



# HILLCLIMBER HEADLINES

## URBANA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

**January 11, 2024**

**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

**FRI. JAN 19**

Report Cards mailed

**SAT JAN 20**

Wrestling vs Pete Rozmus Invite 9:00

**MON JAN 22**

Boys Basketball @ Shawnee 5:30

Girls Basketball vs Shawnee 5:30

**THUR JAN 25**

Boys Basketball vs London 5:30

Girls Basketball @ London 5:30

**SAT JAN 27**

Wrestling @ Greenon Invite Time TBA

**MON JAN 29**

Boys Basketball @ Northwestern 5:30

Girls Basketball vs Northwestern 5:30

**WEDS. JAN 31**

Wrestling @ Bellefontaine 5:30

**THURS FEB 1**

Girls Basketball @ Kenton Ridge 5:30

**WED FEB 7**

Boys Basketball vs Kenton Ridge 5:30

**MON FEB 12**

Two hour delay - Teacher Inservice

**MON FEB 19**

No School - Presidents' Day

**THURS FEB 22**

Parent Teacher Conferences 2:45 - 6:00

**PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES**

The next Parent-Teacher Conference will be Thursday February 22nd 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. The last conferences of the year will be April 16th.

**FRI FEB 23**

Good Clean Fundraising Sale begins

### **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\***

**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\***

**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.

### **Remind**

You can add, remove, or edit your cell phone number and email address and adjust your app and desktop notifications anytime. You can also turn email and push reaction notifications for your messages on or off via your Notification preferences dashboard online. For more detailed information on how to control your notifications, please visit <https://bit.ly/remindnotifications>

### **FinalForms**

Anytime your personal information changes (i.e. address, phone number, emergency contacts, etc) you will need to make the change in FinalForms. You can update your information in FinalForms at any time by going to [urbana-oh.finalforms.com](http://urbana-oh.finalforms.com). Parents/guardians will use the Parent Login option to login to a current account. There is a password reset option that can be used as needed. If you need help getting logged in or updating your forms, please contact Kelli Marsh: [kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org](mailto:kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org) 937-653-1453 ext. 2126

### **Parent Access**

It is not too late to set up your Parent Access Account! You can get the registration key that is needed to create your account by contacting Kelli Marsh: [kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org](mailto:kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org) Once you set your account up, you can view your child's grades in real time, monitor your child's attendance and communicate with teachers. Parent Access can be used on the web or through the "Progressbook Parent Student" app.

### **As reported by Coaches:**

#### **Wrestling:**

The wrestlers competed at the Sidney Middle School Invite. Placing for the Climbers were: Cooper Merriman- 2nd place  
Jackson Stacy- 3rd place  
Jordan Jackson- 4th place  
Also, getting wins for the Climbers were Anthony Keeran, Hayden VanBuskirk, Tyler Foster, and Cohen Jenkins.

#### **Boys Basketball:**

Urbana 8th grade defeated Franklin 40-25.  
Drew Dixon with 14 and Roman Swain with 12 points.



Urbana 7th grade defeated Franklin 34-23.  
Mekhi Peterson with 9 and Andrew Vactor II with 7 points.

Urbana 8th grade defeated Franklin Monroe 37-25. Drew Dixon with 20 and Braxten Spriggs with 9 points.

Urbana 7th grade defeated Franklin Monroe 49-17. Tate Lantz with 12 and Carter Houseman with 11 points.

Urbana 8th grade defeated Tecumseh 48-31.  
Drew Dixon and Roman Swain with 14 points each

Urbana 7th grade defeated Tecumseh 38-25.  
Carter Houseman with 11 and Mekhi Peterson with 8 points.

Urbana 8th grade defeated Ben Logan 57-37.  
Drew Dixon with 22, Riley Mounce with 12 and Roman Swain with 10 points.

Urbana 7th grade defeated Ben Logan 48-29.  
Mekhi Peterson with 11, and Breyton Potter and Jetson Armstrong both with 10.

Urbana 8th grade defeated North Union 58-25.  
Drew Dixon with 19, Braxten Spriggs with 16 and Brian Chamberlain with 12 points

Urbana 7th grade defeated North Union 45-31.  
Carter Houseman with 18 and Breyton Potter with 8 points.

Urbana 8th grade defeated Graham 59-25.  
Roman Swain with 14, Drew Dixon with 10 and Braxten Spriggs with 9 points.  
Urbana 7th grade defeated Graham 37-25.  
Carter Houseman and Mekhi Peterson with 11 and Tate Lantz with 10 points.

Urbana 8th grade defeated Bellefontaine 53-36.  
Case Teepe, Drew Dixon and Roman Swain all with 14 points.

Urbana 7th grade defeated Bellefontaine 49-23.  
Tate Lantz with 13 and Carter Houseman with 12 points.

### **Girls Basketball:**

7th Grade Girls won 34-20 over Franklin. Addie Fox led the team in scoring with 23 points.

8th Grade Girls won 20-17 over Franklin. Miley Bell King led the team in scoring with 5 points

7th won big against Graham 39-2 led by Addie Fox and Bailee Parker.

