



HILLCLIMBER HEADLINES

URBANA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

May 10, 2024

MON MAY 13 - FRI MAY 17

8th Graders to Washington DC

THURS MAY 23

8th Grade promotion practice and HS Tour

FRI MAY 24

8th Grade Promotion 12:30 Moss Auditorium

MON MAY 27

No School - Memorial Day

WEDS MAY 29

Fourth Quarter Ends

Last day for Students

THURS MAY 30

Last day for Teachers

FRI JUNE 7

Report Cards mailed

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*

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.

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

SUMMER FOOD SERVICE PROGRAM

It's that time! Summer is almost here.

Urbana City Schools/Aramark will be having our Summer Food Service Program which offers free meals to those 18 years old and younger. Those 19 years old and over who are enrolled in school programs for persons with disabilities are eligible to participate and receive free meals. Free meals will start June 3rd – August 9th. Please look on the district website for all locations & times.

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@urbanacitschools.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. Once your account is set up, you will use the same account until your child graduates. We will also be using the Parent Access portal to release testing scores (such as the Next Generation (state) Assessments and End of Course Assessments) this year.

Remind

Remind allows you the ability to control your notification preferences. You can add, remove or edit your cell phone number and email address and adjust your notification preferences at any time. Please click [HERE](#) for more information on how to control your Remind account. Please contact Kelli Marsh kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org 937-653-1453 ext 2126 if you have any issues with your Remind account.

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! You are required to fill out new forms every year. Please contact Kelli Marsh at kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org 937-653-1453 ext 2126 if you have any questions or issues.

Attention 6th grade parents:

As your student prepares to enter 7 th grade, it is important to know there are immunization requirements prior to the first day of school. In Ohio it is required to have a booster dose of Tdap (Tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and the Meningococcal vaccine prior to the 1st day of school. Now is the time to check with your medical provider to see if your child has had these vaccines. Copies of the written record from your child's immunization provider can be brought to the Jr High before attending the first day of the 2024-25 school year. You can also email a copy to NursesK8@urbanacityschools.org. Contact your school nurses if you have any questions @ 937-653-1439 ext. 2117.

As reported by Coaches:

Track:

We competed in our 2nd OHSAA MS State Qualifier at the Mechanicsburg Mid-Season Invitational! It was a very competitive meet and we competed well! As a team the girls finished 8th out of 16 teams with 41 points and the boys finished 13th out of 16th with 28.5 points! Placers (top 3 earned medals and are below)*denotes PR (personal record)

WE HAVE A NEW SCHOOL RECORD!

Brian Chamberlain holds the new record for the 400M Dash! The new record for the Boys 400M Dash is 55.23 seconds! Congrats Brian!
2nd Place

Girls 4x100 Relay - Ashani Clark, LaTasha Taylor, Marleigh Long, Bella Moxley - 57.21*
3rd Place

Bella Moxley - 100M Dash - 13.86

Brian Chamberlain - 400M Dash - 55.23*\$

Anthony Keeran - 800M Run - 2:31.56*

Brian Chamberlain - 200M Dash - 25.25*

Bella Moxley - Long Jump - 15' 10.5"* (School Record is 16' 0.5")

Brian Chamberlain - Long Jump - 16' 5.5"*

Kaylee Wooten - Shot Put - 27' 7"

County Meet

Boys finished 4th in the County.

Girls finished 3rd in the County.

Champaign County Champions:

Girls 4x100M Relay -

Ashani Clark, LaTasha Taylor, Marleigh Long and Bella Moxley - 59.29

Boys Long Jump - Brian Chamberlain - 16' 10"

Tri-Meet with Indian Lake and Tecumseh.

Girls were 2nd with 71.5 points

Boys were 2nd with 39 points

Greenon MS Invitational. Out of 11 team the Boys finished 6th overall with 56 points and the girls finished 7th overall with 47 points.

