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NEW HAVEMAN FAMILY AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCED!



Glenn and Becky Haveman, alumni of Ohio State University, grew up on farms and studied agronomy and nursing respectively in college. They dreamed of owning a farm and were delighted when the Whiteland Orchard went for sale in 1975.

The Haveman family owned and operated the Whiteland Orchard on Graham Road for 45 years. They have five children, Timothy, Mark, Jeremy, John and Rachel, who helped out on the farm and attended Clark-Pleasant Community Schools.

When the Havemans retired and sold the orchard, they wanted to continue to help the community. According to the Havemans, "We see a real need for future generations to go into farming or the agricultural field."

In order to encourage students to go into agriculture, the Havemans have started the Haveman Family Agricultural Scholarship that will be

maintained by the Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation. The Class of 2025 will have the first recipient of this scholarship. Students considered for this scholarship should be interested in a career in agriculture. This could be anything from farming to ag mechanics, ag education, horticulture, animal husbandry or something related to food production and more. "We see a great need to grow or at least maintain our agricultural segment of land in our country and maintain the agricultural segment of our population. We need people to grow fruits and vegetables as well as livestock and grains. We need educators who can teach where our food comes from starting in kindergarten all the way through college. Our population is growing, which means our need for food production is growing as well," said the Havemans.

Students applying for this scholarship must major in a field of agriculture, have participated in 4H and/or FFA and should demonstrate financial need. The application for this scholarship is now open and can be found on the Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation website.

CPEF SCHOLARSHIP ONLINE RESOURCE



Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation presents scholarships to deserving students as part of our mission of supporting the continuing educational experiences for our students. Scan the QR code to check out our scholarship programs.



JENNY'S JOURNAL

As my youngest child is graduating from high school this May, I have been very reflective of the time I spent with my kids in school. I was fortunate to be a stay-at-home mom when my kids were little and therefore spent a lot of time with them at school. I wanted to be a part of their lives, and I wanted to support them however I could. I started going into the classroom two days a week to just read with kids. Then I became a room mom and started making copies and cutting out laminated items and preparing supplies for art projects. Then I was the president of the PTO and I was planning parties, running fundraisers and chaperoning field trips. Then I started working with the foundation doing what I did with the PTO, but on a larger scale and with more schools. I was on booster clubs and special committees and volunteered for a variety of activities. And all of that led me to what I do today. When I look back over the last 20+ years, I realize it all started because I wanted to support my kids. And that has never changed.



At CPEF, when you make a donation, attend an event or volunteer for a committee, you are supporting our kids. You are showing that you believe in our schools, our teachers and in our kids. A strong support system is vital to the success of our schools.

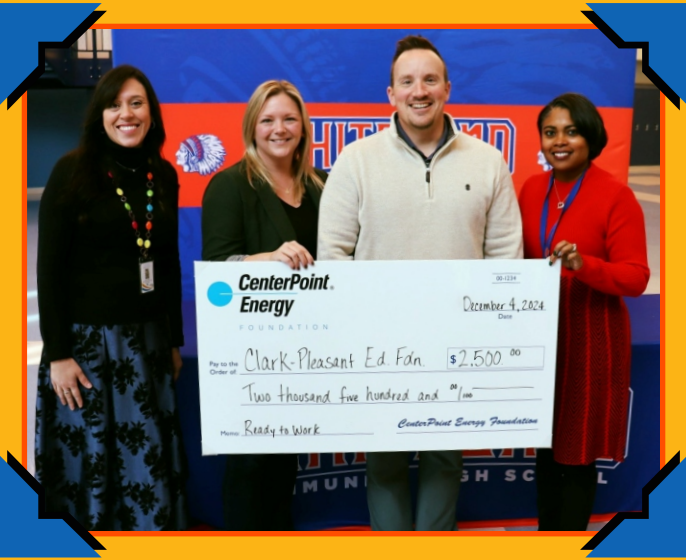
So, thank you for your support and thank you for being a part of our lives. I assure you, it matters.