8th beat Graham 26-11 led by Isla Wooten, Avery Zinkhorn, and Miley-Bell King  
Both teams improve to 2-0

7th grade girls basketball beat Ben Logan last night 21-15. It was a great team effort in the victory.

8th grade girls basketball lost to Ben Logan 18-31. Isla Wooten was the leading scorer with 11 points.

7th Urbana - 21 Botkins - 7

8th Urbana - 21 Botkins -17

7th Urbana - 19 North Union - 31

8th Urbana - 11 North Union - 27

### **Competition Cheer:**

Urbana Cheer placed 3rd in both Traditional and Gameday. Marleigh Long was the Tumble off Winner for the Junior High 7/8th Grade Combined. Marleigh Long Was a Jumpoff Finalist for the Junior High 7/8th Grade combined.

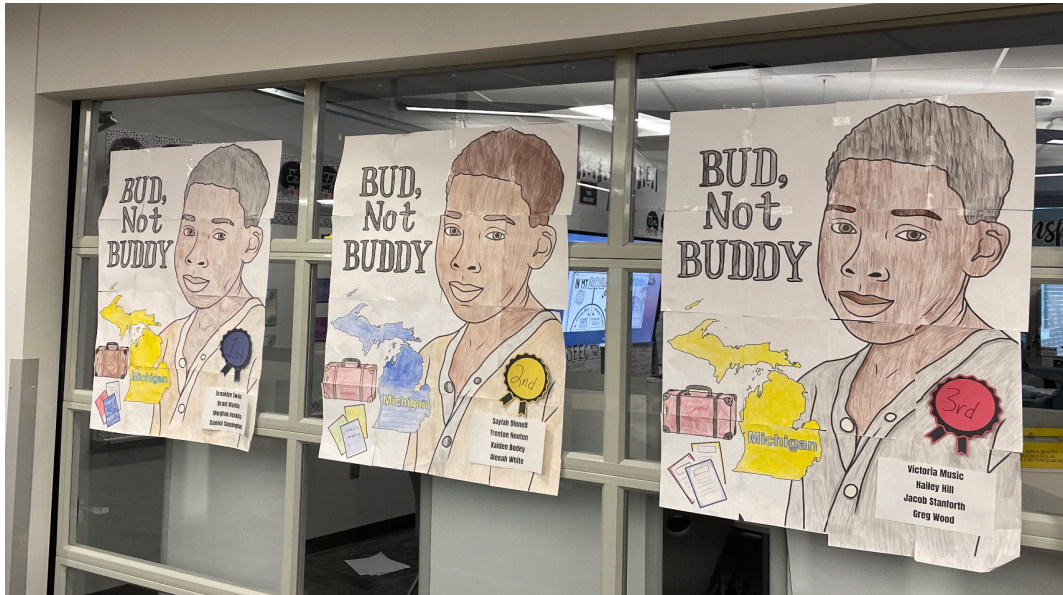
Urbana Cheerleaders placed 3rd in Traditional Small Non Building, and 4th in Gameday Small Non Building at the 7th & 8th Grade OASSA STATE CHEER CHAMPIONSHIPS.

Congratulations to these girls for all their hard work and dedication.



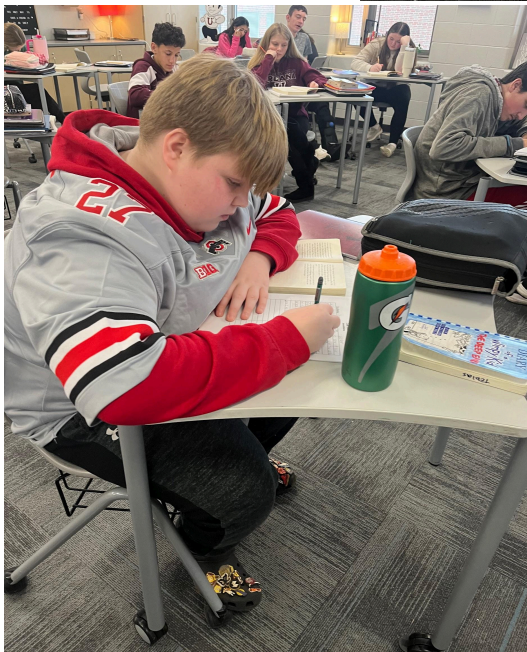
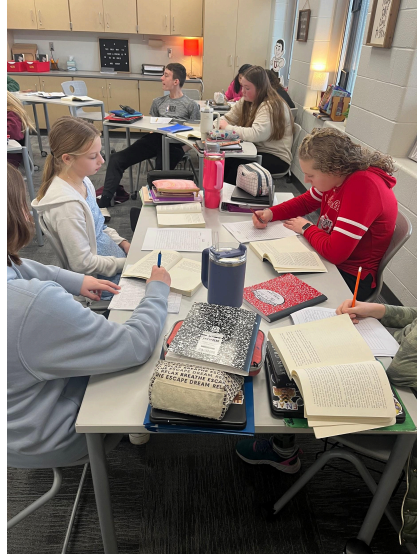
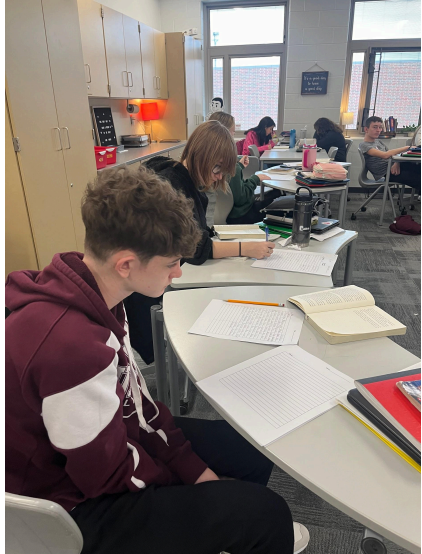
## News

