

CPEF 2023 – 2024 YEAR IN REVIEW



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We encourage, recognize, reward, and support creativity, innovation, achievement, and excellence within the students, teachers, and administrators of the Clark-Pleasant Community School Corporation.

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RECOGNIZE EXCELLENCE

Any staff member can be nominated to the Recognize Excellence program. All nominees receive an emailed letter describing why they were nominated and who nominated them, a gift certificate for a free meal from different restaurants, their name read at the monthly school board meeting and their names entered into a monthly drawing for a \$100 check sponsored by Bailey and Wood and the Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation.

August - Dr. Timothy Edsell

September - Jennifer Magana

October - Anthony Thomas

November - Krista Henry

December - Vanesa Rangel

January - Brandon Wright

February - John Sincroft

March - Karmin Koelmel

April - Matt Murphy

May - Brian Kuchaes



EDUCATORS OF THE MONTH AT WCHS

We want to highlight a new program this year at the high school. Each month students nominate and vote on "Educators of the Month." To add a little bit more excitement to this program, Beeson Mechanical has generously donated gift cards to the winners of this monthly contest as a way of thanking teachers who are doing a great job in the classroom.

August - Jacob Phillips, Jesslyn Spicer, Jordan McClain, Allison Dugan

September - Justin Vanhorn, Kellie Kirkhoff, Brittany Hogue, Mizraim Lorenzo-Aguilar

End of October/Beginning of November - Molly Jacobs, Austin Munn, Christina Gonzalez, Lukas Haworth

End of November/Beginning of December - Kyle Haflich, Shelby Lewis, Elizabeth Breidinger, Callahan Waltz

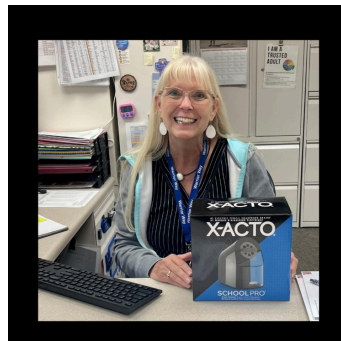
January - Mike Hand, Trevor Reece, Adam Dostalick, Alisha Owens

February - Jeremy Gale, Hannah Goeb, Ebben Sample, Natalee Lewis

March/April - Jen Accinelli, Joe Kirkhoff, Ellie Vanderveen-Walters, Phil Deiter

INTERN KYLIE

Hello, my name is Kylie McGovern and I am a senior at Whiteland Community High School. This school year I have had the opportunity to intern with CPEF. Working with Jenny Zahm and the board has been a wonderful experience. Throughout the year I have been able to help with all of their fundraising events. I have become more confident, been able to grow in my marketing skills, and learn about event planning and fundraising. This fall I will be attending Indiana University to study marketing.



PAYROLL DEDUCTION CAMPAIGN IS A SUCCESS!

CPEF's annual payroll deduction campaign raises money for student scholarships. Employees contributing \$3 or more per pay period receive incentives like a "Proud Supporter of Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation" t-shirt, 10 "Jeans Day" tickets and their name entered to win an electric pencil sharpener. I am happy to announce we had 54 new people sign up this year, and we were able to retain our numbers from last year. The lucky winners of the pencil sharpeners were Teresa Martin, Madison Lowe and Tammy Beck.



WHITELAND SCHOLARS

Whiteland Scholars had their opening kickoff on August 1st. All the mentors and students are excited for a great year!

SURPRISE SEPTEMBER

Andrew Prince, Realtor, sponsored a new campaign we called "Surprise September." This was just a fun way to boost the morale in the buildings and to say "Thank You" to our educators. Each week one teacher received \$100. Jaymi Adams, RCES
Hannah Griggs, WCHS
Abby Ellinger, CPMS
Megan Smith, CPELC





HONORING HEROES

Whiteland Community High School, in collaboration with the Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation, is leading a committee to establish a wall exhibit to pay tribute to our heroes. The display will feature the names of Whiteland graduates and graduates of the former Clark High School who sacrificed their lives in service. This tribute will encompass all branches of the military and first responders.

If you have any photos or memorabilia to contribute to the display, kindly deliver them to the main office of Whiteland Community High School.

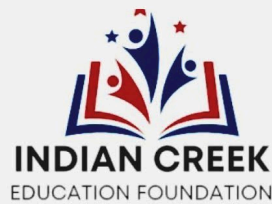
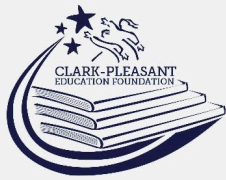
We would love for you to volunteer on our committee to help find the names of these heroes. If interested, reach out to Jenny Zahm at jzahm@cpcsc.k12.in.us.

