

Hear it LIVE from K-5!

The latest **Urbana Elementary** News

Kindergarten through 5th grade

Go Climbers!

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Friday, October 2, 2026



A Message from your K-5 Principal, Mrs. Melanie Anders

How can it already be October?! It seems like just yesterday we were welcoming our students through the doors for the first day of school and now we are settled into routines, celebrating successes, and watching our students learn and grow every day.

There is something special about October. The leaves begin to change, the days get a little shorter, and our building seems to come alive with all of the excitement that comes with fall. Between Homecoming, fall activities, classroom learning, PBIS celebrations, and everything else happening at Urbana Elementary, there is certainly never a dull moment around here!

As we move into this month, I want to continue to remind our students of our Climber Code: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Ready! These three simple expectations guide so much of what we do each day. We want our students to be successful not only academically but also in the way they treat others, make decisions, solve problems, and contribute to our school community.

Our theme this year is **TOGETHER** and I am seeing that word come to life in so many ways. Our teachers and staff are working together to meet the individual needs of our students. Our students are learning to encourage and support one another. And our families and community continue to partner with us in ways that make a tremendous difference.

One of the most important things we can do **TOGETHER** is remind our children that school is a place to learn, make mistakes, try again, and grow. Some days will be easier than others. There will be successes to celebrate and challenges to work through. Our job as the adults is to keep encouraging them, holding high expectations, and helping them understand that they **ARE** capable of more than they sometimes realize.

Thank you for trusting us with your children and for being our partners in their education. We are grateful for your support, your communication, and the many ways you help us make Urbana Elementary a place where every child feels known, supported, and valued. **LET'S DO THIS TOGETHER!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ... IMPORTANT DATES YOU CAN'T FORGET!

Monday, October 5: TEACHER INSERVICE-NO SCHOOL

Tuesday, October 6: Kindergarten PBL from 11:30-12:00

Wednesday, October 7: PreK-5 Fall Picture Day (see below)

Thursday, October 8: ESC, Preschool Fall Picture Day

Monday, October 19: RECORDS DAY-NO SCHOOL

Thursday, October 22: 4th grade Music Program @ 7:00

Friday, October 23: Report Cards Released for 1st quarter

October 27 and 28: 3rd Grade State Testing for Reading

Friday, October 30: Halloween Classroom Parties @ 2:00

Thursday, November 5: Parent/Teacher Conferences—K-5

Friday, November 6: Veterans Day Celebration @ 1:30 pm

Newsletter # 2

Counselors' Corner

With Mr. Dorsey and Mrs. Lingrell

Throughout October our Good Citizen Character Trait is **Honesty**. It's hard to imagine a more important character trait than honesty. Honesty is the foundation upon which all healthy relationships are built. Being honest means telling the truth, taking responsibility for our choices, and having the courage to admit when we make a mistake. When children practice honesty, they build trust with their friends, teachers, and families. Let's continue encouraging our students to speak truthfully, learn from their mistakes, and remember that being honest helps create a kind, safe, and caring school community.

Parent-Teacher Conferences:

Thursday, 11/5/26: 3:45-7:15 pm for any K-5 student

Monday, 11/9/26: 3:45-7:00 pm for any K-2 student

Tuesday, 11/10/26: 3:45-7:00 pm for any 3-5 student

Sign up with your child's teacher!



The 5th grade PBIS CEOs and PR students met with Mrs. Anders last week to put together a plan for this school year. Get ready for another exciting school year for our students!! Keep following our CLIMBER CODE!!

**FALL PICTURE DAY IS WEDNESDAY,
OCTOBER 7 and THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8!**

School picture flyers were sent home with students this week. Pictures can be ordered and paid online or cash/check sent back to school in the envelope provided with the flyer. Below is a copy of the flyer you should have received and information for ordering ONLINE.

PICTURE DAY:

EL DÍA DE LA FOTO

Wednesday, October 07, 2026
miércoles, 7 de octubre, 2026

Urbana Elementary School

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4 - Impresiones mixtas de Retorno Otoño!

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ENHANCEMENTS Retoces
Name & Grade On All Pictures
Añade el nombre y el grado en todas las impresiones

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Añade el nombre y el grado en todas las impresiones
Basic Retouching retoque básico

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Productos de especialidad

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6 imanes "Más populares"

4 - Fall Rewind Mix Prints
4 - Impresiones mixtas de Retorno Otoño!

