - Teacher Inservice

Boys Basketball vs Tecumseh 5:30

Girls Basketball @ Tecumseh 5:30

**THUR DEC 14**

Boys Basketball vs Ben Logan 5:30

Girls Basketball @ Ben Logan 5:30

**SAT DEC 16**

Girls Basketball vs Botkins 10:00

Wrestling @ Sidney Invite 9:00

**MON DEC 18**

Boys Basketball @ North Union 5:30

Girls Basketball vs North Union 5:30

**THURS. DEC 21**

No School - Holiday Break begins

Boys Basketball @ Indian Lake 5:30

Girls Basketball vs Indian Lake 5:30

**SAT DEC 23**

Girls Basketball vs Trotwood 10:00

**FRI DEC 29**

Girls Basketball @ Graham 10:00

Boys Basketball @ Graham 12:30

**TUES. JAN 2**

School Resumes

**THUR JAN 4**

Boys Basketball vs Graham 5:30

**MON JAN 8**

Boys Basketball @ Bellefontaine 5:30

Girls Basketball vs Bellefontaine 5:30

**THURS. JAN 11**

End of 2nd Quarter

Boys Basketball vs Jonathan Alder 5:30

Girls Basketball @ Jonathan Alder 5:30

**FRI JAN 12**

No School - Teacher Work day

### **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](mailto:kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org)

### **Remind**

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](mailto:kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org) 937-653-1453 ext. 2126 for further assistance.

### **FinalForms**

We still have a few families that have not updated FinalForms for the 23-24 school year. It is very important that we have updated contact information, emergency medical information, pick up information, etc for your child. Please visit [urbana-oh.finalforms.com](http://urbana-oh.finalforms.com) and choose parent login to sign your child's forms. Please do not create a new account. If you need help getting logged in or completing your forms, please contact Kelli Marsh: [kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org](mailto:kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org) 937-653-1453 ext. 2126

### **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.

### **Washington Information – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip**

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

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 – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip**

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

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 team finished its season with strong finishes at the Mechanicsburg Invitational and then at the CBC championship meet.

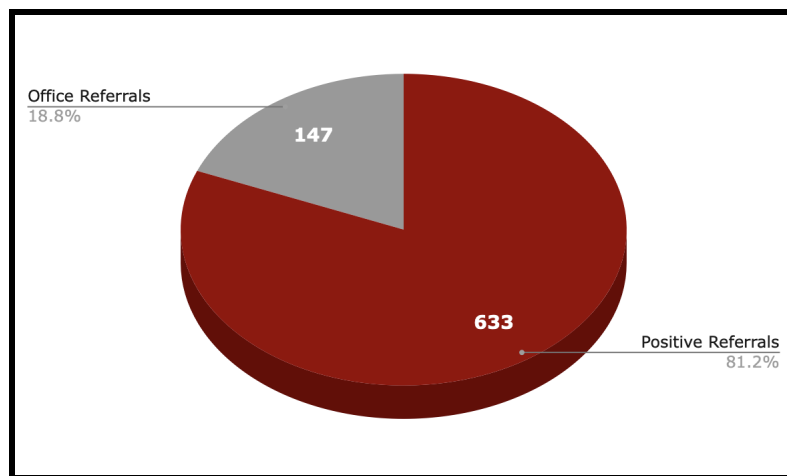
At the Mechanicsburg meet the boys team finished 2nd place against runners from ten other schools. At the CBC championships the boys team finished 4th place, with Landon McKellop leading the team and Joshua Blakeman, Jacob Blakeman, Henry Chapman, and Levi Zachrich each running their fastest race of the season. The runners on the girls side competed as individuals at the CBC meet. Avery Smith ran the 2mile course in 14minutes 16seconds. Sara Hildebrand ran 14minutes 36seconds. Aubrie Cayten ran 16minutes 47seconds. All three ran personal best times.



## Urbana Junior High PBIS Committee

The Urbana Junior High PBIS Committee has been working hard to identify the strengths of our school staff and our students. PBIS is an acronym used in education that stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. The goal of the PBIS committee is to create a positive impact on our district by collecting data and implementing change.

Our staff has done a great job of recognizing the wonderful things our students are doing. In total we have had 633 positive referrals.



Of the 633 positive referrals, 286 were written for our students going above and beyond in the classroom. 84 of the positive referrals were for being ready to learn and 76 of the positive referrals were for students showing empathy to others. Overall, we are proud of our students for displaying positive behavior in and out of the classroom.

### **6th grade Health**

Our 6th grade Health classes are off and going with our Life Skills curriculum. As we finished the first nine weeks, we found ourselves having those very important conversations about smoking, alcohol, and other drugs. As we start the second nine weeks, we look at how advertising and violence in the media can have a major influence on our decision making. Next we will add some helpful ways on how to cope with anxiety and anger. Finally we will finish the semester talking about how to have good communications with other people and how to say NO effectively. 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

### **8th grade PE**

Students are beginning their fitness unit, where they will experience different fitness activities and develop an individualized fitness plan. Students have already competed in a badminton tournament as well as an archery tournament.