TEACHERS' TREASURES

We are excited to announce that CPCSC had 29 virtual runners for this year's Donut Dash with Teachers' Treasures. By participating in this race, those staff members get two free shopping trips to Teachers' Treasures. We are so thankful for this partnership and the opportunity to get supplies into our classrooms. Teachers' Treasures, in partnership with local businesses, charitable foundations, neighborhood organizations and individual contributors, operate a volunteer-based "Store for Teachers." Donated educational supplies and other materials are distributed via this unique conduit to teachers for the benefit of their students. Teachers' Treasures serve teachers from any school (public, private, charter or parochial) in Marion County and the immediate surrounding school districts with 60% or more of the student population on the free or reduced lunch programs.



EVENTS



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JOINT BOARD MEETING STRENGTHENS COMMUNITY

On Tuesday, August 22nd Executive Directors, Board Presidents and Treasurers from five southside school systems met for a working luncheon. This collaborative meeting has happened once a year for the last 4 years. The different foundations share best practices and ask advice from other foundations on everything from how to run a certain event to what kind of software is the best for online auctions. The best part of this annual meeting is the reinforcement of a community spirit. The executive directors from the different foundations get together sporadically, and they are in communication on a fairly regular basis, but this large gathering is always a refreshing way to start out the school year.

A FULL WEEKEND WITH JERRY LASITER!

Jerry Lasiter, a dedicated Warriors fan and honorary graduate of Whiteland Community High School, is being honored by the Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation with a scholarship in his name. The scholarship, previously a Pathways to the Future scholarship, now gives special consideration to applicants interested in special education, have had an IEP or are active in the community.

Friday, September 1st Jerry Lasiter was honored at a football game, Saturday, September 2nd received an award from Jessen Funeral Home on, and attended his former church, Heaven Earth on Sunday, September 3rd. The community showed support by donating to his scholarship and making the weekend special for Jerry and his family.





CLARK-PLEASANT PICKLEBALL CHALLENGE

We want to thank all who came and participated in our first Clark-Pleasant Pickleball Challenge sponsored by Innovative Casting Technologies. This was a fundraiser for the Jerry Lasiter Scholarship. We had a beautiful morning to play. Sami Brinkman sang the national anthem, and then 32 players played 10 games of round-robin rally play. The top 3 individuals were awarded 1st-3rd place (With Trophies made by our WCHS STEM and Manufacturing Classes). Congratulations to Kyaw Htun, 1st place, Robert Patterson, 2nd place and Isaac Ebeyer, 3rd place.

FIT AT THE FARM

Our annual 5K Run/Walk and 1-Mile Fun Run was a success again this year. Congratulations to our incredible winners, and a heartfelt thank you to Kelsay Farms for being our gracious hosts, Tuxedo Brothers for their impeccable timing, and Aiden Vargo Photography for capturing the magic. This event not only raised money for CPEF, but each PTO received money from those who registered under their name and some runners registered under the Jerry Lasiter Scholarship.



GAME DAY EXPERIENCE

One of our auction items at our annual Blue Jeans Ball is a "Game Day Experience." We had some VIPs at the Homecoming Game. These winners of the prize got to have backstage access with visits to the locker room, and press box. They watched the marching band warm up, ate snacks in the hospitality room, met the superintendent, watched the game from the sidelines and more!



GROUNDBREAKING CEREMONY
 Exciting day at WCHS! CPEF was honored to be part of the groundbreaking ceremony for the new high school expansion! We are all excited for the new high school project, and we are thankful for the many people who are making this possible. Thank you to all involved.

STAFF VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

We had a fantastic time at our first staff volleyball tournament to benefit the Jerry Lasiter Scholarship! Congratulations to the WCHS team for being the overall winner. Thank you Warweg Irrigation for being our event sponsor, and thank you to WES PTO for providing a concession stand and donating a part of their proceeds to the scholarship.



CANDYLAND KIDS PROM
 What a fantastic night we had at the Candyland Kids Prom! We had over 1,200 people in attendance, and we raised almost \$20,000 for next year's teacher grants. Thank you to our sponsors: Asher Conveying, Rascal's Fun Zone, Bailey and Wood, First Merchants Bank, Dolen Tool Sales, Shawn Smyth, The Mother-Daughter Team, Beeson Mechanical and Andrew Prince Realty. We also want to thank our vendors for the night: AMS Entertainment, Celtic Pretzel, Bonnie Jean's Food Truck, Amy's Ice Paradise, Merchant Brothers, Athlete Vision Photography and WCHS Art Honor Society.



SGT TICE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Friday before spring break the CPCSC Police Department hosted a Bake Off to raise money for the Sgt Tice Memorial Scholarship. I was lucky enough to be one of the judges.