6 - Background Choice Magnets*
*6 - imanes con elección del fondo**

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Name & Grade On All Pictures
Añade el nombre y el grado en todas las impresiones
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GRADES K-5
and M-W
Preschool:

**Wednesday,
October 7
beginning @
9:00 am**

ESC,
Make-ups,
and T-Th
Preschool:

THURSDAY,
October 8



Technology Tidbits

From the desk of Mrs. Ashley Sullivan

Important Update: Report Cards Are Going Digital!

Urbana City Schools is making a change to how report cards are provided to families. Beginning this school year, printed report cards will no longer be sent home with students. Instead, report cards will be available electronically through each guardian's Parent Access account.

What does this mean for families?

Once report cards are posted, guardians will be able to log in to their Parent Access account to view their child's report card online.

Need a printed copy? Guardians who would like a paper copy of their child's report card will need to contact Ashley Sullivan to arrange a time to come into the office and pick that up.

Need to create a Parent Access account or need help accessing your account:

Please contact: Ashley Sullivan, Director of Technology Integration

✉ ashley.sullivan@urbanacityschools.org

☎ **937-653-1453 ext. 2126**

We encourage families to make sure they can access their Parent Access account before report cards are posted. Thank you for helping us make this transition to a more convenient, digital way of accessing student information!

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 ashley.sullivan@urbanacityschools.org.

The Urbana App

If you would like to message a staff member in the Urbana App, here are the steps you need to follow:

- To message one of your child's teachers, click on the "Messages" tab at the bottom.
- On the initial "Messages" screen you will see a list of any messages you have sent or received.
- To message a teacher/staff member, click the pencil icon located in the bottom right corner.
- You will see the list of teachers that your student is assigned to- click any teacher name, and compose your private message to that teacher.
- If a staff member's name is not in your list, you can search for them at the top of the screen by entering their first or last name. Once their name pulls up, you can click on their name and send them a private message.

Coming soon to our school...

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Monday, November 2 to Friday, November 13

UES Run Club News!

MEGA MILESTONE ANNOUNCEMENT!

We have hit a HUGE MILESTONE! Two of our **5th Grade** runners have officially CRUSHED the **100-MILE** mark! PLEASE GIVE A HUGE ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR...

🏆 **EZRA SIMSA**
🏆 **MASON TOOPS**

These two runners have logged over **100+ MILES** with incredible dedication, determination, and perseverance! That is an **AMAZING** accomplishment! 🌟

Here are our grade level RUN CLUB LEADERS:

★ 5TH GRADE:

Top 2 Overall: Ezra Simsa and Mason Toops

Top Boy: Ezra Simsa

Top Girl: Asrielle Vactor

★ 4TH GRADE:

Top 2 Overall: Samantha Stokes and Everett Irwin

Top Girl: Samantha Stokes

Top Boy: Everett Irwin

★ 3RD GRADE:

Top 2 Overall: Ollie Courtaway and Eli Hofman

Top Boy: Ollie Courtaway

Top Girl: Aubrynn Vactor

★ 2ND GRADE:

Top 2 Overall: Jake Karg and Lawson Nehls

Top Boy: Jake Karg

Top Girl: Bexlee Hargrove

★ 1ST GRADE:

Top 2 Overall: Archer Heckman and Briella Scafone

Top Boy: Archer Heckman

Top Girl: Briella Scafone

★ KINDERGARTEN:

Top 2 Overall: Beau Lafferty and Serena Nelson

Top Boy: Beau Lafferty

Top Girl: Serena Nelson

**CONGRATULATIONS TO
ALL OF OUR ELEMENTARY
RUN CLUB RUNNERS...**

Keep Running Climbers!

Hill-Climbing Higher Through Reading!



October–Crack the Reading Code!

Main Focus: Decoding and Word Reading

Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade:

- Play with sounds: ask your child to blend sounds such as /m/ /a/ /p/ to make **map**.
- When reading, encourage your child to look all the way through a word instead of guessing from a picture.
- Hunt for letters, sounds, and familiar spelling patterns on **fall signs, decorations, or pumpkin displays**.

3rd, 4th, and 5th grade:

- Help your child break longer words into **syllables and meaningful word parts**.
- Look for prefixes and suffixes such as **re-, un-, -ful, -less, and -tion**.
- Try a fall “big-word hunt” and see who can find the most interesting multisyllabic word!