Earning 1st and 2nd place medals:

1st Place

Brian Chamberlain - 400M Dash - 55.63 Brian

Chamberlain - 200M Dash - 25.59

2nd Place Girls

4x200M Relay Sophie Tomlinson, Zaylor Rogan, Bella Ramsey and Ellie Blacker - 2:07.33

Ashani Clark - 200M Dash - 29.98*

Crew Forson - Discus - 117' 1"

Yellow Spring John Gudgel MS Invitational.

As a team, the boys earned the runners-up trophy with 87.5 points. The girls also did

really well with 81 team points! Congrats on both teams performing really well!

****TWO NEW SCHOOL RECORDS****

Boys 4x800M Relay the team of:

Sean Shumaker, Levi Zachrich, Landon McKellop and Anthony Keeran with a time of 10:52.68

Brian Chamberlain - 400M Dash - 54.17

1st Place - Brian Chamberlain - 400M Dash - 54.17* - Won the John Gudgel Award, which is a special award named after the 1975 Ohio HS State Champion in the 400.

Brian Chamberlain - 200M Dash - 25.10*

Full Results will be on Facebook and Instagram

33rd Annual Urbana JH Track Classic. As a team the Boys finished 9th out of 16 teams with 32 points and the girls finished 11th out of 18 teams with 26.5 points.

Besting his own record from last week - Brian keeps building onto his tremendous season! Taking 1st Place in the Boys 400M Dash is Brian Chamberlain with a time of 53.79!

2nd - Crew Forson - Boys Shot Put - 43' 2"*

CBC Championships were held at Ben Logan:

Boys finished 7th with 40 points

Girls finished 9th with 33 points

NEW SCHOOL RECORD!

BOYS 4x800M Relay the team of: Sean Shumaker, Levi Zachrich, Landon McKellop and Anthony Keeran with a time of 10:51.41

CBC Champion in the Boys 400M Dash is Brian Chamberlain with a time of 54.35!

2nd Place in the Girls 4x100M Relay:

Marleigh Long, LaTasha Taylor, Ashani Clark and Bella Moxley with a time of 56.05

2nd Place in the Boys 200M Dash is Brian Chamberlain with a time of 24.75

2nd Place in the Boys Shot Put is Crew Forson with a throw of 42' 9.25"

SS Department

"Lost Voices" podcast community event

Almost 150 students, parents, and community members spent an amazing evening at the Champaign County Historical Society, Thursday evening, listening to podcasts created by local junior high students. The podcasts focused on local historical figures that many local people may have never heard of. "Lost Voices" is a Project Based Learning program that started three years ago. Students researched a variety of topics using primary source resources provided by the Champaign County Historical Society, online newspaper archives, and a special interview with local policemen.



Art News

Several students were nominated to participate in the Champaign County Arts Competition. Our Urbana students placed 6/12 possible placements and one honorable mention.

Placers:

Avery Smith- 1st painting

Avery Smith-1st other

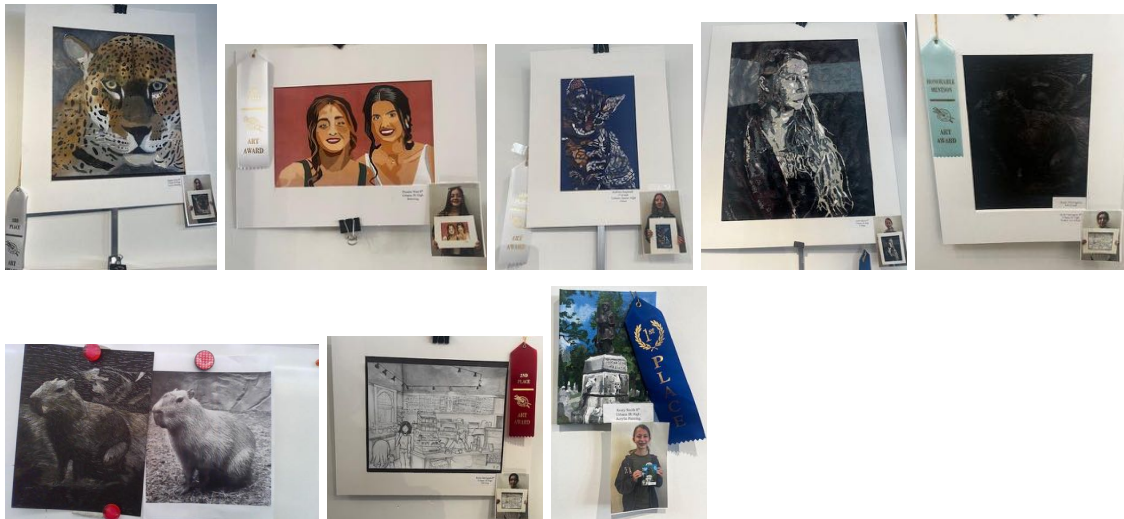
Rylee Farrington- Honorable mention other

