

What's New in K-2 !

The latest Urbana Elementary news for our students in

Grades Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd

Go Little Climbers !

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*A Message from your K-2 principal,
Mrs. Anders*

Happy Holidays to our K-2 families! This is an exciting time of year for our littlest ones in the building, but also a very busy and sometimes stressful time. As the adults are constantly on the go to prepare for the holidays for their families, children can also feel the stress and the exhaustion brought on by this busyness and the change of schedule. Please continue to support your child in his/her school success by ensuring a bedtime is maintained at a reasonable hour. Adequate sleep supports learning, brain development, concentration, and mood—and all of those things directly affects children's success at school!

K-2 December, 2022 Events ...

Monday, December 5: NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Thursday, December 8: K-2 PBL Exhibition Day/Night

Kindergarten PBL Exhibition: 2:00 - 3:25 pm

1st Grade PBL Exhibition: 4:00 - 5:30 pm

2nd Grade PBL Exhibition: 4:00 - 5:30 pm

Thursday, December 8: Dinner with Santa (details below)

Tuesday, December 13: Little Climbers Club Lunch Meeting

Wednesday, December 14: 2nd Grade Music Program at UHS Auditorium from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm:

6:00-6:30 pm - Jacobs, Roby, Walters Classes

7:00-7:30 pm - Hower, Robison, Shelpman Classes

Friday, December 16: Classroom Holiday Parties @ 2:10 pm

Monday, December 19 through Monday, January 2:

NO SCHOOL - HOLIDAY BREAK - return on January 3rd!

Urbana Elementary Climber Club

The Climber Club is hosting their first event of the year for our K-2 students **next Thursday, December 8th** from **5:30-7:30**. **Dinner with Santa** is always a fun evening for our families! Students can paint ornaments to take home for their trees, play "reindeer games" in the gym, write cards, and make reindeer food to sprinkle in their yard. Take your child's picture with Santa and Mrs. Claus from your cell phone and visit the Penguin Patch Holiday Shop in the Preschool Wing. A pizza dinner will be served in the dining commons for **ONLY \$3.00 per person**. There will be a gift basket and 50/50 raffle too. Make a night of it after visiting your child's PBL Exhibit. **ALSO...donations still needed for cookies, bottled waters, paper plates, and napkins for the dinner!**



SHOUT OUTS!



Students of the Month - OCTOBER, 2022

1st grade - Sadie Sponheim (Mr. Pack)

2nd grade - Mikel Buena (Mrs. Jacobs)

Students of the Month - NOVEMBER, 2022

Kindergarten - Aaliyah Dobie

1st grade - Heather Gorr

2nd grade - Charlotte Hiltibran

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Counselor's Corner

With Mr. Dorsey

December is a great month to teach your child about giving to others and generosity. There are many studies that show people who give and who are generous live happier lives. To teach and encourage our students to be good citizens by caring and giving to others in need, we are having a food drive for the next two weeks in grades K, 1 and 2. We are collecting nonperishable food items to donate to the Caring Kitchen. If you would like to participate, you may send nonperishable food items to school with your child and those items will be collected and delivered to the Caring Kitchen. A great way to get your child involved in the process is to have them help you pick out the food items to donate. This can be a great conversation starter about why it's important to help others in our community that may be struggling to have enough food to eat.

This and That in November

Please enjoy this video link of our 1st graders "Turkey Day Parade":

[1st Grade's Macy Day Turkey Parade](#)



PBIS: Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports

The K-2 Staff has started implementing **A Little Spot of Emotions** series by Diane Alber. They are teaching students how to identify their feelings by associating them with a color (i.e. **green**=peaceful, **red**= angry, etc). As students are learning to identify their emotions, teachers are providing explicit instruction of strategies students can use to manage those emotions appropriately. Our students (and teachers) LOVE our Little Spot books!





Technology Tidbits
From the desk of Mrs. Marsh

Remind

You can add, remove or edit your cell phone number and email addresses as well as adjust your app and desktop notifications via your **Remind** dashboard. When you download the app, push notifications are turned on and your text and email Remind messages are automatically disabled so you do not receive duplicates.

On the Web:

Log in to your Remind account on a computer
Click your name in the upper left-hand corner
Choose "Account Settings"
Select the "Notification Preferences" tab
Set your preferred way to receive notifications
You can change, add, or remove an email or phone number in your account on this page. Once added, you will need to confirm your new device through a 4-digit confirmation code; so make sure you can easily access your landline and/or mobile number.
iOS/Android
Open the app
Tap the settings icon located to the right of your name
Select "Notifications"
Tap the three vertical dots next to the right of the device
Select turn off notifications, turn on notifications, or select remove from account to delete a device
Tap "Add phone or email" at the bottom to connect another device to your Remind account

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.

