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Frederick Douglass Families Build Skills Through Parent Academy

Families at Frederick Douglass Elementary School are taking part in a new nine-week parent education program funded through a grant. The school has completed its first two classes, with additional sessions continuing this fall. The program combines the Leadership Scholars Parent Academy with My Brilliant Finish Financial Literacy, giving parents and guardians tools to advocate for their children while strengthening their own financial knowledge. Sessions cover topics including communicating with teachers, monitoring grades and test scores, supporting reading and study habits, preparing for college and understanding credit, budgeting and homeownership. Transportation, child care and meals are provided to help families participate. The program will conclude with a graduation recognizing participating parents and guardians.

Winton Hills Academy Community Makeover Celebrated at Reds Game



The Cincinnati Reds celebrated the Winton Hills Academy Community Makeover during a special pregame ceremony at Great American Ball Park. Students and community partners were recognized for the project, which brought a new learning garden and other improvements to the school this summer. The Reds Community Fund recently shared video from the Sept. 1 celebration, including a ceremonial first pitch caught by Winton Hills Academy Principal **Benjamin Fulton**. Principal Fulton stepped behind the plate to make the catch as part of the pregame festivities. The video has been added to the CPS story about the Community Makeover, giving the community another chance to see the celebration at the ballpark.

North Avondale Montessori ECO Kids Club Goes Green

Students at North Avondale Montessori are giving up some of their recess time to help make their school a little greener. The student-led ECO Kids Club promotes recycling, composting and other environmentally friendly practices throughout the school. Club members collect paper and cans for recycling during recess each day, giving students a hands-on role in reducing waste and encouraging their classmates to think about sustainability.

Academy of World Languages Mural Project Featured on Local 12



Local 12 visited the Academy of World Languages this week to highlight an ambitious art project involving all 540 students. Art teacher **Suzanne Nall** asked each student to draw an individual version of the school's dragon mascot, with plans to transform the drawings into ceramic tiles and professionally install them together as a permanent mural inside the school. The project celebrates the creativity and diversity of the AWL community while giving students something they can return to see years after leaving the school. The school is raising $6,400 to make the mural a reality. See the Local 12 story (with a link to donate) here: https://bit.ly/4ynaopt

Taft Elementary Families Celebrate Reading (and Dolly!) at Literacy Night



Students and families at William H. Taft Elementary School came together for a Dolly Parton-themed Literacy Night celebrating reading and the importance of building strong literacy skills. The evening featured books, Dolly-inspired activities and opportunities for families and community partners to engage with students around reading. Community partners also joined the celebration, including Fatima Gassama with P&G's Adopt A Class program. Gassama, who works at P&G's downtown offices and has been involved with Adopt A Class for several years, visits the sixth-grade class she supports each month. During Literacy Night, she spent time in the school library helping a young student with one of the evening's activities.

PRM Helps Families Prepare for the Road to High School



Pleasant Ridge Montessori fifth- and sixth-grade students and their families recently took part in the school's Pathway to Success Night, an event designed to help families prepare for students' next steps in their education. Families connected with high school principals, counselors and resource staff to learn about school options, academic programs, extracurricular activities, enrollment, transportation and other opportunities. Students and parents also participated in separate conversations tailored to their questions and concerns. Former PRM students and parents returned for a panel discussion, sharing their experiences and answering questions about the transition from PRM to high school. The evening gave current students and families an opportunity to hear directly from people who have already made that transition and learn more about what lies ahead.

Cincinnatus Education Awards Nominations Open Through Nov. 13

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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