Rylee Farrington- 2nd drawing

Aubrie Reynolds- 3rd other

Maddie Giles- 3rd painting

Phoebe West- 3rd drawing

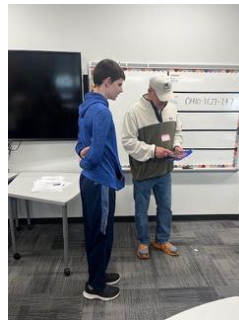
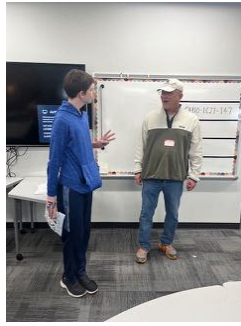


6th Doodle Weaving Tapestry



7th Grade Ceramic Rattles, Paper Mache letters, and Linocut Prints





8th Grade PBL - Exploring Identity through Literature and Art

Language arts and Art
Artist Visitors: Mike Major, David Greenlee and LeighAnn Simpson

Toll Run House News

Pinewood Derby Event
Best Car Design
Best Garage Design

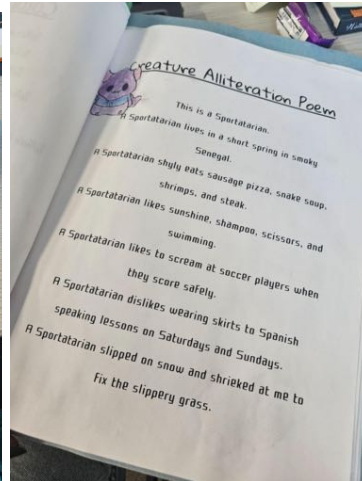
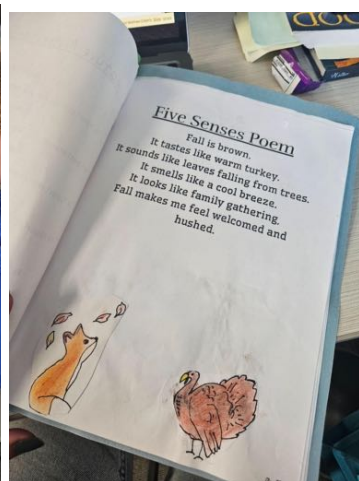
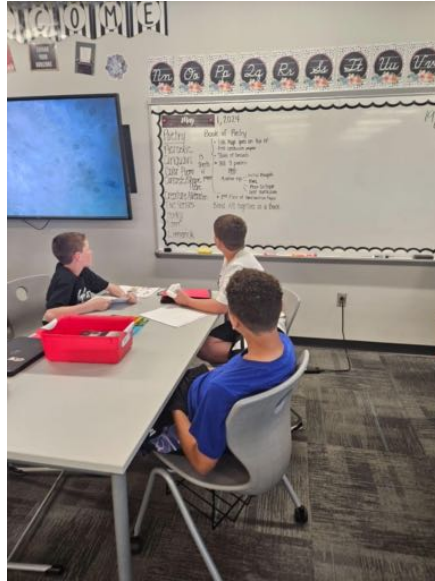
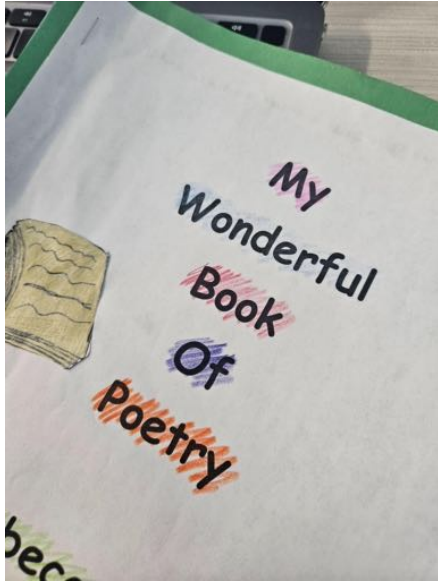


