Located in Cleveland's Glenville neighborhood, the Citizens Academy Mahatma Gandhi Campus was founded in 1999. Citizens Academy (CA) is the flagship Citizens model school and it serves grades K-5. Scholars enjoy a rigorous curriculum in an environment of high structure and high support. The CA Way includes a set of 7 virtues and behavioral expectations to help produce learners who exemplify academic excellence and responsible citizenship.
DISTANCE LEARNING

The last day of in-class instruction for all Breakthrough Public Schools was March 13, 2020, due to mandated state-wide school closures as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Academic leadership created a plan and began distance learning for Breakthrough scholars on April 8. Students were given a device and assistance with gaining internet connectivity in their homes, including hotspots to those families in need. On average, 87% of Breakthrough scholars logged in to distance learning on a weekly basis.

SPECIAL EVENTS

Citizens Academy held a Black History Month Celebration during which Breakthrough families were asked to contribute their considerable talents in a showcase of singing, painting, and playing musical instruments.

Schools may have been closed but that didn’t stop CA from hosting a virtual spirit week. Scholars, teachers, and families participated daily in challenges such as bring your favorite stuffed animal to “school”, wear your school colors, and take a video of yourself reading.

The Annual Vocabulary Day Parade found Breakthrough scholars at Citizens Academy marching through the halls, led by a maestro, and followed by a drum corps. Each scholar received a vocabulary word and then they were asked to decorate a hat (grades K-1), dress up (grades 2-3), or decorate a poster board (grades 4-5) with that word.

Scholars at CA asked their fathers, grandfathers, brothers, and neighbors to participate in the Annual Fathers Walk. Participants received donuts, orange juice, and coffee, and spent time coloring pictures that were posted in the school’s trophy case.

OUR SCHOLARS ARE FROM

Cleveland: 91%
Cleveland Heights: 1%
East Cleveland: 3%
Euclid: 3%
Maple Heights: 1%
South Euclid-Lyndhurst: 1%

OUR STUDENT COMMUNITY

African American: 96%
Hispanic: 1%
Multiracial: 3%
Economically Disadvantaged: 82%
Students with Disabilities: 12%
Total Enrollment: 369

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SCHOOLS MAY HAVE BEEN CLOSED BUT THAT DIDN’T STOP CA FROM HOSTING A VIRTUAL SPIRIT WEEK. SCHOLARS, TEACHERS, AND FAMILIES PARTICIPATED DAILY IN CHALLENGES SUCH AS BRING YOUR FAVORITE STUFFED ANIMAL TO “SCHOOL”, WEAR YOUR SCHOOL COLORS, AND TAKE A VIDEO OF YOURSELF READING.

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2019-2020 FINANCIALS

Revenue
State $3,027,386
Intergovernmental $695,975
Tax Distribution $290,288
Philanthropic $197,088
Other $140,326
TOTAL REVENUE $4,617,326

Expenses
Salaries & Benefits $2,689,214
Purchased Services $1769,464
Supplies & Materials $130,206
Equipment $5,886
Other $22,556
TOTAL EXPENSES $4,351,063

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