



CLARK-PLEASANT EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Quarterly Newsletter



C.P.E.F. NEWSLETTER

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NEW MEMORIAL UNVEILED!

Exciting News! Our new memorial walls have been installed at the high school. This display honors CPCSC (WCHS and Clark High School) alumni who died in the line of duty. We are adding in pictures and memorabilia in the cabinets. If you have something you want to add to the school display, please contact Jenny Zahm jzahn@cpsc.k12.in.us.



NEW PATHWAYS TO THE FUTURE SCHOLARSHIP PROVIDED BY THE MCELWAINS!



Mike McElwain graduated from Whiteland Community High School in 1969. He played football, basketball and track while a student at the high school. He graduated from Indiana Law Enforcement Academy and served 43 years with the Johnson County Sheriff's Department retiring with the rank of Lieutenant. Donna Esteb McElwain graduated from Whiteland Community High School in 1971. She was a member of the marching band. She graduated from Indiana Central College (now University of Indianapolis) with a major in nursing. She worked as a registered nurse for over 40 years at Riley and St. Vincent hospitals. Donna said, "We are both proud to be associated with the Whiteland Community High School Alumni Association. We are very grateful for the opportunities that were given to us while students at WCHS and wish to provide scholarships to students pursuing a career in Law Enforcement, Criminal Justice or Nursing." The McElwains are taking over one of the 6 Pathways to the Future Scholarships given out each year by The Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation. These are \$1,000 a year for 4 years renewable scholarships. Currently, the Doub Family and Jerry Lasiter have named scholarships with the Pathways Scholarships as well. Donations can be made to this scholarship with the link below. The application is open to those graduating in the WCHS Class of 2025 and the first scholarship will be given out this May.

JENNY'S JOURNAL



A note from Jenny's Journal: Even though we are starting our 12th year as a foundation, in many ways everything seems fresh and new. This last year the foundation has done a ton of behind-the-scenes work on our bylaws, strategic plans, insurance, and investment policies, as well as formal policies for scholarships, grants and more. Even though you might not be able to see all of that work, you will see our new newsletters, our new website that will be launch very soon, our new Assistant Director/Event Planner Tracy Neer, and hopefully you will see a renewed passion for the foundation and our school community as a whole. There are a ton of exciting things happening in our school district with all of the new construction, new students, new staff and new administrators. One of the main goals of the foundation this year is to hold on to the treasured traditions that we have in our community while simultaneously embracing all the new. It is my goal to create a ton of mutually beneficial relationships with our community partners and to push the foundation to be an even bigger supporter of our students and staff at CPCSC.



Thank you for being a proud supporter of CPEF!

Jenny Zahm / Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation Executive Director

Jenny Zahm

ROBOTICS PROGRAMS RECEIVES GRANT!



EXCITING NEWS!! Endress + Hauser donated \$10,000 to Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation to further our elementary school robotics programs. All six of our elementary schools have robotics clubs that compete during the school year. This donation will help the schools purchase updated kits and parts for their robots this year along with club shirts, competition fees, food for students while they are at the competitions and more! We are so thankful for the generosity of our community partners and for the opportunities it creates for our students. #endresshauser #EndressHauser



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PHOTOS COURTESY OF:



Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation
Fall Grant Cycle
 Attention CPCSC Teachers, Administrators, and Staff,
 CPEF is giving out up to \$15,000 in grants this fall.
 Scan the QR code to apply.



UPCOMING EVENTS:

CLARK-PLEASANT EDUCATION FOUNDATION

PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, SEPT. 14TH

REGISTRATION
7:30-8:30 A.M.
TOURNAMENT
STARTS AT 9:00 A.M.



TITLE SPONSOR



\$30 PER PERSON

10 GAMES OF ROUND ROBIN PLAY
-TOP 3 PLAYERS AWARDED

WHITELAND COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOL

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE JERRY LASITER SCHOLARSHIP

MORE INFORMATION
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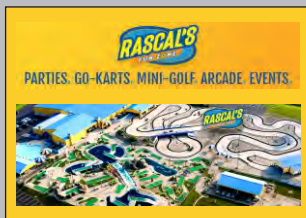
PICKLEBALL CHALLENGE TO BENEFIT THE JERRY LASITER SCHOLARSHIP

Attention Pickleballers! Please join us for a fun event for players of all ages and skill level! We are raising money for the Jerry Lasiter Scholarship. This is a four-year renewable scholarship intended for those who are going into special education, have had an IEP in school or who have made an impact on the community.

The second annual Pickleball Challenge will be held on Saturday 9/14/2024 from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the Whiteland Community High School Tennis Courts. In case of inclement weather we will have a rain date of Sunday, September 15th at 1:00 p.m. (There will not be a 3rd date.) All proceeds go to the Jerry Lasiter Scholarship fund. Jerry is a long-time honored icon in the Clark-Pleasant Community. The entrance fee is \$30.00 and include a T-shirt if you register by Sept. 1, 2024. There will be additional shirts at the event, but they will be limited. This is a round robin, rally scoring to 15 event. We have 10 courts ready to go. An award will be presented to the champion with the highest point total. All levels of players are invited. You must be at least a freshman in high school to participate. Please remember this is a scholarship fundraiser so bring your checkbooks or contribute to our buckets. Any level of giving will help to get this scholarship fully funded. It is for a good cause honoring the legacy of a great man. Walk-ins will be welcome, but we cannot guarantee participation without a pre-registration.



