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July news



CPEF was excited to kick off another year of celebrating outstanding Clark-Pleasant staff members with our **first Recognize Excellence winner of the 2026–2027 school year!**

Jennie Singh of Grassy Creek Elementary School was surprised and recognized for the positive impact she makes on students, families, and colleagues each day.

The Recognize Excellence program is made possible through the generous support of Bailey & Wood, whose partnership allows CPEF to celebrate the incredible people making a difference throughout our schools.

We are grateful for dedicated educators like Jennie and for community partners like Bailey & Wood who continue to invest in Clark-Pleasant. Congratulations, Jennie, on this well-deserved recognition! We look forward to celebrating many more outstanding staff members throughout the year.

HONORING JERRY'S LEGACY: SCHOLARSHIP FULLY ENDOWED

Some people leave an impact so profound that their legacy becomes woven into the fabric of a community. Jerry Lasiter was one of those people. If you grew up in Whiteland or attended Whiteland Community High School, you likely remember his contagious smile, unwavering support of the Warriors, and the Bazooka Bubble Gum he always had ready to share. Most of all, you remember how he made people feel—seen, valued, and loved.

Today, Jerry's legacy continues to live on in meaningful ways. **A beautiful new mural at Bailey & Wood and the Nire Event Center, made possible by Whiteland alumnus and proud Warrior supporter Mike Wood**, now serves as a lasting tribute to someone who meant so much to Warrior Nation.

CPEF is also proud to celebrate the full endowment of the Jerry Lasiter Memorial Scholarship. Thanks to the generosity of our community—including donations, sponsorships, the annual Pickleball Challenge, Staff Volleyball Tournament, and an extraordinary gift from Jerry's family—the Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation **has officially reached its \$100,000 goal.**

This milestone ensures Jerry's scholarship will be here for generations to come, providing lasting support to Whiteland Community High School seniors pursuing careers in special education while honoring Jerry's lifelong commitment to helping others.

To Jerry's family, Mike Wood, and every donor, sponsor, volunteer, participant, and member of Warrior Nation who helped make this possible: **thank you for ensuring Jerry's story and legacy will continue to inspire generations of future Warriors.**



Upcoming Events



CPEF CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

Get your team together and test your toss! Join us for our inaugural Cornhole Tournament—a fun-filled day of friendly competition and prizes, all while supporting Clark-Pleasant students and teachers. Whether you're a serious player or just looking for a good time, all skill levels are welcome.

👉 [Click Here to Register Your Team](#)

JERRY LASITER PICKLEBALL CHALLENGE

Serve up some support for education! Grab a paddle and jump into the fastest-growing sport around at our upcoming Pickleball Challenge. It's a fantastic way to stay active, connect with the community, and help raise funds for CPEF programs. Open to players of all levels!

👉 [Click Here to Sign Up & Play](#)



FALL GRANT CYCLE – APPLICATIONS OPEN SEPT 1!

Attention Clark-Pleasant educators and staff! Have an innovative project or classroom idea that needs funding? The CPEF Fall Grant Cycle officially opens on September 1st. Don't miss out on the opportunity to bring your creative teaching ideas to life!

👉 [Learn More & Apply Starting Sept 1st](#)

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

A big thank you to Corient, Andrew Prince Realty, and Ryan Homes for sponsoring this year's Cornhole Tournament! Your generous support helps make this event possible and brings our community together for a fun day of competition and connection. We truly appreciate your partnership and support!



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Welcoming Our New Interns

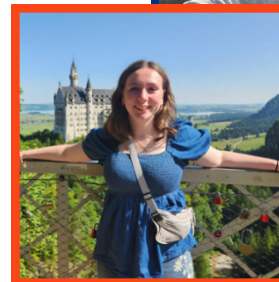
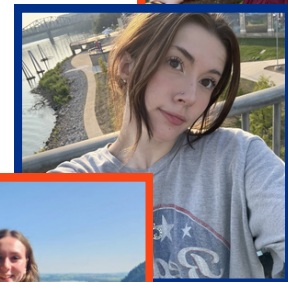
We're excited to welcome **our interns for the 2026-2027 school year** and have them join the team!

Evelyn is a junior at Whiteland Community High School and is part of the Early College program. She has a passion for storytelling through video and enjoys creating projects and broadcasting for WHEN.

Alina is a student at Franklin College, where she is double majoring in English and Creative Writing. Outside of class, she enjoys reading and writing poetry.

Cadence is a senior at Whiteland Community High School and is involved in several activities, including color guard, Blue Revue, Wind Symphony, Spanish Honor Society, and the Radio/TV program. She has a passion for dance and has been dancing for 15 years.

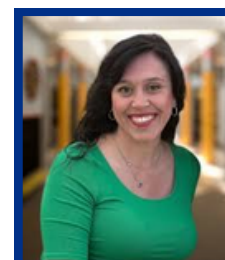
We look forward to learning from your fresh perspectives, supporting your growth, and seeing all you accomplish during your time with us!



Jenny's Journal

One of the funny things about being a parent is that you stop measuring time in calendar years and start measuring it in school years.

Every August reminds me of that. If you're anything like me, you're probably wondering where summer went. It feels like we blinked, and suddenly another school year is here. **As another summer comes to a close, I'm reminded just how quickly the seasons of life pass.**



One day you're dropping your child off for their first day of kindergarten. Then it's the first middle school dance, Friday night football games, school plays, senior pictures, and graduation. Before you know it, the years that once felt so long have somehow passed in the blink of an eye.

As my own children have now been out of high school for a few years and are navigating their college journeys, I've found that in many ways, the students of Clark-Pleasant have become "my kids," too. I remember dropping my own children off for their first day of kindergarten and wondering what the years ahead would hold. I remember juggling schedules between multiple schools, countless activities, practices, performances, and sporting events, convinced life couldn't possibly get any busier. And I certainly remember those emotional senior years, cherishing every "last" while wondering how the time had gone by so quickly. Those experiences have stayed with me, and they shape the way I now see and care about the students and families I have the privilege of serving every day.

No matter where you are in your family's journey—whether you're sending your first child to preschool or celebrating a senior's final first day of school—I **want you to know that I remember those seasons. I know how quickly they pass, and I know how important it is to make every one of those school years meaningful.**

That is exactly why I am so passionate about the work I do as I begin my eighth year as Executive Director of the Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation. Every event we host, sponsorship we secure, donation we receive, and volunteer who gives their time allows us to invest directly back into our students and staff.

Together, we provide teacher grants that bring new ideas to life in our classrooms, scholarships that help students pursue their dreams after graduation, and opportunities that create lasting experiences across Clark-Pleasant.

None of it happens without people who believe in our students, our educators, and our community. **This year, I invite you to be part of that mission.** Whether you serve on a committee, volunteer at an event, become a sponsor, make a donation, or simply share your time and talents, there is a place for you at CPEF.

Because at the end of the day, these are our kids, our schools, and our community—and when we invest in them, we are investing in the future of Clark-Pleasant.

Until next time, thank you for believing in and supporting our Warriors.