Jenny Zahm



Jenny Zahm / Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation Executive Director

CPEF AWARDED CENTERPOINT GRANT



Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation is pleased to announce that Whiteland Community High School is the recipient of a \$2,500 grant from Centerpoint Energy Foundation for Ready to Work. The Ready to Work program aims to create opportunities and empower individuals through collaboration with local high schools, community organizations and employers. Designed around two main focuses—soft skills (essential skills training) and industry-focused training—the program addresses the skills gap for students by providing essential workplace skills needed to thrive in any company.

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NOVEMBER EDUCATORS OF THE MONTH

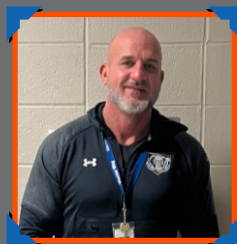


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DECEMBER EDUCATORS OF THE MONTH



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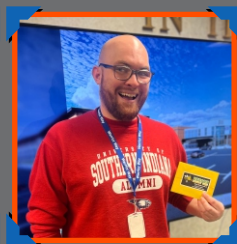


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JANUARY EDUCATORS OF THE MONTH



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FRIDAY, MAY 16, 2025
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Join us for dinner
& casino-style games!
Wear your blue jeans & bling!



SCAN QR CODE TO ORDER TICKETS!



CANDY LAND

Kids Prom

A NIGHT OF FAMILY FUN!

February 24th
at CPMS
5 - 8 pm

**Saturday,
February 22nd
5-7 p.m.**



Saturday, February 22nd from 5-7 p.m. - Post Prom at Rascal's Fun Zone from 7-10 p.m.

CandyLand Kids Prom was held on Saturday, Feb. 22. There were more than 1,000 people in attendance! This event is a fundraiser for both the Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation and all elementary school PTOs. This year we raised just more than \$17,000 in total profit. This money will go to support different programs in our elementary schools and Early Learning Center and our student scholarships given out at the high school this spring. We want to give a huge thank you to the **VOLUNTEERS** (Lenell, Tammy Lee, Amber, Tanya, Noah, Brenda, Katie, Tracy, NJHS Members) Thank you to our **VENDORS** (Merchant Brothers, Celtic Pretzel, Amy's Ice Paradise, Marco's Pizza, Antojitos Rosita, AMS Entertainment, NAHS-Face Painting), **SPONSORS** (First Merchants Bank, Bailey and Wood, Dolen Tools, Rascal's Fun Zone, The Mother/Daughter Team, and Beeson Mechanical), **POLICE OFFICERS, CUSTODIANS,** and all the **PARENTS, STUDENTS, COMMUNITY MEMBERS** and **PRINCIPALS** who attended. A huge shoutout to Indy Executive Limo for the donation of a limo. The night was a huge success thanks to all of you.



Early College Program
 Celebration Breakfast
 December 9, 2024



EARLY COLLEGE PROGRAM BREAKFAST



Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation was thrilled to sponsor a breakfast for our Early College Program students Dec. 15, at Whiteland Community High School. Early College is a new program starting with our current Freshmen. Students in this program will earn their Associates Degree in tandem with their high school diploma. This program puts an emphasis not only on classwork but skills such as time management and networking. It also encourages the families of the students in the program to be a part of their journey. We had 3 parent volunteers who helped serve breakfast, and we want to give a big shout out to our food services for catering this event. We are excited to see our Early College program mature and expand as our school system continues to grow.



What a fun morning! Today our Early College students were surprised with bags filled with treats to sustain them while they study for their upcoming finals. Thank you to Burlap 'N Hope for creating our Whiteland Bags and thank you to Dr. Shipp, Mr. Brownfield, and our parent volunteers for helping CPEF hand out a little joy on this chilly day!





RECOGNIZE EXCELLENCE WINNERS!

RECOGNIZE EXCELLENCE DECEMBER 2024

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.



As we round out this first week of December, we want to give a big "Congratulations!" to **Megan Miller, teacher at Grassy Creek Elementary School**, as she is our winner of this month's Recognize Excellence program sponsored by Bailey and Wood. We are very appreciative of Bailey and Wood's support of programs like this to recognize and encourage those who are making a difference in the lives of our students. Have an **AMAZING** weekend!

