

## Great Things Are Happening

- ▶ Stivers School for the Arts was named one of the top 15 high schools in the area according to Niche.com.
- ▶ A newly renovated Student Enrollment Center for 2017-18 promises faster, more efficient service when families arrive to enroll their children at DPS.
- ▶ The Dunbar Division II boys outdoor track and field team are state champions for 2017.
- ▶ Edison PreK-6 students, Lataya Jones, Brooklyn Hill, and Janya Lam, were named energy leaders, building a \$4,000 energy bike for their school.
- ▶ Dunbar freshman Nosferatu Espinoza received the 2017 Genius Olympiad Award for outstanding achievement in manufacturing and engineering. The award symbolizes a global understanding of environmental issues. Nosferatu received a \$3,000 scholarship to Central State University as part of his achievement.
- ▶ Stivers School for the Arts teacher, Rachael Murdock, was nominated by Principal Erin Dooley, as Ohio Teacher of the Year.
- ▶ Twelve Dayton Public Schools students are recipients of \$500 scholarships and new laptops as presented by organizers of the 23rd Annual Scholarship Golf Classic. The students are: Maya Smith-Custer, Cameryn Blake, Nadja Dewberry, Nathan Quinn, LaKeshia Fountain, Taylor Wright, Brianna Brake, Zadia Buchanan, Renaldo O'Neal, Marquis Evans, Dewatt Morris, and Chanelle Patterson.
- ▶ Kiser PreK-6 School's garden is now a National Wildlife Federation Certified Wildlife Habitat. The award celebrates Kiser's garden as a natural habitat for wildlife that provides natural food sources, clean water and shelter.
- ▶ The Cleveland PreK-6 Student Council raised \$4,500 for charity. The Leukemia/Lymphoma Society, a homeless shelter, and the Cleveland garden club all reaped the benefits.
- ▶ The Ponitz Career Technology Center and Stivers School for the Arts were named Red Cord Honor Schools for 2016-2017. Students who register to donate blood at least three times a year earn a Red Cord to wear during graduation.
- ▶ Beverly Moreland started the Stop Bullying Club at Dayton Boys Preparatory Academy. Along with Cafeteria Manager Jay Johnson and others, the club is working to cut down on disciplinary issues at the school.

- ▶ Dayton Boys Prep sixth-grade teacher, Mr. Gregory Powell, won the Outstanding Instructional Practice Award by the Wright State University Network for Educational Renewal (WSUNER) Committee.
- ▶ Stivers senior, Maya Smith-Custer, is the 2017 recipient of the W.S. McIntosh Memorial Leadership Award. She was selected from a field of 26 students. Maya receives a full scholarship to the University of Dayton along with a four-year paid internship with the city of Dayton. Maya plans to major in international studies.
- ▶ Students in the gifted program at Valerie PreK-6 School and Wright Brothers Middle School were awarded during the Destination Imagination event at Sinclair Community College.
- ▶ Congratulations to WDPS-FM for winning two major awards at the annual Intercollegiate Broadcasting System's Awards and also being named finalists in five more categories.
- ▶ Ponitz teacher Spencer Wolf will represent the United States of America as a speaker at the International Technical and Vocational Education and Training Forum in Abu Dhabi, Dubai in October 2017.
- ▶ Ponitz Career Technology Center 11th-grader, Ania Gibson, was accepted into the 2017 Yeck Scholarship Program at the Dayton Art Institute. She is one of only a dozen students chosen from across the area during a competitive portfolio process.
- ▶ Students from the Dunbar Early College High School Vocal Music Program excelled in their performances at the Ohio Music Educators Association District XII Solo and Ensemble Festival. Senior Alexis Garnett received a superior rating for her performance. The Concert Choir received a superior rating.
- ▶ The Dayton Public Schools Mobile Health Unit was unveiled in January. Nurses onboard care for students suffering from asthma.
- ▶ The Dayton Association for Young Children named Karen Lombard, DPS director of early childhood education, the 2016 Outstanding Administrator of the Year. Lombard's award is based on nominations from peers and colleagues who praised her leadership and commitment to the field of early child care and education.
- ▶ DPS introduced a new App for smartphones. It allows users easy access to district information, including bus routes, lunch menus, news and events, the Home Access Center.
- ▶ Dunbar's National Honor Society collected school supplies for students in Ghana, West Africa. The supplies were donated to Dominion International School.
- ▶ More than 200 students participated in Manufacturing Day. Several local companies opened their doors to our students who learned about job opportunities in the manufacturing field.
- ▶ Students at Cleveland PreK-6 and Fairview PreK- 6 schools participated in the 20th annual Walk to School Day, promoting healthy habits and traffic safety knowledge.
- ▶ The DPS Athletics Department introduced the Friday Night Lights Tailgate Party during football season. Ticket holders were treated to food, dancing and games before DPS football games at Welcome Stadium.