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 kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org.

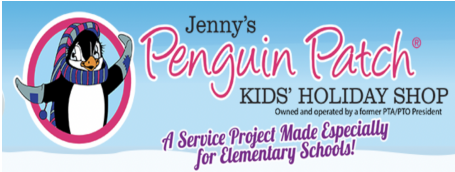
Here's What's Happening in Our K-2 Classrooms!

Kindergarten: Featuring Ms. Marsh's Class

Students in Ms. Marsh's classroom are busy getting ready for their PBL exhibition on **December 8th from 2:00-3:25 pm**. They are creating their very own "Mixed Up Alphabet Book." Each page has the upper and lowercase letter at the top. Students draw one or two pictures of things that begin with that letter on each page. There are so many amazing artists in this classroom!

Students have also been bringing in non-perishable foods that will be donated to an organization that will use the items to help local families in need. As they bring in their foods, they organize them in alphabetical order in our Kindergarten pod.

We hope our families can come see the Kindergarteners' hard work!



The Penguin Patch Holiday Shop is OPEN for Business!

How does a Holiday Shop benefit my school?

A Holiday Shop is an easy & fun way for Elementary schools to have a service project with fundraising goals. If you are looking for a program that teaches children budgeting, problem solving and independence, then a holiday shop will check all your boxes! We know it is more important than ever to bring traditions back to our kids because making memories is what it's all about.

The **Penguin Patch Holiday Shop** will be open for K-2 students to shop during school hours on December 6, 7, 8, and 9 *and* in the evening of December 8th during the **Dinner with Santa Night**

Lovin' Literacy

Miss Calland,

First Grade Intervention Specialist...

What are YOU lovin' about literacy?

"Growing up, reading was something that did not come easy to me. I struggled with comprehension and read much slower than many of my peers. It seemed like I had to work twice as hard to get through a book and that typically discouraged me from choosing to read on my own. My mom knew reading was not something I loved to do; however, she was always searching for ways to make it enjoyable for me. One way she did this was by reading my brother and I the *Harry Potter* Series. It became part of our night time routine and I really looked forward to it. This routine eventually led me to finishing the series on my own and I still **LOVE** the books to do this day. This series changed my mindset when it came to reading and I quickly realized it did not always need to feel like a chore."

Thank you Miss Calland for sharing your love-for-reading experience with us!

Ms. Marsh's class is working hard on their PBL projects!



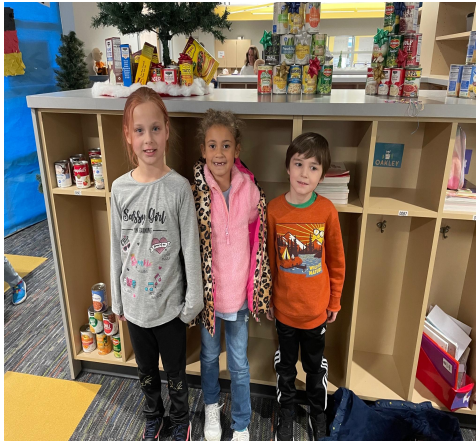
First Grade: Featuring Mr. Pack's Class

Mr. Pack's class has been busy learning about the economic standards for their social studies unit. Students are learning about the exchange of money for things they **WANT** or **NEED**. The 1st grade teachers tied these standards into their "Christmas Market" for the first PBL Exhibition Night on December 8th from 4:00-5:30 pm. Mr. Pack's classroom is learning about the Christmas traditions from Germany. The students got really excited because a lot of their own Christmas family traditions started in Germany. We have talked about "Tannenbaums", gingerbread houses, gingerbread men, advent calendars, advent wreaths, nutcrackers, and Christkind. Christmas time is a great time to talk to the students about wants and needs because they ask for these things on their Christmas Wish List. The students in Mr. Pack's class are really looking forward to sharing their PBL projects with their families and visitors next week.

Mr. Pack's Class with projects



More of Mrs. Shelpman's students at work below:

