

# 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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**Friday, September 23, 2022**



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

Our K-2 students have been busy this week learning about friendship during our "Kindness Week" at school. Each day, the staff focused on a character trait and students watched a video followed by class discussions during their morning meetings.

## SAVE THE DATE ...

**Monday, 9/26/22: NO SCHOOL** (Teacher Inservice Day)

**Wednesday, 9/28/22: Board Meeting @ UES, 6:00 pm**

**Tuesday, 10/4/22: Bus Evacuation Practice in the AM**

**Monday, 10/24/22: NO SCHOOL for STUDENTS**

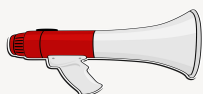
**Friday, 10/28/22: Elementary Fall Parties @ 2:00 pm**

## Urbana Elementary Climber Club

This is YOUR club and YOUR membership matters! We hope to get things up and running IN PERSON soon! If you're interested in helping with Climber Club this year, let your child's teacher know. There will be K-2 specific events and we will need help from our families!



## SHOUT OUTS!



We are grateful to the Honda Federal Credit Union for their kind donation of clear, plastic cinch sacks for all of our Preschool to 5th grade students!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to our most recent students with Positive Reports sent to our principal, Mrs. Anders:

Arabella Beatty, Adrienne Borja, Dalton Cutlip, Juan Delgado, Armani Diaz, Heather Gorr, Cora Hall, Joyce Hall-Saunders, Ryken Hughes, Sirius Hughes, Lincoln Karg, Jace McNutt, Brayden Morton, Kalleigh Newkirk, Annalecia Osborne, Liam Powell-Weber, Hendrix Peters, CeCe Potts, Lance Ratcliff, Titan Ratcliff, Oliver Roberson, Hank Shuster, Kayd Skaggs, and Lyla Smith!



*Some of our students who got caught "holding the bag"!*

## Newsletter # 2

### Counselor's Corner

*With Mr. Dorsey*

Establishing Routines at home to help your child be successful at school.

Fall is the time to set a daily routine for a year (lifetime) of success. There are many benefits to creating a routine for your child. Here are a few:

- Routine can teach and enforce healthy habits like good hygiene, exercise, and quiet time.
- Having a predictable routine helps young people feel safe and secure.
- Routines that include fun and spending time together as a family can strengthen relationships between children and parents.
- Daily routines help set the body's clock. A bedtime routine will help children anticipate when it is time to sleep. An efficient morning routine will help eliminate stress.
- Routines that involve daily chores will help children develop a sense of responsibility.
- Routines help develop basic work skills & time management.
- As children change over the years having a predictable family routine will keep them feeling safe and give them a sense of belonging.


**Just a reminder...**

**The tardy bell rings @ 8:45 am!**



**PBIS: Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports**

The K-2 PBIS Tier 1 team met this week and is working to develop a plan that is geared more towards early childhood students. Our K-5 expectations will remain the same but we will be looking at adjusting the language to meet the developmental needs of our K-2 students. We will continue to expect each child to **"Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Ready"**; however, we will explicitly teach what that looks like while using language appropriate for our youngest students in the building to understand.



### Technology Tidbits

*From the desk of Mrs. Marsh*

#### Parent Access


Stay up to date with your child’s academic progress by creating a Parent Access Account. With a PA account, parents can view their child’s grades online and in real-time. Items such as grades, attendance and teacher comments are available for viewing by parents as soon as they are posted in a teacher’s online gradebook. If you have previously created a Parent Access Account, your account will remain active until your child graduates. The only thing you need to update at the beginning of the year is your alert setups. If you have not yet created an account, letters containing the information needed to set up an account were sent home a couple of weeks ago. Please note, printed interim reports will not be available this year. It will be important that you set up your Parent Access Account to monitor your student’s grades. You can access your account at <https://pa.woco-k12.org/> Please contact Kelli Marsh: [kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org](mailto:kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org) 937-653-1453 ext. 2126 for further assistance.