Click link for: [Ohio's Learning Standards](#)



Free and Reduced Lunch Applications and Instructional Fees

The 30-day carryover period for FREE and reduced meal applications from the 2025-2026 school year is coming to an end. If we have NOT received a NEW 2026-2027 Free and Reduced Meal Application **by October 7, 2026**, your student's lunch status will automatically change to a FULL price in our system. Free and Reduced Meal Applications are available in the PK8 building Main Office. You may also visit the Urbana City Schools website at www.urbanacityschools.org to print an application. If you have any questions, please contact the Urbana City Schools / Aramark Food Service Department at: (937) 653-1427.



FULL STEAM AHEAD!

The **BIG** Question: *Can our 1st graders Save Humpty?*

YES they CAN!

STEAM requires our students to collaborate, problem solve, create, and, sometimes, put their very best engineering skills to the test!



DOLLY PARTON DAY

9-2-5!

During the week of 9/25/26, students in grades 3, 4, 5 used books to play rhythms to Dolly Parton's 9 to 5. We used books that were donated to the school to play our rhythms. We then took the books and gave them to preschoolers, ESC students, and kindergarteners as a random act of kindness! Perform Like Dolly! Give Like Dolly!



And, of course, we all read like Dolly too!

Dolly would be sooo PROUD of us!



September was **Attendance Awareness Month!**

September (and EVERY month) is a time to remind all of us just how important it is for children to be at school each day. At Urbana Elementary, we know that every day makes a difference! When students are here, they are learning, building friendships, connecting with teachers, practicing important skills, and being part of our school community. Even missing a few days here and there can add up over time.

A New Focus on Attendance in Ohio Schools: Ohio has made some changes to its attendance laws beginning with the 2026–27 school year. The focus is now more strongly on early communication and support for students and families who may be experiencing attendance challenges.

You may hear the term “chronic absenteeism” used more often this year. In Ohio, a student is considered chronically absent when they miss 10% or more of the required school year for any reason, including excused absences. For a typical school year, that is about 12-18 missed days. That may seem like a lot but absences can add up quickly! Missing just 2–3 days each month can put a student on track to become chronically absent.

What Does This Mean for Families?

Don't panic if your child has missed school. Chronic absenteeism is different from truancy and being identified as chronically absent does not mean that a family is in “trouble” or immediately facing court involvement. Chronic absenteeism includes ALL absences and is intended to help schools notice when a student may be missing too much learning time to offer support. If we notice that your child is missing school regularly, you may hear from us! Our goal is to work **WITH** you, **NOT** against you.

Sometimes there are very good reasons a child is missing school. Sometimes there are challenges that make getting to school difficult. Whatever the reason, we want to understand what is happening and see how we can help and support our families!

How Can Families Help? *Whenever possible:*

- Make school attendance a priority.
- Schedule appointments outside of school hours when you can.
- Help your child establish a consistent bedtime and morning routine.
- Talk with your child's teacher if your child is struggling with school or is reluctant to attend. Communication can lead to solutions!
- Reach out to us if there is a barrier making regular attendance difficult.
We may be able to help connect your family with resources and support.

And REMEMBER...being on time matters, too! Arriving late or leaving early means missing valuable learning time that adds up quickly!

We WANT Your Child Here!

At Urbana Elementary, we want every student to feel that school is a place where they belong, where they are known, and where they are excited to be. Strong relationships with caring adults are an important part of helping students attend school regularly.

So if attendance is becoming a challenge for your family, PLEASE talk with us. You don't have to figure it out alone! Let's work TOGETHER to keep connected, learning, and growing. We want our students to be as successful as you do!

For more information about Ohio's attendance laws and resources, visit the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's [Attendance and Family Engagement](#) page.

Here's what's happening in our K-5 Elementary Classrooms!

Kindergarten: *Featuring Mrs. Busch's Classroom*



In kindergarten we are very busy growing and exploring the world around us. Right now we are learning about our five senses. As we explored each sense, sight, smell, taste, touch, and hearing, we learned how these senses help us take in information about the world around us and help protect us from harm. We are looking forward to sharing our learning with our families during our Five Senses Investigation.