April Student of the Month
Roman Swain

May Student of the Month
Marleigh Long

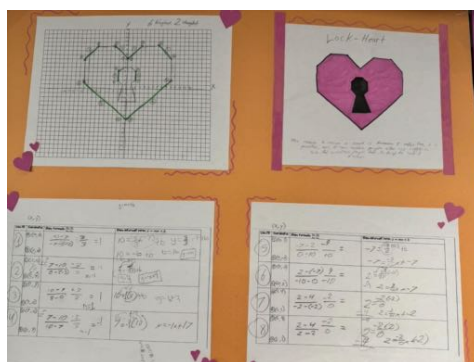
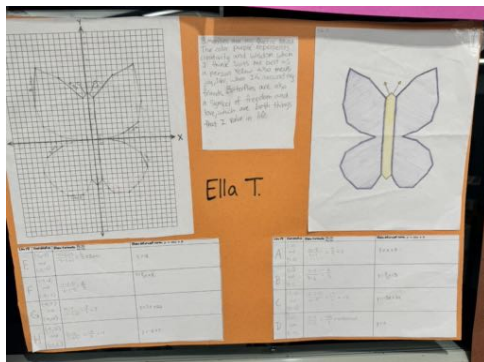
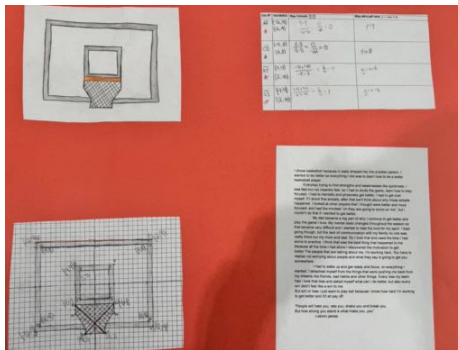
6th grade ELA is wrapping up our work in *Blood on the River*, in which students learned about the Jamestown settlement back in the 1600s through the eyes of the fictional protagonist, Samuel Collier.

We also completed and showcased our Poetry PBL work in the recent exhibition night. Attached are some photos of students in the process and some sample pieces of poetry.



8th Grade Math NewsLetter

8th graders are finishing out the year with different math projects. They completed a Slope PBL and a Budget Pbl. They will be reviewing multistep equations and linear equations for the remainder of the school year.



What's going on in STEM?

STEM has been packed full of excitement! The students in the environmental science portion of class have been learning about biomes and human impact. Students simulated an oil spill and will be constructing water filters. Students have also been constructing bridges and boats to test with weights and scaled vehicles.

The 7th grade STEM students have been learning about Astronomy, the physical layout of the universe. Students have created timelines of the history of spaceflight, and created scale drawings of the solar system.



The **8th Intro to Agriculture** students have been working on putting together model engines. They have learned the difference between 4-stroke and 2-stroke engines and will be moving into plant and soil science next to finish the year. A reminder to 7th grade parents and students that this course is an option for next year.



In 7th grade math, students are completing a Statistics Project based off the GAISE model. Students have to ask 2 sample populations a statistical question that had quantitative data that anticipated variability. Students will end up making a poster to compare the two populations.

