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

### **Western Hills University Students Say “Yes We Can” to President Obama**

The students of Western Hills University High School created a “Yes We Can” flag to honor President Barack Obama. The 18 ft. x 12 ft. masterpiece is currently hanging in the library of the school. The flag consists of 200 individual squares that feature messages to the President from students. The 50 stars on the flag were created using some of the inspirational words for which President Obama is known. The project began on Inauguration Day and was completed on Feb. 10. State Representative Denise Driehaus and Congressman Steve Driehaus will pick up the flag on Friday, March 13, 2009, at 9:00 a.m. and deliver it, personally, to President Obama.

### **Oyler’s Newly Created National Honor Society Inducts Ten Members**

On Friday, Feb. 20, 2009, ten high school students from Oyler School were inducted into the school’s newly created National Honor Society. They were nominated based on their academic track record and teacher recommendations. They are the first students in the school’s history to receive the honor. Congratulations!

### **Woodward Students Scream for Community Service**

There was a lot of screaming going on downtown on Sunday, Feb. 22, as dozens of students from Woodward Career Technical High School helped celebrate Oscar Night – a fundraiser for People Working Cooperatively – by acting as screaming fans dying to see who was coming down the red carpet. The annual fundraiser is a tradition for People Working Cooperatively, and the students were participating as part of a community service project. As guests arrived, the students screamed as if they were “A” list actors. The event was fun for everyone.

### **Sands Students Celebrate 100 Days of School with Food Drive**

Every year, Sands Montessori School celebrates the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school with special activities. This year, students organized a food drive to benefit the FreeStore Food Bank. The goal was to have each class collect 100 food items. By the time the food drive was over, Sands students collected more than 1,500 food items. Congratulations on a wonderful effort.

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**Winton Hills Honors Student as a Hero**

Fazion A., an 8<sup>th</sup>-grader at Winton Hills Academy, was expecting a regular assembly when he walked into the school's gymnasium on Thursday, Feb. 19. But, he arrived to find a special tribute in his honor to recognize his bravery during an incident that happened on his school bus. One day while traveling home, someone threw a rock through his school bus window, injuring the bus monitor. Fazion kept a cool head during the incident, keeping the monitor calm and notifying her family while authorities gathered at the scene. Petermann Bus Company joined the school's staff and students in the tribute.

**Roberts Cheerleaders Take Show on the Road**

The Roberts Academy Cheerleader/Spirit Squad was invited to perform at the Children's Hospital Injury Free Coalition for Kids event on Saturday, Feb. 21 at the Price Hill Recreation Center. This unique squad includes students from grades K-8, and was organized by Markita Huff and Molly Koa, parents and graduates of the Parent Leadership Institute program of Parents for Public Schools of Greater Cincinnati. Joe Colon is the squad's advisor.

**Sands Montessori Student Wins Abraham Lincoln Poster Contest**

Mira O., a 3<sup>rd</sup>-grade student at Sands Montessori School, was the first-place winner of the Abraham Lincoln Bicentennial Poster Contest sponsored by the Ohio Auditor of State's Office. The contest commemorated the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of the former President and was open to students in grades K-5. The posters celebrated Lincoln's life and accomplishments and were judged on the quality of the design, creativity, originality of artwork and appropriate theme. More than 1,300 students across the state entered the contest, including Sands 3<sup>rd</sup>-graders Marasia M. and Kylie G.. Teacher Cindy Thomas coordinated the effort. To honor Mira's first-place win, the state raised the flag above the state capital building in her honor. She also will receive a plaque. To see Mira's entry, visit <http://www.auditor.state.oh.us/StudentCenter/LincolnContestWinners.aspx>.

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