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JANUARY 2025 RECOGNIZE EXCELLENCE



We are excited to announce January's Recognize Excellence winner sponsored by Bailey and Wood. Congratulations to **Leslee Ridge, Teacher at Whiteland Elementary School**

Happy March! This month's Recognize Excellence winner is **Michelle Meister**, 2nd grade teacher at Break-O-Day Elementary School! Thank You Bailey and Wood for sponsoring this monthly prize and THANK YOU Ms. Meister for being AWESOME!



RECOGNIZE EXCELLENCE FEBRUARY 2025

Any staff member can be nominated by other staff members or our school community. To quote Bethany Guilfoy, principal at Whiteland Elementary, "At Clark-Pleasant schools, we pay attention to the little things that add up to excellence within our school community. It helps us recognize the great achievements, attitude, and actions from our staff with our students. Thank you to our staff members who have made a positive impact on our students this school year!"

If you would like to nominate someone who is going above and beyond and doing a great job in our corporation, simply scan the QR Code

to access the **CPCSC Recognize Excellence Nomination Form**



HARLEM WIZARDS DELIGHT IN VISIT TO GLENN RAY!

The Harlem Wizards put on a great show on Saturday, November 9 in our Glenn Ray Gymnasium. Our home team composed of teachers, staff and alumni played hard and had a great time in this basketball extravaganza. Thank you to Shades of Blue for singing the National Anthem prior to the game. Thank you to our high school media students who captured the night with some fun videos and social media posts. CPEF profited \$9,835.11 from the night. Thank you to all who made the night a success!



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The Wizards are coming to town thanks to these generous community partners!



MAJOR SAVER LIMO RIDE/PIZZA PARTY WINNERS

Each year CPEF holds a Major Saver Card campaign in January. This year the campaign switched from a physical card to a digital card, and for top sellers there was an added prize of a limo ride to a pizza party. Due to these changes, this year's campaign was PHENOMENAL! Last year we profited \$6,081.75. This year's campaign came in at \$19,153.00! A portion of the card sales go back to the PTO the card was sold under. The breakdown of how much each PTO profited is listed below. CPEF uses the funds from this campaign to cover the cost of student scholarships for programs such as Youth Leadership Academy as well as incentives like celebratory meals for our Early College students and other CPEF sponsored events. Here are a few photos of our top sellers enjoying their limo ride and pizza party on February 24.



- BOD-\$1,669.50 WES-\$663.00
- CES-\$512.10 CPELC-\$209.70
- GCES-\$1,282.20 RCES-\$600.30
- PCES-\$809.10

GREAT JOB!



STAFF VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT SUPPORTS LASITER SCHOLARSHIP

On Saturday, February 22, staff from Clark-Pleasant Schools had a fantastic morning of team building having a friendly competition among co-workers while raising money for Jerry Lasiter's scholarship. There were seven teams that played two guaranteed games followed by a single-elimination tournament. The High School Team won the title at the end of the morning, but there was some fierce competition along the way. Bethany Guilfoxy, principal of Whiteland Elementary, put together the tournament. Chad Warweg of Warweg Irrigation and Hurricane Golf Carts was the sponsor of the event.

Since May 2024 we have raised \$32,217.22 for Jerry's Scholarship. This event brought in about \$1,500 that will be added to that total.



THANKSGIVING DAY OF GRANTS

Happy "THANKS-Giving"!! CPEF gave out Fall Education Grants on Tuesday, November 26. 10 Buildings, 3 hours, 21 surprise visits, and about a million smiles given and received! We are so thankful for our sponsors and donors who make today happen and for our educators who continue to be innovative in the classroom. And Thank You to Dr. Edsell, our Superintendent, for taking the morning to surprise our winners with us. A full list of grant winners is listed below.

