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Superintendent Murphy Named Among Nation's Top 100 Education Leaders



Cincinnati Public Schools Superintendent **Shauna Murphy** has been named to District Administration magazine's Top 100 education leaders for the 2026-27 school year! The national recognition celebrates education leaders who are driving change through innovation, bold ideas and a commitment to improving student outcomes. Murphy was selected for her leadership and dedication to advancing educational opportunities for students. Congratulations, Superintendent Murphy, on this well-deserved recognition! Read more about it here: https://bit.ly/4eA6Atg

HBCU Day Opens Doors for CPS Students

Students at several Cincinnati Public Schools explored college and career opportunities Thursday, Nov. 12, as part of the ninth annual HBCU Day celebration! Graduates of historically Black colleges and universities (HBCUs) visited participating schools, including Withrow University High School, Walnut Hills High School and Taft, sharing their experiences and inspiring students to pursue their dreams. Among the special guests was acclaimed fashion designer and Florida A&M University graduate Tracy Nicole, who visited Withrow and Walnut Hills to discuss entrepreneurship, creativity and professional success. The celebration brought together alumni from 11 HBCU associations, helping students discover new possibilities for their futures. Learn more at https://bit.ly/4BY7vh5.

Sands Students Rise to Fitness Challenge

Ninety Sands Montessori students are celebrating success after completing the 30-day Team Tressel Fitness Challenge! Third- through sixth-graders focused on five areas of wellness: cardiovascular fitness, strength, flexibility, nutrition and sleep. Students set personal goals, tracked their progress and reflected on their achievements while developing healthy habits. Their hard work paid off: 48 students earned gold certificates, 19 earned silver and 23 earned bronze. Congratulations to these 90 Healthy Habits Champions for showing that small steps can lead to big accomplishments!

Ringling Circus Brings Big Top Excitement to CPS Schools



The circus came to town this week, bringing a little big-top magic to Cincinnati Public Schools! Performers from Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey visited Pleasant Ridge Montessori, the Academy of World Languages, Taft Elementary, Winton Hills Academy, Gamble Elementary, Dater Montessori and Rockdale Academy as part of a promotional tour ahead of The Greatest Show on Earth at Heritage Bank Center in December. The circus's Hype Crew entertained students with acrobatics, unicycling and interactive activities, offering an up-close look at the skills and talents behind the famous circus. The accompanying photo captures some of the fun at the Academy of World Languages with Principal **Jackie Rowedder** and the performers!

Mt. Washington School Wins $7,500 Grant

Mt. Washington School has been selected to receive a $7,500 grant from Neediest Kids of All as part of the organization's 75th anniversary celebration! The nonprofit will award one $7,500 grant each month throughout 2027, with Mt. Washington selected as the first recipient. The funding can help provide students with basic necessities, field trips and other educational opportunities that support their success inside and outside the classroom. The organization also plans to visit the school in January for a special check presentation and celebration with students and staff. Congratulations, Mt. Washington!

New Documentary Shines Spotlight on CPS



Cincinnati Public Schools is featured prominently in Connecting Cultures: Cincinnati to Guatemala, a new documentary by Peabody Award-winning filmmaker and former Cincinnati City Council member **Laure Quinlivan**. The 50-minute film explores the connections between Cincinnati and Guatemala through immigration, education, business and community partnerships. Roberts Academy is featured, along with an interview with CPS leader Dr. **Adam Cooper**. The documentary premiered Thursday, Nov. 12, on WCPO-TV and will air again Sunday, Nov. 15, at noon. A special screening, followed by a question-and-answer session with Quinlivan, is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Nov. 16, at the Mariemont Theatre. Tickets are $10. Learn more at https://bit.ly/4Au9Bno.

Cincinnatus Education Awards Nominations Close Today!

Today, Nov. 13, is the deadline to submit nominations for the Cincinnatus Association's Education Awards. Information about the awards, prior-year recipients and the nomination form is available on the Cincinnatus Association 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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