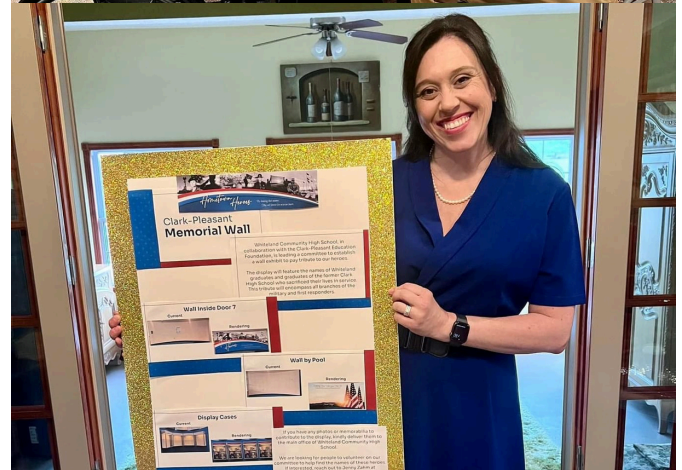


YOUTH LEADERSHIP ACADEMY

These 8 Whiteland students graduated from Youth Leadership Academy, which is the teen division of Leadership Johnson County. Did you know that CPEF gives scholarships every year to those Clark-Pleasant Students who are admitted into this program? Just another example of how we use those sponsorship dollars we raise each year. Congratulations Brody Polesel, Alex Smith, Gabi Weaver, Reagan Hill, Sarah Hoggatt, (CPEF Intern) Kylie McGovern, Charlotte Winscott and Bailey Orange!

CLARK ALUMNI BANQUET

I was honored to be a speaker at the Clark Alumni Banquet! What is now Clark Elementary used to be Clark High School. They graduated students from 1898-1965 when they consolidated with Whiteland to become Clark-Pleasant Community Schools. They have had a reunion ever year since the first year they consolidated. Jerry Lindsay has been the president of the alumni association for the past 28 years and has hosted this banquet with his classmate Barbra Evans that entire time. Tonight they honored the class of 1964. There were about 60 people in attendance this evening which is down from last year of 90 attendees. There is talk that next year may be their last banquet when they honor the class of 1965 for its 60th reunion. Clark Alumni donate to the CPEF scholarship fund, and a few are still active participants in the community. Thank you for the delicious dinner of homemade dishes and desserts and for the fellowship. It was so special to be a part of your night.



GRANTS RECEIVED BY CPEF



FORUM CREDIT UNION GRANT

Forum Credit Union granted \$2,381.49 to Whiteland Community High School teacher Alisha Owens for her Newcomer class. "When my students complete this class, I want them to feel they have not only improved their English fluency but developed friendships and support networks to last them a lifetime," said Owens.

CPEF is happy to help our teachers apply for grants such as this to enhance the classroom experiences of our students.

CASEY'S REWARDS PROVIDES GRANT FOR SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation won a grant from Casey's Rewards for \$5,000. This money went to purchase school supplies for teachers. CPEF set up booths at both the new teacher orientation day and the staff meeting vendor fair. Teachers filled out wish lists of items, and the foundation filled requests and dropped them off at their respective schools.



DOLLAR GENERAL LITERACY GRANT

We want to say "Thank You!" to Dollar General Literacy Foundation for our 2023 youth literacy grant! We were awarded \$2,000 for nonfiction books at Clark Elementary School. We want to say a special thank you to Johannah Pollert and Rachel Page for all of their work on this grant.

OTHER GRANTS WE RECEIVED DURING THE 2023-24 SCHOOL YEAR:

- Johnson County Community Foundation \$5,500 - Education Programs
- Everwise Foundation \$5,000 - Mentorship Program
- Duke Energy Foundation \$2,500 - Drones for Seventh-grade STEM
- REMC Operation Round-Up \$1,600 - Mentorship Program
- REMC Operation Round-Up \$1,000 - Traveling School Supply Store Storage
- Walmart \$1,000 - Punjabi Language and Culture books

GRANTS DISTRIBUTED BY CPEF

ENDRESS + HAUSER GRANT

CPEF is happy to announce we were able to give Clark-Pleasant Middle School and Whiteland Community High School each \$2,000 for STEM and Robotics thanks to our community partner Endress + Hauser. Endress is very generous to the schools in Johnson County, and we are so thankful for their support of the local community.



FALL GRANT CYCLE

Out of the 65 applications we received for fall educational grants, we were able to grant 20 lucky winners. CPEF was thrilled to say Happy "Thanks-GIVING" to those lucky winners. Thank you to all of our sponsors who create the opportunity for us to fulfill the requests from our teachers!



FINE ARTS GRANT

Ruby Butler is this year's winner of our Fine Arts Grant. Her grant encompasses all grade levels and all students in the district. Her grant is for the Second Annual District Literacy Contest, and this year's theme is "Inspiring Women." Grades Pre-K- 2nd Grade will participate in a Women's History Coloring Contest where the top 3 district winners will receive a ribbon and a prize.