Badminton Tournament of Champions results:

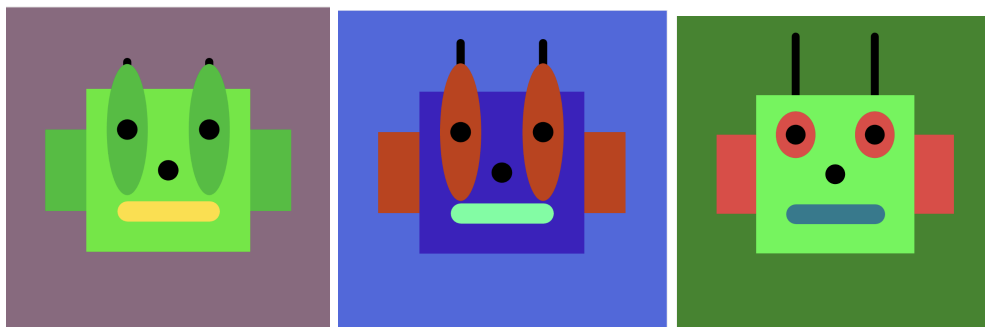
- 1st Place: Jacob Blakeman
- 2nd Place: Jae Duke-Clark
- 3rd Place: Jesus Jimenez-Roseman

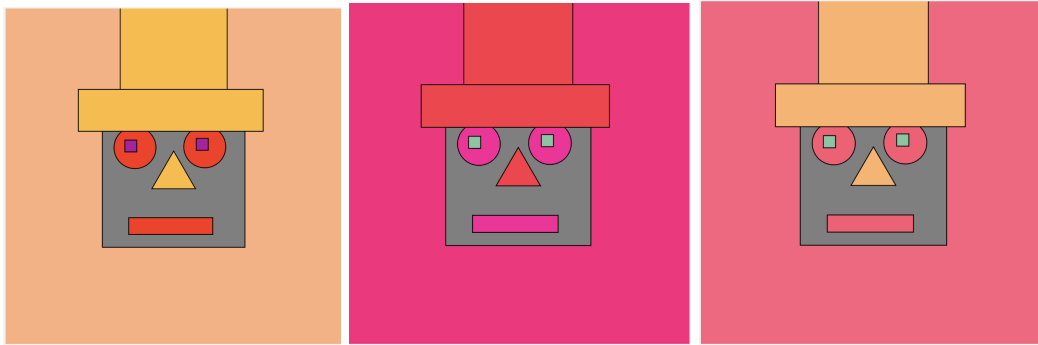
Archery Tournament of Champions

- 1st Place: Maverick Geer
- 2nd Place: Riley Mounce
- 3rd Place: Jordan Jackson

### **CSF**

CSF students have been busy learning how to navigate in the Game Lab environment. We started by learning how to place and control the characteristics of shapes. We then put this all together to create robot faces that change every time our program runs. Here are a few examples showing the same program run 3 times..





In the coming weeks, we will learn how to add motion to our creations and eventually make them interactive.

### Art

Lots of great things are happening in art!!! 8th graders have completed a cropped animal painting, concentrating on how to create value (lights and darks of a color) and how to blend.

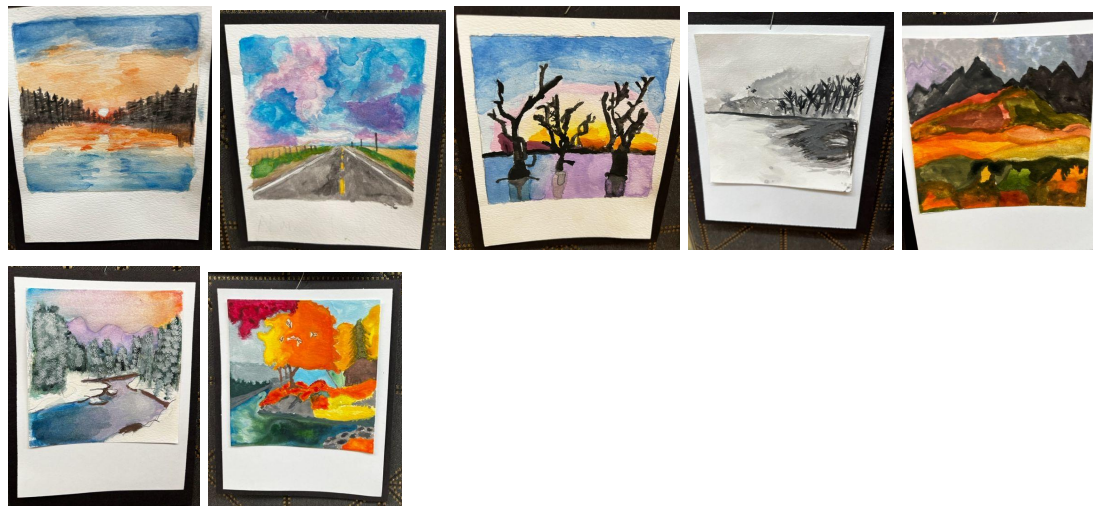


They got to choose a theme and design their own Tic Tac Toe board! Lots of great designs!!!