- Stethoscopes for Success!, WCHS, Hannah Goeb \$399.80
- Literacy for a Lifetime, WCHS, Molly Wirt, \$500
- Building Thinking Classrooms, RCES, Lauren Cooper, \$468.19
- Third Grade Mileage Club, BOD, Laura Winscott, \$1331.44
- Engaging Activities, Across the Curriculum, CES, Mariah Hinderliter, \$800
- Riding into the Future, PCES, LaQueatia Callahan, \$1000
- Be the CAUSE that EFFECTS early education!, CPELC, Amy Baar, \$800
- Seeing is Believing!, CPMS, Patty Evans, \$579.70
- Game On!, RCES, Andrea Nuhfer, \$326.78
- Transforming Students to Become Mathematicians, WCHS, Shelby Lewis, \$934.65
- Aquaponics and Living Systems, WES, Heather Smarrelli, \$345
- Makerspace Design and Exploration Area, Admin, Nicole Osborne, \$1,000
- Transition Program Coffee Cart, WCHS, Lisa Zobel, \$388.31
- Stories are INSPIRING!, GCES, Olivia Hobbs and Rebekah Groeber, \$1,236
- Graphing Calculators for Students, WCHS, Mike Gillespie, \$1,000
- Virtual Author Visit, CES, Kelly Roy, \$500
- Storybook Sanctuary: A place for growth, WES, Amanda Compton, \$241.16
- Enriching Young Minds: Funding a Sensory Table for Enhanced Learning, CPELC, Jeana Franklin, \$379
- Books are the Prize, RCES, Sherry Pryor, \$975
- Phonics Fun: Building Early Readers Through Play and Learning, RCES, Trisha Ruppert, \$990.33
- Growing our Fact Fluency Knowledge through Differentiated Learning Opportunities, BOD, Emma Ray, \$532.73



THANKS-GIVING! A FULL DAY OF GRANT GIVEAWAYS TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 26TH



A BONUS DAY OF GRANTS TO START THE YEAR!

A Bonus Day of Grants! Thanks to a very generous grant we received from The Branigin Foundation, CPEF was able to not only give out \$15,000 worth of grants in November for "THANKS-Giving," but we were also able to surprise three more grant applicants today! In total, CPEF, with the support of The Branigin Foundation, was able to give out \$17,500 in Educational Grants this school year!! Below is a list of today's winners.

Culinary Students Cooking Competition at Disney World by Amy Norcross to be used for student costs associated with the trip in the amount of \$1,000 (Rebecca Lang accepted on behalf of Amy Norcross who was not in the building today.)

Student Incentive PBIS Store at CPMS by Warrior Way Incentive Committee - Emily Cangany, Maggie and Erik Schneider, Patty and Leigh Evans, William Bohling in the amount of \$550 (Maggie Schneider accepted on behalf of her team)

Fuel the Experience Tickets for 5th-grade students to go to an Indy Fuel Game by Brittney Mack and the 5th-grade team in the amount of \$1,260



BECOME A MENTOR

Mentors needed for Whiteland Scholars: Become a Mentor – Make a Lasting Impact! The Whiteland Scholars Program is seeking dedicated community members to serve as mentors for a new class of first-generation college students! As a mentor, you will provide guidance, encouragement, and support to help students navigate their journey to higher education. No prior mentoring experience is required—just a passion for helping students succeed! Mentors meet with their mentees monthly and provide ongoing encouragement as they prepare for college. Join us in making a difference! If you're interested in becoming a mentor, please complete the Whiteland Scholars Mentor Application Google Form if you are interested. ----->

Please contact Mr. Brownfield (Assistant Principal at WCHS) if you have questions at jbrownfield@cpcsc.k12.in.us



Thank you for your time and consideration!

LEGACY AWARD NOMINATION INFO

The Legacy Award nomination is an award that recognizes teachers, staff members and administrators who have been influential in your time at CPCS. This person could be anyone who has made a positive impact during your time at Clark-Pleasant Schools including, but

not limited to, a 2nd-grade teacher, middle school robotics coach, counselor, custodian, bus driver, cafeteria worker, etc. Your nomination letter will be shared with the legacy nominee. All nominees will be presented with a certificate and a copy of their letter from the student at a banquet in May. All applications are due by Tuesday, April 8, 2025. Scan the QR code to access the Legacy Award Nomination Form.



