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Aiken Cadets Honor Old Glory



Aiken New Tech High School JROTC cadets demonstrated leadership, citizenship and respect during a U.S. flag retirement ceremony on Oct. 22. Students planned and conducted the ceremony, respectfully retiring worn American flags in a ceremonial fire. Retired Army Maj. **Matthew Wadler**, an Aiken JROTC instructor, emphasized that the program develops leadership and responsibility through student-led experiences. Cadets **Quincy Gardner** and **Princess Williams** reflected on the pride and personal growth they have gained through JROTC. WCPO and Spectrum News 1 attended the ceremony.



Warm Coats, Warm Hearts at John P. Parker

Students at John P. Parker Elementary School received brand-new winter coats on Oct. 21 and 22 through Operation Warm. The giveaway helped ensure students were prepared for colder weather and demonstrated the importance of community partnerships in supporting CPS families. School staff coordinated the distribution, helping students stay warm and ready to learn as temperatures begin to drop.

Covedale Helps Students Plan Their Next Chapter



Covedale School recently hosted a Middle School Night to help fifth and sixth graders explore their educational options within Cincinnati Public Schools. The school's resource coordinator organized the event in collaboration with CPS middle schools, giving students and families a chance to learn about different schools and prepare for the next step in their education. The event reflects Covedale's commitment to helping students make informed choices about their futures.

30 CPS Schools Bloom Together

Creativity is blossoming across Cincinnati Public Schools! Students from 30 schools collaborated on a districtwide floral art installation now on display at the CPS Education Center. High school students created vases, middle school students crafted butterflies and stems, and elementary students contributed flowers. Together, their artwork forms a colorful celebration of creativity, collaboration and the talents of students across grade levels. Check out the beauty in the main hallway at the Ed Center today!

Carthage Promotes Kindness With Mayor Pureval

Carthage Elementary School welcomed Cincinnati Mayor **Aftab Pureval** for a special reading and discussion on kindness and bullying prevention Oct. 20. Organized to recognize National Bullying Prevention Month, the event emphasized the importance of treating others with respect and building a supportive school community. The visit connected students with local leaders and reinforced the message that kindness makes a difference.

Follow Up: Hughes Educators Make National News

In a follow-up to last week's Good News Weekly story about the dedication of Hughes STEM High School educators, their commitment to students is now receiving national attention! Spectrum News 1 reporter **Travis Hicks** featured teachers who continue leading extracurricular activities without additional

compensation. Spectrum News later picked up the story on its national newscast, sharing the inspiring work of Hughes educators with audiences across the country! Congratulations, Hughes!

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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