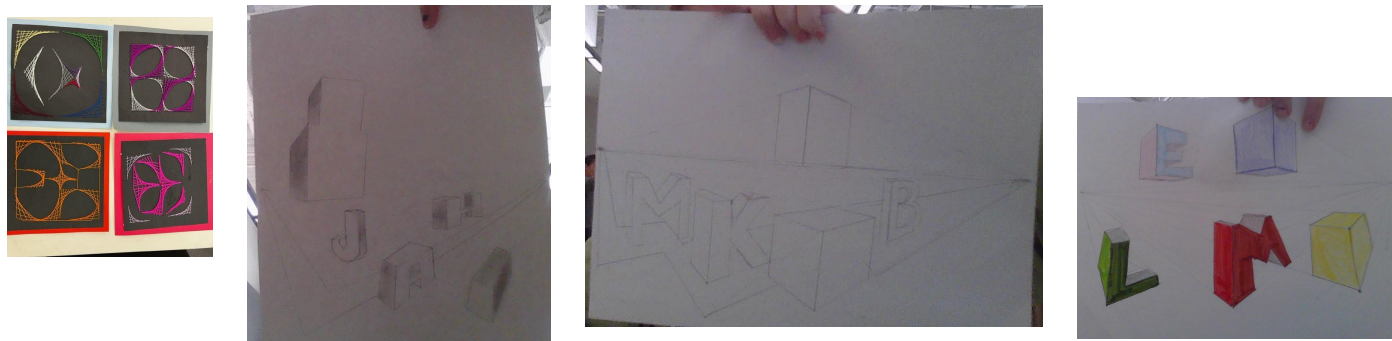




8th grade also created a Polaroid Watercolor Landscape:

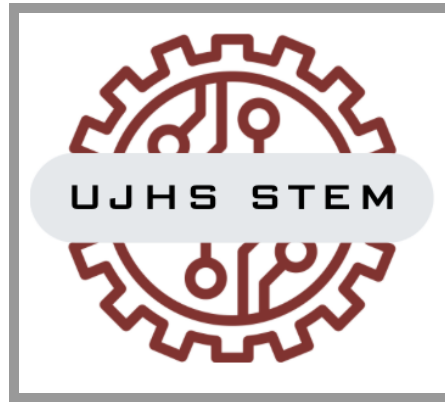


The 7th graders have been working hard on string art designs, two point perspective, creating clay rattles, and learning how to create a vector drawing (digital).



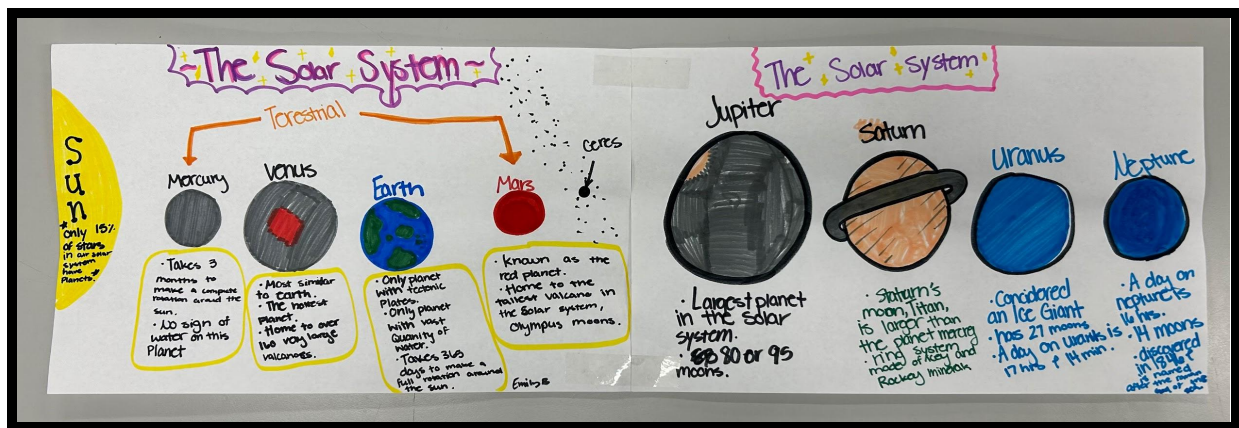
Avery Smith is an independent Art student working on balancing compositions, positive and negative space (ink wash still life) and a roll the dice ceramic sculpture.





## 7th Grade STEM

STEM is in full swing! The seventh grade students of STEM are learning about the Solar System, the history and science of rockets, as well as the Space Race. Students have drawn models of the Solar System and will participate in a debate on November 2nd to conclude who they felt won the Space Race.



## 8th Grade STEM

The students of 8th grade STEM are currently working on kit cars. They are given a set amount of materials and they must build a car with those materials. Their goal is to make the fastest car in the class.