In 6th grade Language Arts we have finished our first novel *Bud, Not Buddy* by Christopher Paul Curtis. Students completed a collaborative project where they recreated the novel cover, as well as a final three paragraph essay about the hardships Bud faced throughout the novel. We are moving on to our second novel *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse. Students will continue to analyze how enduring hardships, during the Great Depression specifically, can lead to personal transformation. For the new year, students set new personal goals for the year of 2024 along with MAP goals for their spring testing coming up in February. We are looking forward to ending the year strong in ELA!





In 7th grade ELA, we are currently learning about World War II and its effects on individuals. We just started reading our first novel for this unit titled, Code Talker by Joseph Bruchac and building essential background knowledge needed for understanding this text. In addition to studying this historical time period, students will also be analyzing expository writing in preparation of writing their own informational essay.



# 8TH GRADE ELA

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## Module 2: The Great War

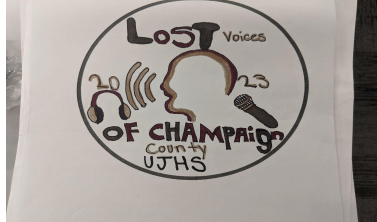
8th graders began reading *All Quiet on the Western Front* before our holiday break. We are now finishing Chapter 2. Students are reading this novel, along with multiple articles about WWI, to answer our essential question “How do literature and art illuminate the effects of WWI?” Students have been writing “Postcards Home” after finishing each chapter to analyze characters and plot events. We will continue with this novel well into the 3rd quarter.

### Reminders

- ALL ASSIGNMENTS, LESSONS, AND AUDIO VERSIONS OF THE TEXT ARE POSTED TO GOOGLE CLASSROOM.
- YOU MAY COMMUNICATE QUESTIONS VIA EMAIL OR REMIND MESSAGE.

# Social Studies Newsletter

This has been a busy semester for the 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Social Studies classes! The students completed the recordings of their PBL podcast entitled “Lost Voices”! Students chose from a list of local historical figures who may have not received the attention that they deserve and produced short podcast episodes that share the stories of these local heroes. These podcasts will be presented to the public during an event at the Champaign County Historical Society on April 25th from 5:30-6:30. We can’t wait to share the amazing stories that our students uncovered!



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## 8th Grade American History - Mrs. Steffan

It's been a wonderful semester with our current students, though it's sad to only get them in class for a semester. Students have participated in a PBL project titled “Lost Voices of Champaign County” with the goal of researching and giving attention to local stories and individuals that have been lost over time. Students chose from a selection of topics and developed podcast episodes covering their research. We were very lucky to have the Urbana Police Department participate with our podcast and provide a lot of good research and discussion with our students. Students also participated in a civic action march using their PBL topics to decorate sashes and help educate other grade levels about the “Lost Voices” from Champaign County. The podcasts and information about the project will be presented to the public at a special PBL event at the Champaign County Historical Society on April 25th from 5:30-6:30 PM. Please save the date, and we hope to see you there!

I've had a lot of great student participation in activities throughout the quarter including reenacting famous events and simulating American history through things like a monarchy and taxation simulation. A selection of pictures from class are included below.



## Lost Voices PBL Civic Action March



Thank You UPD!



Monarchy &  
Taxation  
Simulation  
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Reenacting  
Washington  
Crossing the  
Delaware  
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Reenacting  
"American  
Progress"  
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## 7th Grade World Studies - Mrs. Goodwin

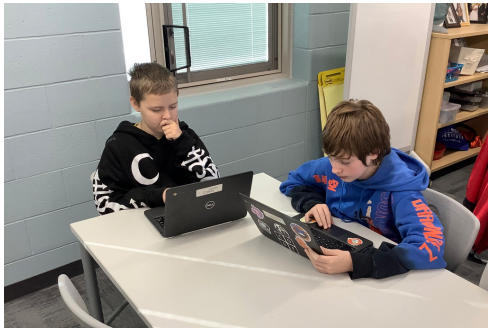
The 7th graders are currently working on mini museum displays about Olaudah Equiano, an African slave who was captured at the age of 11, was sold numerous times, and traveled the world with his last owner. Olaudah went on to write a book about his experiences as a slave and this book was instrumental in outlawing slavery in England and supporting the abolitionist movement in the United States.





## 6th Grade World History - Mr. Blair

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