



# GOOD NEWS



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***Cincinnati Public Schools is proud to highlight district achievements and community support.***

### **Two CPS High Schools Named Schools of Promise**

Withrow University High School and Robert A. Taft Information Technology High School have been named *Schools of Promise* by the Ohio Department of Education for exceeding high standards of achievement during the 2007-2008 school year. The *Schools of Promise* program recognizes schools across Ohio that are demonstrating high achievement in reading and mathematics for all groups of students, despite the fact that 40 percent or more of the students come from low-income backgrounds. Students at Withrow University and Taft IT met or exceeded the state standard of 75 percent passage in reading and/or mathematics, and the schools met the federal requirements for Adequate Yearly Progress. Congratulations to the students and staff.

### **Western & Southern and Children's Hospital Employees Donate Bikes and Helmets to Hoffman**

Some students at Hoffman-Parham School will get extra presents this year thanks to a team-building activity that took place among employees of Western & Southern Financial Group on Thursday. The employees built six bikes as part of the activity, and the company will donate the finished bikes to students who will be selected through a contest. Additionally, custom-fit helmets will be donated by Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center.

### **SERS Selects Oyler Behavior Specialist for its First Member Spotlight**

The fall issue of *News & Views*, the School Employees Retirement System's member newsletter, featured Oyler School's behavior specialist Denise Montgomery in its first Member Spotlight section. The section profiles stories of educators throughout Ohio who make a difference in the lives of our young people. Ms. Montgomery's profile detailed her strategy for helping students overcome behavior challenges through art therapy, which, she says, encourages them to make better choices and helps build their self esteem.

### **Western Hills University Students Earn First Place in Holiday Decorating Contest**

Phillip M., an 11<sup>th</sup>-grader and budding artist at Western Hills University High School, led a team of fellow students to another first-place prize in the "Holiday on the Hill" window painting contest, which has been a favorite in the Price Hill community for years. The contest calls on schools and organizations to paint holiday displays on the windows of businesses throughout the community. This is the second year in a row that Phillip and his teammates beat students from Seton High School, Elder High School and others. In addition to Phillip, the team included Alycia M. (grade 11), Alexis M. (grade 11), Amber J. (grade 10), Robert G. (grade 12), Kassie C. (grade 12) and Uniqua D. (grade 9).

**If you have Good News you would like to share, please forward it to Dawn L. Grady at [gradyda@cps-k12.org](mailto:gradyda@cps-k12.org). Thank you!**