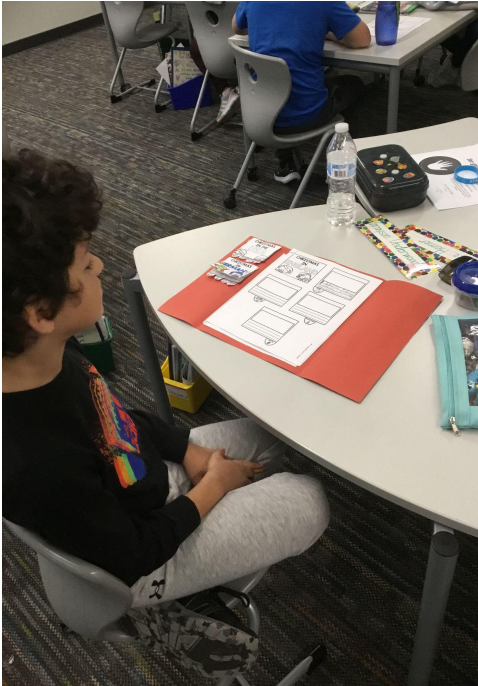
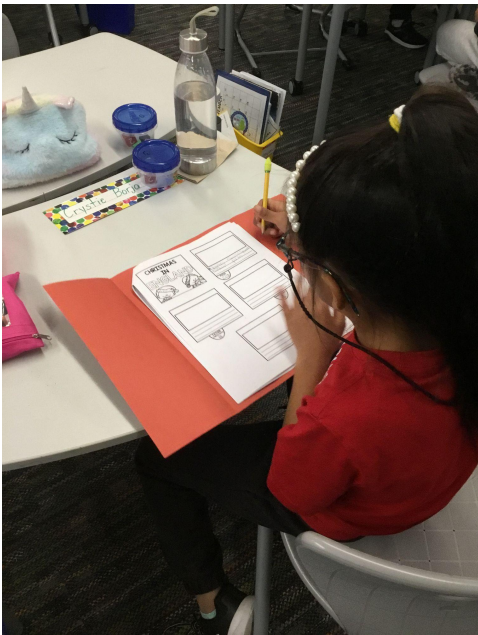


Second Grade: Featuring Mrs. Shelpman's Class

During the past couple of weeks, Mrs. Shelpman's 2nd grade students have been learning about holidays around the world. Their learning has taught them about cultures in the USA, Germany, England, and Italy so far. They are still planning to learn about Hanukkah and Kwanzaa, too.



We hope you can come and see the PBL work the 2nd grade students have done during our Exhibition on Thursday, December 8th from 4:00-5:30 pm.



Growing Resilience

Workshop for Families

A VIRTUAL, 2-PART SERIES ON
12/8/22, 6:00 – 7:30PM
12/15/22 , 6:00 – 7:30PM

IN THESE SESSIONS FAMILIES WILL GROW IN THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF NOURISHING THEIR OWN RESILIENCE. TOGETHER WE WILL ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES THAT INTEGRATE THE MIND AND THE BODY. THE EXPERIENTIAL NATURE OF THE SESSIONS WILL INVITE INTROSPECTION AS WELL AS CONNECTION WITH OTHERS AS A WAY TO FOSTER NOURISHMENT AND WELL-BEING.

TO REGISTER FOLLOW THE LINK IN THE DESCRIPTION OR [CLICK HERE](#).
FOR ANY QUESTIONS CONTACT: **BRENDA ROCK**
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Our K-2 Good Citizens for November, 2022

Congratulations to our **November** Good Citizens! All students enjoyed a hot breakfast with our guest speaker, Mr. Bill Bean the Mayor of Urbana. The character trait was CITIZENSHIP. The goal: *I will be involved in and care about my school and community.*

- Samantha Stokes, Kindergarten (Andreassen)
- Avah Stephens, Kindergarten (Bowdle)
- Jensen Adams, Kindergarten (Miesse)
- Grey Gonzales, Kindergarten (Deitrick)
- Max Wolf, Kindergarten (Marsh)
- Kyrin Buena, Kindergarten (Trout)
- Mason Spence, Kindergarten (Heim)
- Brayden Morton, 1st Grade (Glessner)
- Waylen Fultz, 1st Grade (Hiltibran)
- Ezra Simsa, 1st Grade (Pack)
- Rosa Finch, 1st Grade (Pemberton)
- Joshua Legge, 1st Grade (Childs)
- Ian Swain, 1st Grade (Anderson)
- Lincoln Steffan, 2nd Grade (Hower)
- Elijah Hubbard, 2nd Grade (Jacobs)
- Annabelle Burkhammer, 2nd Grade (Robison)
- Camryn Campbell, 2nd Grade (Roby)
- Skyler Lyden, 2nd Grade (Shelpman)
- Jackson Packer, 2nd Grade (Walters)
- Kemper Loffing, 2nd Grade ESC (Moses)
- Jeremy Davis, ESC (Knight)



K-2 Little Climbers Club News

MISSION: to mentor our youngest students by teaching them skills to be successful members of our community.

The K-2 Little Climbers met this month to work on leadership skills in Citizenship. The November meeting was held on Tuesday, November 29 with guest speaker **Lisa Ebert** discussing ways the Little Climbers can be good citizens at school, home, and our community. The next lunch meeting will be held on Tuesday, December with guest speaker, Alexis Kessler of Park National Bank talking about Respect and Trustworthiness.

Pictured to the right is the guest speaker, Mrs. Ebert, talking to the 1st grade Little Climber group.

