

GOOD NEWS



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Walnut Hills Celebrates 25 National Merit Commended Scholars

Walnut Hills High School is celebrating 25 seniors named National Merit Commended Scholars. The recognition honors students who demonstrated exceptional academic promise through their PSAT performance. Walnut Hills reports that 34,000 students nationwide received the designation this year. The school will recognize its scholars next Wednesday with a reception and a certificate presentation. This follows the announcement of 20 students as National Merit Semifinalists earlier this week.

Navy Week Brings Sailors, Specialists and Musicians to CPS Schools

Cincinnati Navy Week is bringing sailors, specialists and musicians into CPS schools for presentations, demonstrations and performances. Highlights include USS Constitution sailors visiting students, a Navy brass quintet master class at the School for Creative and Performing Arts, meteorology and oceanography specialists meeting with Zoo Academy juniors and seniors, plus a Bureau of Medicine and Surgery presentation at Hughes STEM High School. CPS Navy Week activities continue through today.

In Case You Missed It: Superintendent Murphy on FOX19

Superintendent Murphy joined FOX19 Tuesday morning to discuss Cincinnati Public Schools' three-star overall rating on the 2025-26 Ohio School Report Card. The interview gives employees and the public a chance to hear directly from Superintendent Murphy about the District's progress, what the results mean for students, families and staff and where CPS goes from here. Watch the great conversation at <https://bit.ly/4hyAkHN>.

LEAP Academy Celebrates Grandparents Day

LEAP Academy welcomed grandparents Sept. 11 for a special Grandparents Day celebration. The school invited grandparents to join students from 8 to 8:50 a.m. for a morning recognizing the love, wisdom and impact of grandparents and giving students an opportunity to share part of their school day with them.

CPS Earns Gold Gourd Award for Third Consecutive Year

Cincinnati Public Schools earned the 2026 Farm to Summer Challenge Gold Gourd Badge, the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce's most prestigious Farm to Summer award. It is CPS's third consecutive Gold Gourd. ODEW's Office of Nutrition recognized the District's work bringing healthy local foods, gardening activities and nutrition education to children during summer programming. CPS will also be recognized at Ohio's annual Summer Summit on March 1, 2027.

CET's Brick by Brick Highlights CPS Safe Sleep Lot

CET's Brick by Brick is highlighting the CPS Project Connect Safe Sleep Lot and the story of Aja and her family. The season's first episode, 'Safe Sleep Lots and Neighborhoods as Systems,' includes a nine-minute extended segment devoted to the Safe Sleep Lot in addition to the 28-minute full episode. CET also published an article about the CPS nonprofit's work helping unhoused families achieve educational success. See it here: <https://bit.ly/4iD0H1n>

Fairview Students Take Part in House Sorting Day

Fairview-Clifton German Language School held House Sorting Day on Wednesday. Students in kindergarten through fourth grade and the school's SCU participated in sorting celebrations throughout the day, joining fifth- and sixth-graders who were sorted in spring 2026. The celebration featured Fairview's six houses and the theme, 'Six Houses, One School!'

Cincinnatus Education Awards Nominations Now Open

Nominations are open for the Cincinnatus Association's Education Awards. The deadline is Nov. 13. Information about the awards, prior-year recipients and the nomination form is available on their website. CPS employees are encouraged to consider outstanding educators and education supporters for recognition. Nominate someone here: <https://bit.ly/4h8kD9F>

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