First Grade: *Featuring Mrs. Hartman's Classroom*

First graders in Mrs. Hartman's class are learning about the human body. Did you know our body has 206 bones and about 650 muscles? We will be ready to share some of what we've learned about the body at our PBL Exhibition in November. We are also beginning to learn about number patterns in math to help us count, write, and show numbers up to 120. There is so much to learn in first grade.

Second Grade: *Featuring Mrs. Hower's Classroom*

In Mrs. Hower's class, we are working on maintaining good classroom routines, following directions, and being kind above all! We are learning about Ancient Asian Civilizations in CKLA reading and Number Patterns in Math. We made watercolor leaves to welcome the new fall season! Making good choices one day at a time...learning and having fun is a delicate balance here! *(P.S. Mrs. Hower also became a grandma this week for the first time so she's been a little busy outside of school too!)*



Third Grade: *Featuring Mrs. Edwards' Classroom*

In Mrs. Edwards 3rd grade class students are learning about the Scientific Process. Step 1.) Ask a question- *How can we separate salt and pepper when mixed?* Step 2.) Form a Hypothesis: *Can we use the end of our spoon?* Step 3.) Predict and Plan- Students worked with a partner to figure out a way to separate mixed salt and pepper. They were creative! Step 4.) Do the Experiment (Check out our photo!) Step 5: Draw a Conclusion about your results. It was fun to discover that static electricity can separate pepper from the salt! Ask a student from Mrs. Edwards' class to show you how!

Fourth Grade: *Featuring Miss House's Classroom*

Our 4th graders have been busy strengthening their math skills! We have been learning about place value and how the value of a digit changes depending on its position in a number. Students have been practicing reading, writing, comparing, and breaking apart larger numbers. On September 25, our class celebrated Dolly Day by making our very own "Kindness Boots" in honor of Dolly Parton! We talked about how Dolly has used her kindness to make a positive difference in the lives of others and brainstormed ways that we can spread kindness in our classroom, school, and community. Each student decorated a boot with kind words, thoughtful messages, and ideas for showing kindness to others. We loved seeing their creativity and hearing all the wonderful ways our 4th graders plan to "step" into kindness each day!

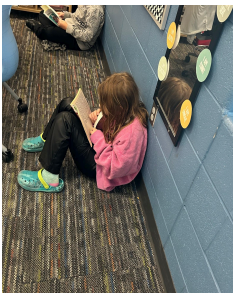
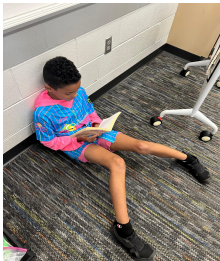
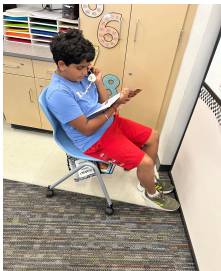


Fifth Grade: *Featuring Mrs. King's Classroom*

5th Grade Celebrates Dolly's Legacy! In 5th grade, students helped celebrate Dolly Parton's legacy and the incredible impact of her Imagination Library, which supports children's literacy by providing books to young readers.

To celebrate, Mrs. King's class participated in **D.E.A.R. — Drop Everything and Read!** During our daily fluency reading time, students chose a book they enjoyed, found a quiet spot around the classroom, and took time to simply read for pleasure. It was wonderful to see students excited about their books and enjoying the opportunity to read!

Students also had fun celebrating by dressing up as Dolly or wearing some of her favorite colors and things. It was a fun way to celebrate Dolly's lasting impact on children and literacy!



Words from Officer AJ

Our Urbana City Schools Resource Officer



A change for this year is I have been asked to be in the parking lot to assist with the morning drop off. We seem to be running smoothly most mornings, but I want to point out the following things to keep in mind:

- If you are lining up prior to the doors being open, **please do not stop in the driveway**. If the drop off lane is full, please pull through and park in the lot until traffic is moving.
- Once you pull in the lane to let your children out, **please pull up as far as you can** to allow traffic to flow.
- If you are in the drop off lane, **please stay in your car** and **have your children exit the passenger side**. If you need to get out, please park in the lot.
- Keep in mind, not everyone is going to be the most time efficient... especially kids. Please be patient. You will all get through the line eventually!