#### Remind

The staff at Urbana City Schools will be using Remind to share pertinent information with parents. Remind allows our staff to share information through messages that can be received by text, email or through the Remind app. Please make sure your mobile number is updated in FinalForms to ensure that the Remind system works properly. If you are not receiving information through Remind, please contact your child’s teacher or contact Kelli Marsh: [kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org](mailto:kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org) 937-653-1453 ext. 2126 for further assistance.

#### 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](http://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](mailto:kelli.marsh@urbanacityschools.org).



**Question: *What is kindness?***

*“Being nice to your friend and pushing them on the swing if they need help.” (Jackson, K)*

*“If somebody is sitting down and doesn’t have a friend to play with, you can ask them to play with you.” (Samantha, K)*

*“When someone is hurt you should try to help them and be kind.” (Liam P., K)*

*“Kindness is when you help someone in need.” (Sadie, 1st)*

*“Being kind is being nice to your friends.” (Ian, 1st)*

*“Being respectful and helping people and being responsible.” (Oliver, 1st)*

*“Kindness is a thing that makes people happy and you can be there with them when they need help. You should always be kind to your friends and your family.” (Elijah or Eli—he doesn’t mind either name, in 2nd grade)*





# FAMILY FALL FEST

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1, 5-7PM . CHAMPAIGN FAMILY YMCA

CELEBRATE FALL WITH FOOD AND FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY! DON'T MISS OUT ON A BOUNCE HOUSE, KIDS ACTIVITIES & PRIZES, SNACKS, AND A FREE RAFFLE!

**Lovin’ Literacy**

**Mrs. Loudenback, Reading Specialist,**  
**What are YOU lovin’ about literacy?**

I simply love my job. I get to help children unlock the magic of reading stories and enjoying the journey. When I think back to my earliest memories of reading, my mind drifts to bedtime stories from long ago. My dad would come to tuck me in and read a book to me. I was always so excited. I loved everything about it, the way the pages sounded as he turned them, his silly character voices and added sound effects. Reading was more than a night time routine, it was a time of making meaningful memories. Some stories were silly, others adventurous or sometimes even sad, they opened up opportunities to have serious conversations and other times just to laugh. Now as a teacher, I have had the honor of reading to many students. Each book I read aloud with character voices and silly sound effects is because my dad taught me.

*Something fun to do with your family in our community!*



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

Kindergarten: Featuring Mrs. Bowdle's Class



In Mrs. Bowdle's classroom they are busy learning their classroom routines. They have been learning about the different

letters, how to make them, what their names are, what sounds they make, and words that begin with them. In math are practicing patterning, sorting, and all about the different 2-D shapes.



First Grade: Featuring Mrs. Childs' Class

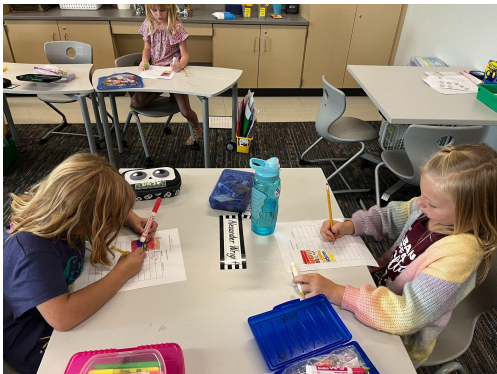


This week in Mrs. Childs' class, to celebrate **Kindness Week**, the students were asked to partner up with someone in the class that they do not typically interact with or know very well. With their partner, students made friendship bracelets to exchange with each other while talking and getting to know each other. Once students finished their bracelets, we came back together as a class and students got to share something they learned about their new friend to everyone else. We had such a fun time learning about each other and making a new friend!

Second Grade:

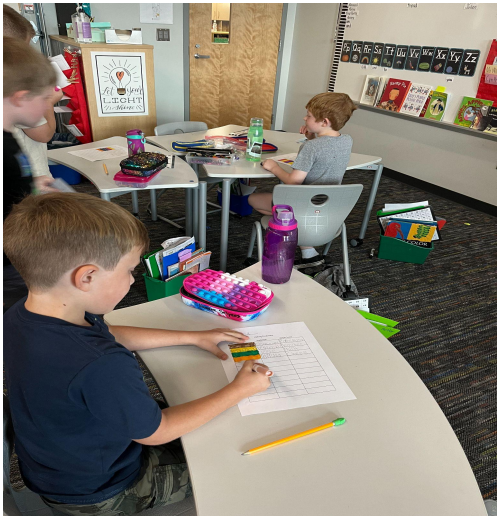
Featuring Mrs. Hower's Class

Mrs. Hower's class has been busy making predictions and observations like real scientists—and all with using smelly markers!



