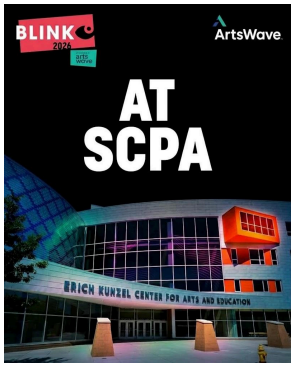
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GOOD NEWS

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SCPA Makes History at BLINK 2026

Students at the School for Creative and Performing Arts (SCPA) are making history as the first high school officially featured as an artist at BLINK. Their installation, "Awaken the Art," brings together students, alumni and staff working with artist **Giovanni Weissman** to create a large-scale projection on the back of the school facing Washington Park. The installation is part of BLINK's Over-the-Rhine zone, Stop 25, and will be displayed nightly from 7 to 11 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 11. Read more about it on the CPS website: https://bit.ly/47KGVdm

CANS Culture Fest Celebrates Community

Clifton Area Neighborhood School (CANS) brought students and families together for Culture Fest, a celebration of the diverse cultures represented in its school community. The event featured folk dancing, games, parachute activities and food, including samples from Jungle Jim's and spicy fruit kebabs. The celebration gave families an opportunity to share traditions, learn from one another and strengthen connections within the school community.



Covedale Students Glow With Pride

Covedale School celebrated students who met Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) expectations during the first quarter with a neon Glow Party. Students enjoyed a colorful celebration in the school cafeteria, complete with black lights, fluorescent decorations and glow-in-the-dark accessories. The event rewarded positive behavior and encouraged students to continue making good choices throughout the school year.

CPS Expands Career Credential Programs

Cincinnati Public Schools is expanding career opportunities for students with new industry-recognized credential programs for the 2026-27 school year. New offerings include EPA Refrigerant Level 1 certification, available districtwide, Level 1 Telecommunicator training at Withrow University High School and basic 911 training at Western Hills University High School. CPS also plans to expand phlebotomy and pharmacy technician programs at Shroder and Woodward high schools, opening additional pathways for students to earn credentials and prepare for careers in high-demand fields.



Carthage Celebrates the Power of Reading

Carthage Elementary School celebrated literacy through two special events focused on reading, confidence and belonging. For International Literacy Day, District leaders, including **Dr. Chrissy Reeves**, Director of Student Services (photo, left), visited classrooms as guest readers, sharing stories about inclusion and self-confidence. On National Punctuation Day, **Principal Ruba Al-Serhan** led read-alouds, classroom discussions and writing activities. Both celebrations reinforced the school's commitment to developing literacy skills and helping every student find their voice.

Cheviot School Celebrates 100 Years

Cheviot Elementary School-Gifted Academy West marked a major milestone Sept.

11, celebrating its 100th anniversary. The school has served Cincinnati's educational community for a century, supporting generations of students and families. Under **Principal Tammy Solomon-Gray's** leadership, Cheviot continues its tradition of providing educational opportunities while celebrating a century of school history. Congratulations to Cheviot School on 100 years, and on its next 100!

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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