Urbana Elementary Good Citizens

As part of our PBIS school wide approach to recognize and celebrate positive behaviors, each teacher chooses a student every month who exemplifies an identified monthly character trait. Good citizens receive an award and attend a special breakfast with special guest speakers talking about the character trait. This month's guest is Urbana Police Chief, Josh Jacobs, talking about HONESTY!

OCTOBER, 2026

Bowdle, Kindergarten	<i>Violet Thomas</i>	Burnside, 3rd	<i>Harper Bay</i>
Busch, Kindergarten	<i>Octayvia Haydon</i>	Edwards, 3rd	<i>Elinor Kerns</i>
Heim, Kindergarten	<i>Mason Moore</i>	McGinnis, 3rd	<i>Harrison Lowry</i>
Miesse, Kindergarten	<i>Myah Reynolds</i>	Siegenthaler, 3rd	<i>Benjamin Whitt</i>
Trout, Kindergarten	<i>Lennon Carafa</i>	Zirkle, 3rd	<i>Briar Hurst</i>
Glessner, 1st grade	<i>Emery Errett</i>	Deans, 4th	<i>Sam Stokes</i>
Hartman, 1st grade	<i>Emmett Walters</i>	House, 4th	<i>Aaliyah Dobie</i>
Hiltibran, 1st grade	<i>James Eckenrode</i>	Keely, 4th	<i>Chavelle Krepfle</i>
Pack, 1st grade	<i>Ellie Roush</i>	Keep-Maloney, 4th	<i>Boonie Partin</i>
Pemberton, 1st grade	<i>Ireland Hughes</i>	Petkevicius, 4th	<i>Grayson Tobias</i>
Vaughn, 1st grade	<i>Harper Hamilton</i>	Wasson, 4th	<i>Max Conrad</i>
Hopkins, 2nd grade	<i>Ry'Enn Kerby</i>	Inskeep, 5th	<i>Ashley Carrillo Diaz</i>
Hower, 2nd grade	<i>Esme Jones</i>	King, 5th	<i>Olivia Westcott</i>
Jacobs, 2nd grade	<i>Tommy Wellbaum</i>	Knox, 5th	<i>Aleigha Ebert</i>
Robison, 2nd grade	<i>Simon Mullen</i>	Perks, 5th	<i>Sterling McGriff</i>
Shelpman, 2nd grade	<i>Karson Young</i>	Pine, 5th	<i>Hendrix Nall</i>
Walters, 2nd grade	<i>Dax Watts</i>	ESC: Walton (K-2)	<i>Hendrix Tindall (2)</i>
ESC: Brisley (3-5)	<i>Kemper Loffing (5)</i>	ESC: Meadows (1-3)	<i>Braxton Ream (2)</i>



CONGRATULATIONS to our Students of the Month for **OCTOBER, 2026**

Kindergarten - Brantley Walrod (Mrs. Trout)
1st Grade - Hank McGuire (Mrs. Hiltibran)
3rd Grade - Jakaia Scott (Miss Zirkle)
4th Grade - Rhyder Krepfle (Miss Deans)
5th Grade - Ryder Lantz (Miss Perks)

(Plaques will be awarded during virtual announcements at end of the month)



TOGETHER we ARE ALL URBANA!!

No matter the age, we've got the spirit...YES we do!

One of the VERY best things about being a Hillclimber is the strong sense of community and togetherness that connects us from our youngest students to our graduating seniors. Today, our high school senior athletes visited Urbana Elementary to share their Hillclimber spirit with our Little Climbers. The excitement on our students' faces was a wonderful reminder that these connections are IMPORTANT! Our youngest Hillclimbers look up to our high school students and those simple moments of connection help build a sense of belonging that lasts well beyond a school day.



Whether it's a Homecoming parade, a high school athlete stopping by an elementary classroom, cheering from the stands, or a visit from the UHS PBIS team, these moments are what make being a Hillclimber so special.

We hope the pictures from this week capture just a little bit of the PRIDE, excitement, and TOGETHERNESS that make URBANA such a special place to be! From our Little Climbers to our senior Hillclimbers—we are PROUD to be Urbana!



**Elementary Float
in the
Homecoming
Parade**

Always one of our favorite times to see our students, sugar them up, and show our Hillclimber Pride!

**GOOD LUCK
HILLCLIMBERS!

BEAT JONATHAN ALDER!**



A special thanks to Becky Evans, one of our UES paraeducators, for sacrificing her picture on the float to take the picture!!