# **Urbana Elementary**

Kindergarten through Grade 5

## **News and Information**

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## Urbana Elementary Climber Club News

**THANK YOU** to the families that donated extra \$\$ when purchasing spiritwear from the Climber Club fundraiser from Striv. The extra contributions really added up and the Club was able to purchase 30 Urbana Climber Club t-shirts for some of our students. And, **THANK YOU**, to Brett Spriggs of Striv for putting together some really GREAT choices for us! The Climber Club truly appreciates all of the support!



#### What's Happening with PBIS

PBIS = Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support

Urbana Elementary School has a dedicated grades K-5 PBIS Tier 1 team that meets after school once a month to support PBIS within our school. The core principles guiding Tier 1 PBIS include the understanding that we can and should: 1)

Effectively teach appropriate behavior to all children; 2) Intervene early before unwanted behaviors escalate; 3) Use research-based, scientifically validated interventions when possible; 4) Monitor student progress; and 5) Use data to make decisions. The Tier 1 team consists of members: Melanie Anders, K-5 Assistant Principal; Suzanne Bever, 5th grade teacher; Mendie Bowdle, kindergarten teacher; Cris Dorsey, K-2 School Counselor; Jay Keely, 4th grade teacher; Gina Lingrell, 3-5 School Counselor; Marcia Marsh, kindergarten teacher; Cathy Pappas, ESC Preschool Supervisor; Cathie Scott, K-2 Principal; Amanda Webb, Intervention Specialist; Jill Weimer, 3-5 Principal; and Margie Williams, 4th grade teacher.

## \* Upcoming Events at Urbana Elementary School \*

1/22/21: 2nd Quarter Report Cards Released

2/2/21: **TWO-HOUR DELAY** (Tardy bell rings @ 10:45 am)

2/3 and 2/11: Grades K-2 Parent-Teacher Zoom or Phone Conferences. *Contact your child's teacher to schedule.* 

2/4 and 2/9: Grades 3-5 Parent-Teacher Zoom or Phone Conferences. *Contact your child's teacher to schedule.* 

2/10/21: DUE DATE for class Valentine's Day cards!

2/12/21: Classroom Valentine's Day Parties (No volunteers)

2/15/21: NO SCHOOL (Presidents Day Holiday)

#### Valentine's Day Party Rules for 2021

Due to Covid restrictions and protocols, our classroom Valentine's Day parties will be a little different this year. ALL K-5 students will need to bring in Valentine's day cards **NO LATER THAN**Wednesday, February 10th to allow for time for the cards to quarantine in the classroom before the Valentine's Day classroom party on Friday, February 12th. Students will distribute their cards to

classmates with proper hand washing/sanitizing done prior to delivering and opening the cards. Snacks for the party will be provided by the school. Unfortunately, volunteers/visitors are not permitted in the building this year and will not be able to help.

#### **Newsletter #7**

December/January's character trait is **RESPONSIBILITY**. Our Good Citizens were honored on January 27 with a hot breakfast and guest speaker Officer Ervin, our Urbana City Schools Resource Officer. Ethan Carson (Andreassen-K) Annabelle Burkhammer (Bowdle-K) Isabella Rice (Heim-K) **Braxton Portis** (Marsh-K) Grace Shroyer (Mlesse-K) Ben Brown (Oakes-K) Anson Armstrong (Trout-K) **Hannah Dinnell** (Anderson-Deitrick-1st) Ivan Jacobs (Chapman-Anderson-1st) Hanna Tobias (Childs-1st) HIllary Dixon (Glessner-1st) Carter Roberts (Hiltibran-1st) Maddie Williams (Loudenback-1st) Mackenzie Leamman (Pack-1st) Braedy Fox (Pemberton-1st) Matthew Padilla (Hower-2nd) A'miya Irby (Jacobs-2nd) Maddy Davis (Prince-2nd) Elijah Cayten (Robison-2nd) London Bass (Shelpman-2nd) Aubree Adams (Walters-2nd) Austin Ramey (Petry-Brisley-ESC) **Courtney Randall** (Crabtree-3rd) Amarya Vasquez (Edwards-3rd) Jakobi Honore (Hartman-3rd) Saylah Dinnell (McGinnis-Weiss-3rd) **Ikran Mohamed** (Siegenthaler-3rd) Alexa White (Zirkle-3rd) Jade Wright (Keep-Maloney-4th) Sophia King (Keely-4th) Ollie Moore (Deans-4th) Leah Stapleton (Bline-4th) Marleigh Long (Williams-4th) **Genesis Roseman-Jimenez**(Wasson-4th) Kassie Williams (Sherman-5th) **Destiny Deremer** (Bever-5th) Connor Endres (Pine-5th) Olivia Hess (Holeton-5th) **Bryce James** (Fain-5th) Maddie Smith (Marino-5th) Avery Zinkhon (Inskeep-5th) Lainey McClorey (Knight-ESC)

#### February 14th is Valentine's Day



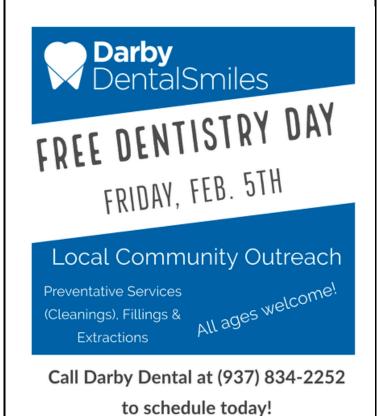
Happy Valentine's Day to our students and families!

#### Welcome Back!

We are happy to see our UVA students at UES!

#### School-Wide K-8 Title 1 Services

Urbana Elementary and Jr. High is a schoolwide K-8 Title 1 school. Title 1 services are supported by Federal funding and are designed to ensure that ALL children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain high-quality reading and math instruction to become successful learners. Title 1 funding is used to provide intervention support for ALL K-8 students.





Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. project by Mrs. Shelpman's 2nd grade class.

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#### What EXACTLY is bullying?

Bullying is a form of youth violence and an adverse childhood experience. The CDC defines bullying as any unwanted aggressive behavior by another youth (or group of youths) who are not siblings or current dating partners, that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance, and is repeated multiple times. Bullying may inflict harm or distress on the targeted youth including physical, psychological, social, or educational harm. Common types of bullying include:

- Physical--such as repeated hitting or kicking.
- Verbal--including repeated name-calling and teasing.
- Relational/social--such as spreading rumors and leaving out of the group.
- Damage to property of the victim.

Parents and guardians are among a school's best allies in bullying prevention. Talk with and listen to your children and ask questions about their school day, including experiences on the way to and from school, lunch, and recess. Ask about their peers. Children who feel comfortable talking to their parents about these matters before they are involved in bullying are more likely to get them involved after.

Be a good example. When you get angry at waiters, other drivers, or others, model effective communication techniques. As Education.com puts it, "Any time you speak to another person in a mean or abusive way, you're teaching your child that bullying is ok."

Create healthy anti-bullying habits. Starting as young as possible, coach your children on both what not to do (push, tease, and be mean to others) as well as what to do (be kind, empathize, and take turns). Also coach your children on what to do if someone is mean to them or to another (get an adult, tell the bully to stop, walk away, or ignore the bully).

Make sure your child understands bullying and explicitly explain what it is and that it's not normal or tolerable for them to bully, be bullied, or stand by and watch other kids be bullied.

Let's Work Together!