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Cincinnati Voters Say Yes to CPS!

Cincinnati voters delivered a decisive victory for Cincinnati Public Schools on Election Day, approving Issue 4 with approximately 61% voting in favor and 39% opposed, according to unofficial election results. The five-year levy is expected to generate $66.3 million annually to protect student progress and support the District's Strategic Plan. Superintendent **Shauna Murphy** thanked voters for investing in CPS students and recognized employees for their dedication through a challenging year. The funding will help the District continue preparing students for college, career, military service or entrepreneurship. Thank you, Cincinnati, for truly being Here For Kids!

Magic Mark Makes Learning Fun



A little magic is making a big difference at Kilgour School! **Mark Hogan**, better known as “Magic Mark,” is using card tricks and illusions to help students build confidence, spark curiosity and discover connections between magic, math and science. Through classroom visits and an after-school magic club, Hogan also teaches students how to perform tricks themselves, helping them develop communication and social skills. His creative approach recently caught the attention of Spectrum News 1, which featured the program and its impact on students. *(Hogan received the Cincinnatus Award for Volunteer of the Year at last year's ceremony. Know an outstanding CPS volunteer? The nomination deadline is approaching! See the final story in this newsletter for details on how to nominate a deserving volunteer at your school.)*

Aiken Opens Urban Wilderness Center

Aiken New Tech High School is celebrating the grand opening of the Shuman Urban Wilderness Center, a new 1,500-square-foot learning hub and woodshop created in partnership with the Camping & Education Foundation. The innovative, off-grid facility will give students hands-on experience in woodworking, engineering, outdoor leadership and skilled trades. Located next to Mt. Airy Forest, the center will connect classroom learning with real-world career opportunities while encouraging students to explore nature. A pilot group of Aiken students will begin using the facility in January 2027, with plans to expand programming to students across the District and Greater Cincinnati. The open house and ribbon cutting are planned for late afternoon today at Aiken.

Community Support Pours Into Taft

Taft Elementary School received a welcome boost from The Christ Hospital Health Network and Crayons and Beyond, which teamed up to donate supplies to stock the school's supply cupboard. The generous contributions will help ensure students and families have access to essential supplies. The community partnership also attracted local media attention, with multiple news outlets highlighting the donations and the organizations working together to support Taft students. See the amazing coverage here:

Spectrum News: https://bit.ly/4iAjOc1
Local 12: https://bit.ly/4ixdCQE
WCPO-TV: https://bit.ly/4k0PhoQ

Clark Students Rock the Block



Clark Montessori students connected with City of Cincinnati employees during Rock the Block, a day of career exploration, leadership development and hands-on learning. Juniors and seniors heard from city employees about their career journeys, challenges and lessons learned, while seventh- and eighth-graders explored city services through interactive demonstrations and activities. The event encouraged students to discover new career possibilities, develop leadership skills and learn how they can make a difference in their communities.

LEAP Students Paint the Town



LEAP Academy students are adding a splash of color to Cincinnati's streets! As part of the City of Cincinnati's first-ever Paint-a-Plow project, students transformed a city snowplow blade into a colorful canvas, creating artwork that will travel through neighborhoods as crews clear snow this winter. LEAP joined Clark Montessori, Bond Hill Academy and the School for Creative and Performing Arts in the creative community partnership. The finished snowplows were showcased at the City's annual Winter Ready event Nov. 5, celebrating student creativity while preparing Cincinnati for the snowy season.

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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