GRANT DOLLARS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

CPEF GRANT DOLLARS AT WORK

A huge thank you goes to Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation for funding the cause-and-effect activities during the Fall 2024 cycle. Christmas came early to the Clark-Pleasant Early Learning Center this week. Fulfilling this grant has allowed us to support 240 plus students of varying backgrounds and abilities. We currently have 17 different home languages represented in our program and 124 students and increasing access to resource support. We received our cause-and-effect activities and have put them to good use. Students in all areas of our program have been blessed with new learning tools. We have used the 800 dollars awarded to add new items to our waiting area, evaluation room, therapist areas, resource room and each classroom teacher was given the opportunity to choose new items for their students, while also receiving new puzzles and bubble makers.

In just the short time we have had these new items we have seen an increase in communication, cooperation, determination and pure joy from our current students, evaluated students and visiting children in our lobby. While visiting a classroom one of the teachers was using the bubble maker during circle time. A student who is typically very quiet was jumping up and down smiling, isolating their pointer finger and was saying Pop! Pop! Pop! In another classroom I noticed a student and peer turn taking on their own as they were adding shapes to the shape sorter one at a time. The learning tools are already making an impact! We appreciate your support of our youngest Warrior learners!

Grant Dollars at Work!!!

Mariah Hinderliter, Kindergarten teacher at Clark Elementary, shared this about her grant "Engaging Activities Across the Curriculum" she won during our fall grant cycle.

"The grant money has been such a wonderful blessing to our classrooms! The engaging items we were allowed to buy have created so much excitement for learning from our kinders. They cheer with delight when we do stations and small group activities because of the wonderful gift you have given us! Here are some pictures of our kiddos using some of the wonderfully engaging and educational products you graciously purchased! Again, thank you so much!!!"

Hello!

I had won a grant last year for a "Reading Detective" room transformation but went on maternity leave before having a chance to use it. Today we finally got the chance to plan our reading detective day in 1st Grade! (Grassy Creek) As we wrapped up our unit on studying words with "Silent E" students put their reading skills to the test by becoming word detectives and solving various reading activities in each 1st Grade classroom! They used magnifying glasses and invisible ink pens and were awarded with a clue at the end of each activity to solve the mystery of who took our Reading mascot, Rasheed!

Thanks to this grant we were able to get all our 1st grade students excited and engaged in reading! Several students said this was the best day ever! We are so grateful for the Clark Pleasant Education foundation for awarding the grant and are eager to carry on Reading Detective Day for our future 1st graders as well!



TECH CHALLENGE SPONSORED BY CPEF

In the month of January, Michelle Allee and Christa Rinehold had a 12-day Tech Challenge to keep staff engaged, learning, and growing their skills. Each day, participants had the chance to learn a new tech tip or strategy, building their digital toolbox one step at a time!

The Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation provided prizes to keep everyone motivated. Every challenge completed earned a chance to win. The participants really enjoyed this challenge. Here are a few comments that were given by those who participated:

"Thanks for the great event! It was very useful and soooo timely!"

"This is so good to do. I am building my AI folder on the bookmark page from this even more."

"The challenge was a great way for me to get exposure to a lot of different tools to use for different purposes. Some of them I will never need again or use, but I wanted to give them all a try to see what's available. I found many that I have either applied to my classroom already, recommended to [my daughter] or my students, or will just use in everyday life."

"I was excited about the challenge because I have found AI to be extremely helpful with planning and carrying out my lessons. Because of the challenge, I was introduced to even more resources than I knew about and am excited to try them out!"

"It was fun to see what I was already using in the classroom, what I could expand on, and how easily I could add new tech options into the learning experience!"

"The challenge provided a helpful structure for me to explore AI tools. Prior to participating, I felt overwhelmed by all of the choices and avoided AI, but working my way through the tasks helped me hone in on which tools will work best for my content area." Congratulations to all who participated!