THANK YOU TO OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS:



2024 FIT AT THE FARM



Last day to sign up to guarantee you receive a Fit at the Farm T-shirt is Monday, September 16.



SCAN TO REGISTER



This is a fun event for the whole family. Kelsay Farms is open for their fall activities for participants from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. prior to opening to the public at noon. Your race bib is your entrance to the farm all day if you want to come back and play later. This race supports our fall grant cycle and our student scholarships in the spring. We hope to see you there!

Let's make this year's fun, family, fall event a GREAT fundraiser for our school!

Registration/Packet Pickup: 7:30 a.m.-8:30 a.m

5K: 9:00 a.m.

1-Mile Fun Run will start approximately 9:45 a.m.

Questions? Please Contact:

Jenny Zahm

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GetMeRegistered.com/FitAtTheFarm



Guaranteed thru September 16th!



5k
Thru July 21 >> \$25
July 22 - Aug. 31 >> \$30
Sep. 1 - Sep. 29 >> \$33
Sep. 30 - Oct. 4 >> \$35
Race day >> \$40

1-mile
12 & under >> \$15
13+ >> \$20

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SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT 2024



Scholarship Night Scholarships Winners and Presenters:

The Butch Zike Scholarship-Ashlyn Ricketts (Bethany and Cana Guilfooy presented)

The Alaina Day Memorial Foundation-Kinsey Shipp and Ashlyn Ricketts (Megan Day, Mary Ward and Kelly Chamberlin presented)

The James Sleighter Memorial Scholarship-Kenzie Wilson (Jenny Zahm presented)

The Sergeant Charles Tice Memorial Scholarship-Johnathan McCoy (Chad Pryce Presented)

The Doub Family Scholarship-Jonathan McCoy (Dan Callon Presented)

BRAND NEW SCHOLARSHIP-The Jerry Lasiter-Emma Gunn (Dave McMillan, Judy Lasiter Wallace and Jill Lasiter Cramblett Presented)

The Pathways to the Future Scholarships: (Jenny Zahm presented)

Ashlyn Ricketts

Ashley Stofer

Chase Koester

Grace Houseman

The Kevin Starnes Scholarship-Teagan Bensheimer (Jenny Zahm presented)

The Sharon Conner to a four year school-Kali Weber (Sharon Conner presented)

The Sharon Conner and Dr. James Shackelford-Teagan Bensheimer (Sharon Conner Presented)

The WCHS Alumni Scholarship-Emma Gunn-(Debbie Everman presented)

The WROC Scholarship-Ashley Stofer (Ryan Tomlinson presented)

Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT

BLUE JEANS BALL



The 6th annual Blue Jeans Ball featuring Rafael Sanchez as our emcee for the night was a great success! This benefit dinner/casino night had both a live and silent auction. It was a fantastic night of fun and fundraising. CPEF profited almost \$40,000 from this event and used those funds to give out our student scholarships this summer as well as fund our upcoming fall grants.



LEGACY AWARDS!



The Legacy Award is an award that recognizes teachers, staff members and administrators who have been influential in the life of a graduating senior during their time at CPCSC. This person could be anyone from the district that has made a positive impact. Custodians, cafeteria workers, bus drivers, coaches, as well as teachers and counselors have all been nominated. The nominations for this award are presented as an opportunity for seniors to thank those who have helped them in their journey towards graduation. This is not a requirement but merely an option.

The Legacy Awards Night is one of the best nights of the year! The nominations for this award come in as letters written by the students talking about their nominees and all the ways they have made an impact in their lives. Every year the students are given the opportunity to read their letters aloud and to personally thank those who have impacted them. It is a beautiful night of gratitude.



CPEF NEWS & NOTES



HARLEM WIZARDS RETURN TO GLENN RAY GYM



**SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER
9TH
7pm @ WCHS**
to benefit the
**CLARK-
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EDUCATION
FOUNDATION**

RECOGNIZE EXCELLENCE

Recognize Excellence is sponsored by Bailey and Wood. Remember you can recognize someone if you feel like they are doing a fantastic job. Winners are selected from all nominations. It's always a good day to recognize those who go above and beyond for our students.



It's the start of a new month, so you know what that means - a **NEW RECOGNIZE EXCELLENCE** winner from Bailey and Wood! Congratulations to Caroline Thompson, First grade teacher at Pleasant Crossing Elementary School. And Congratulations to our August winner, Katie Britt!

We love recognizing those who are doing a fantastic job.



THANK YOU TO OUR PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2024 PAYROLL DEDUCTION CAMPAIGN



I want to take a minute and recognize the first round of winners from our Payroll Deduction Campaign. Payroll Deductions from our staff go directly towards our student scholarships. Last year our staff brought in over \$12,000 to fund our scholarships. Congratulations to Shayna Nelson and Hannah Griggs at WCHS and Dr. Tonya Burris-Mallory at CPMS. They are just a few individuals who are a part of our Payroll Program!

Thank you to our second and final round of Payroll Deduction Winners! These generous staff members represent those who have signed up to give a donation out of each of their paychecks this year to fund our student scholarships. Our staff has pledged over \$15,000 by the end of the school year!! Congratulations to Lisa Scudder, CPMS, Jaymi Adams, RCES, Jennifer Olivia Hobbs, GCES, and Cassandra McQueen, PCES. Winners of gift bags of supplies from Teachers Treasures.

Congratulations to Susan Burbank, CPMS, Matthew Anderson, WCHS, two lucky winners who won two tickets to the Blue Jeans Ball on May 16 at the Garment Factory.