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- ▶ The Dunbar girls volleyball team raised money for breast cancer research with their annual Volley for a Cure Pink Out, selling t-shirts for the cause.
- ▶ Students in the Ponitz automotive department offered oil changes in exchange for a \$20 donation to the Norma Ross Pink Ribbon Foundation. The two-day event raised \$400 for the search to find a cure for breast cancer.
- ▶ Dayton Boys Preparatory Academy sixth-grader, Rashaun Redmond, won first place in his age category for a national art poster contest sponsored by The Links, Incorporated. The theme was “Healthy, Energetic, Active Lifestyles Matter – Make Health a Habit.”
- ▶ Horace Mann PreK-6 School received a \$2,000 grant from Whole Foods to help create a new school garden.
- ▶ DPS earned an A in value added on the 2016 state report card, taking the district out of academic distress. Staff took over Courthouse Square for a citywide celebration.
- ▶ In a first of its kind, Dayton police officers reviewed cadets in the Belmont Navy JROTC annual inspection. Retired Cmdr. Joe Hankins, USN, gave way to police Major Brian Johns, Lt. Joe Wiesman and Officer Zach Hastings for the ceremonial review of the unit including a color guard, drill team and pass in review.
- ▶ Wogaman Middle School teacher, Brian Gross, released his first book, co-written by Chuck Thokey. “Selling Education and Educating Sales: Tying It All Together,” instructs teachers how to use sales techniques in classroom lessons.
- ▶ The Kohl’s A Minute for Kids campaign kicked off at Kiser PreK-6 School to encourage children to “Get Out and Play.”
- ▶ Jeremiah Ransom, grade six at River’s Edge Montessori, took top honors at the 59th Annual Lucia May Wiant Speech Contest with his rendition of “Shake Them Haters Off.” Marcelino Santiago, grade four at Ruskin, took second place, while Sukara Hodge, grade 5 at Louise Troy PreK-5 School, was third. Category winners were Summer Thomas, grade five at Cleveland PreK- 6 School, won best overall “Original Piece of Literature,” and for “Best Literature Selection,” the winners were Cato Mayberry, grade six at Dayton Boys Preparatory Academy, and Daniel Ivory, grade seven at Wright Brothers Middle School.
- ▶ Stivers School for the Arts junior, Kennedy Chase, was crowned the 2016 Miss High School America during the Miss High School America Pageant in San Antonio, Texas.
- ▶ Five DPS teachers are among the winners of 2016 McDonald’s Make Activities Count grants. Each received up to \$500 to supplement their teaching with hands-on activities for their students. Jennifer Patton (Kiser), Stephanie Leonhardt (River’s Edge), Cynthia Ambrose (Stivers), and Rachel Blanks (Edison), all won grants. It is the second award for Blanks, and this is the third year in a row that Lauren Gruber (Wright Brothers), has been awarded.
- ▶ Six students from Fairview PreK-6 School were selected to participate in the annual Ohio YMCA Youth and Government program. Kabatesi Nishimwe, Demi Cos, Julian Lee, Leilah Coleman, Philip Musangwa, and Ileyk Reyes learned about the democratic process, how to write and research bills, and the election process.
- ▶ Thurgood Marshall STEM High School received the Ohio Academy of Science Thomas Edison Award for Excellence in STEM Education for a third consecutive year.



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- ▶ The Office of Teaching and Learning staff rallied around their own science curriculum expert, Bonnie Porter, to congratulate her for receiving the Wright STEPP Dr. Clark Beck Outstanding Service Award from Wright State University.
- ▶ The Ohio Department of Education has recognized the success of three DPS schools with a 2016 Momentum Award. Belle Haven, Edison and Kemp schools have been honored for earning a letter grade of A in all value-added areas.
- ▶ Thurgood Marshall senior Cierra Hooks signed a letter of intent to play NCAA Division I basketball at The Ohio State University. She earned a full scholarship to the university.

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