



HILLCLIMBER HEADLINES

URBANA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

December 1, 2023

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

SUN DEC 17

Winter Choir Concert 1:00

Winter Band Concert 2:00

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

SAT JAN 13

Girls Basketball vs Russia 10:00

Boys Basketball vs Trotwood 12:30

Wrestling @ Lima Shawnee Invite Time TBA

MON. JAN 15

No School - Martin Luther King, Jr Day

TUES. JAN 16

3rd Quarter begins

WED JAN 17

Wrestling vs Greenon Dual Invite 6:00

THUR JAN 18

Boys Basketball @ Kenton Ridge 5:30

Girls Basketball vs Kenton Ridge 5:30

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 – 8th Grade Trip

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

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.

Kirkmont Information – 6th Grade Trip

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

4th Payment due March 1 - \$35.00 - Everyone planning to attend needs to have their trip paid in full by 3/1/24. 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.

Parent Access

Through your Parent Access account, you can keep track of your child's attendance. In your account, navigate to the "attendance" link on the left hand side to view your child's attendance details. If you have not yet set up your Parent Access account, please contact Kelli Marsh: kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org 937-653-1453 ext. 2126

Remind

If you have trouble viewing attachments that come through Remind, download the Remind app. The app will allow you to view all attachments. Through the app, you can also view all of your child's classes/teachers, control your notification settings and see all messages in one place. If you are not receiving Remind notifications, or need help with your account, please contact Kelli Marsh: kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org 937-653-1453 ext. 2126

FinalForms

If you have any changes to phone numbers, addresses, medical information, etc. Please be sure to update your information in FinalForms. Once the information has been updated, the secretaries will be notified that changes have been made to your child's information. To update your information, please visit urbana-oh.finalforms.com and choose the parent login option. If you need help getting logged in or updating your forms, please contact Kelli Marsh: kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org 937-653-1453 ext. 2126

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

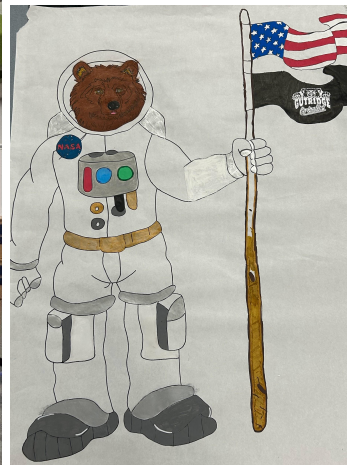
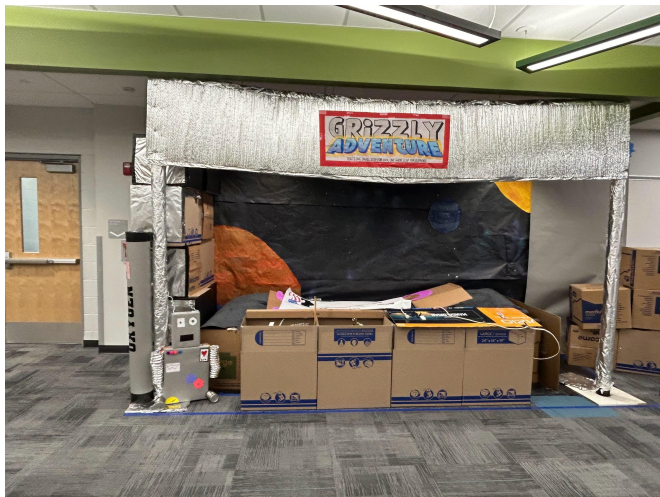


House News

HOUSE GUTRIDGE

The last several months have been quite busy in House Gutridge. We've fully embraced our new Character Strong lessons that utilize the state of Ohio's Social Emotional Learning Standards. Each week we are given a Character Dare—ask your child about them. We DARE you! The Mama and Papa Bears of House Gutridge would like to congratulate our students of the week (one student per grade level is chosen every two weeks by the House teachers) and students of the month (Zach Hofman and Jake Blakeman) once again—your hard work, dedication, and kindness show. We are also very proud of those students who jumped in and helped with our Grizzlies Helping Grizzlies program—a way for students who are struggling to be paired up with a strong student. These two work together on difficult academic areas as well checking on grades and missing assignments.

We also had our first ever Survivor Competition created by Mrs. Lamb and Mrs. Hegyi. Our team of Grizzlies showed up in the gym and were given our tasks. We competed in puzzles, brainteasers, freeing objects, and a group competition of getting a tablecloth right side up with our team standing on it. We laughed, we struggled, we succeeded—we had a ton of fun. Lastly, we worked hard on our door decoration competition. Due to unforeseen circumstances, we are not allowed to continue with that competition. We were crushing it and according to Mrs. Forson, our House Dean—we had the competition in the bag. We designed our door around this year's theme, "Choose Your Adventure," as the Grizzly Space Adventure—One small step for man, one giant leap for Gutridge. Our design included a rocket ship that had a working control panel to operate items on the moon (lights, an astronaut that would defy gravity, sounds buttons). Looking through the windshield of our rocket, you looked out on a Grizzly planting the American flag and Gutridge flag on the moon, a space rover, planets. We even had an alien photo booth as the aliens embarked on their adventure of "take me to your leader" inside the ship. While we were disappointed not to see our design through to the end, our students dealt with this adversity better than the House leaders. We don't know what is in store for us to replace this competition in the future but you can better believe House Gutridge will be ready for the challenge.



Mohawk

November Updates from Mohawk Wolfpack!

House Mohawk is working hard to retain our title of House Champions! We started off placing second in the Punt, Pass, and Kick competition, led by Mr. Swain, and we earned 3rd place in the Survivor Competition. Thanks to good attendance and grades (GPA) as well as very few behavior referrals we are tied with Toll Run for 1st place. The kids have been working hard and smart and it shows!

Besides all of the competitions, students also had a lot of fun at the Fall Festival and participated in a Fall Spirit week and a food drive! By continuing to work hard daily on grades, behavior, and attendance the students can help House Mohawk reach its goal and win the House Cup.

Thank you to the students who participated this fall in our Punt, Pass, & Kick Competition: Dakota Nance, Owen Jenkins, Levi Daniels, Landon McKellop, Devin Schaffer, Camden Vincent, Tate Lantz, Carter Houseman, Mason Lamere, Braxten Spriggs, Sam Wojtaszek, Jacob Mortimer, Sean Shumaker, Alex McCrae, and Avion Oxner.

Thank you to the students who participated in the Survivor Competition: Blake VanHoose, Mason Lamere, Cooper Piper, Alexis Huffman, Alex McCrae, Bryce James, Maddie Smith, Landon McKellop, Sydney Padilla, Madalynn Bellmaggio, Carson Steinmetz, Julius Garcia-Franklin, Cooper Merriman, Kaelyn Strader, Sean Shumaker, Lyle Rice, Ben Nichols, and Maddie Giles.



Toll Run

Toll Run would like to recognize our December *Raptor of the Month* Connor Endres. Past *Raptors of the Month* are Starr Powell for October and Aubrie Cayten for November. Our House is currently tied for 1st in the House Cup challenge after winning the October "Survivor" competition. During this competition, our students worked together to complete logic puzzles and team-building exercises.



Five Points is proud to announce that we are in the process of implementing a new SEL curriculum called Character Strong. Our goal is for students to grow as individuals. Mrs. Cash has had great success and conversations with her students as they participate in Character Strong.

Five Points would like to give a huge thank you to Orbis for purchasing house shirts for all of our students!