Name: Carley

Color	Prediction	Actual Scent
	Strawberry	Strawberry
	Lime	Lime
	Banana	Lemon
	Cherry	Cherry
	Pickles	Watermelon
	Banana	Banana
	Berry	Berry
	Mushroom	Mushroom
	Strawberry	Strawberry
	Orange	Pizza





Our K-2 Good Citizens for September, 2022

***Congratulations*** to our September Good Citizens! All students enjoyed a hot breakfast with our guest speaker, Chief Lingrell, with the help of our school's Resource Officer, Officer Ervin. The character trait this month was RESPECT. The goal: *Showing respect to someone means you act in a way that shows you care about their feelings and well-being.*



- Jack Mullen, Andreassen-K
- Silas Parks, Bowdle-K
- Maximus "Max" Conrad, Miesse-K
- Carson Lewis, Deitrick-K
- Emma Grace Wagner, Marsh-K
- Ashlyn Cooper, Trout-K
- Ayona True, Heim-K
- Charles Hall-Sauders, Glessner-1st
- Maverick Benz, Hiltibran-1st
- Rheece McKee, Pack-1st
- Zack Korte, Pemberton-1st
- Jayden Davis, Childs'-1st
- Heather Gore, Anderson-1st
- Alex Wright, Hower-2nd
- Markus Vactor, Jacobs-2nd
- Miles Chapman, Robison-2nd
- Ava Jones, Roby-2nd
- Gunner Copley, Shelpman-2nd
- Toby Marshall, Walters-2nd
- Ayson Carr, Moses-ESC
- Darion Brandon, Knight-ESC

Next month's Good Citizens' character trait is **RESPONSIBILITY**. We are looking forward to seeing students at October's breakfast who do their best and show responsibility!

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Friends of Champaign County Library Book Sale

- Thursday, September 29: 12:00-7:00 pm
- Friday, September 30: 9:00-4:00 pm
- Saturday, October 1: 9:00-3:00 pm

All proceeds from the sale are used for Champaign County Library events held throughout the year, as well as, take home packets and purchases for the Imagine Lab. The Champaign County Library is located at 1060 Scioto Street, Urbana, Ohio.

September is...

**ATTENDANCE AWARENESS Month!**

Attendance + Engagement = **SUCCESS**

Students' success starts with attendance and **engaged learning**. Students who are absent from school miss important learning opportunities, which can be difficult, or even impossible, to make up. Here are some statistics:

**89%** of chronically absent students in Ohio are less likely to graduate on time from high school.

**65%** of chronically absent students in Ohio are less likely to meet the Third Grade Reading Guarantee.

**260,000** Ohio students were chronically absent last year.

**10%** = a student who is absent 2 absences per month x 9 months in a school year.

A student who misses as few as two days of school a month is considered chronically absent. Please do your best to have your child at school and on time. Students arriving at school **after 8:45 am** are considered tardy and need to report to the main office.

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**Parent Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures**



**In the morning:**  
Use the Curbside Lane (parent stays in the car) and drop off your child(ren) from 8:10-8:40 am. Please make sure your child(ren) is prepared to exit your vehicle when arriving at the drop-off lane. **PLEASE** pull to Door #3 so we can accommodate as many cars as possible and not back up traffic.

**In the afternoon:**  
We use the "parent drive-through". When picking up students, please pull into the pick-up lane and pull all the way around to the end of the sidewalk. When this lane is filled, vehicles will then be required to pull into parking spots in the North Parking Lot facing South. We ask that you **PLEASE** remain in your vehicle throughout the pick-up process. **THANK YOU!**