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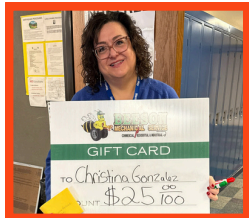
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DECEMBER NEWS



December was a meaningful and busy month for the Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation, filled with recognition, celebration, and opportunities to connect with our school community. **Our Recognize Excellence winner this month is Anne Cook of Grassy Creek Elementary.** We are proud and excited to recognize her, and thank you to Bailey & Wood for making this possible!

December also gave us the chance to celebrate outstanding educators through our **Educator of the Month Awards**, sponsored by **Beeson Mechanical**. These awards are especially meaningful because they are nominated and voted on by students. Congratulations to **Christina Gonzales, Allison Dugan, Heather McCormick, and Katie DeClercq**, and thank you for the impact you make every day.



As we head into the new year, we are excited to get back to work after the holidays, make the **second half of the school year a great one**, and continue supporting our students and educators. We are especially looking forward to the events we'll be hosting in the months ahead and can't wait to bring our community together again.

UPCOMING EVENT



JAN. 10 | 8:00AM
CPCSC Staff-Only
Volleyball Tournament

Whiteland Community High School

Calling all staff! Join us for a day of community building and fun! Registration for 8-player teams is \$160, and individual registration is \$20. All proceeds will go to the Jerry Lasiter Memorial Scholarship! Tickets can be purchased online through the CPEF website "Events" tab.

Volleyball Sign Ups

CPCSC STAFF ONLY

VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

2 GAME POOL PLAY, SINGLE ELIMINATION TOURNAMENT

TEAM ENTRY = \$160 (EIGHT PLAYERS)
INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION = \$20
WHHS NORTH BUILDING - MAIN GYM
ENTER THROUGH DOOR #12

JANUARY 10, 2026
8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Proceeds will benefit the
Jerry Lasiter Memorial Scholarship

EVENT SPONSOR:



We don't know why they're called sneakers. Everybody's going to see you coming...

Scan here or visit JCBank.com/WAFI and enter daily through February 22 to win custom Warriors Air Force 1 shoes!

JCBank

Contest ends February 22, 2026

Candyland Kids Prom
Benefiting the Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation

Saturday, February 28th, 5-7 p.m.
Clark-Pleasant Middle School
For Preschool & Elementary Students with an Adult Guest

Dress your best!

What to expect:

- Music & Dancing
- Games & Activities
- Selfie Stations
- Snacks

Ticket Information
Presale: \$12 per person OR \$10 per person if purchasing 3 or more tickets (presale only)
At the Door: \$15 per person

Get your tickets today!
\$2 of every ticket sold goes back to each school's PTO



UPCOMING EVENT

FEB. 28 | 5:00-7:00PM

All families of preschool-5th grade students are invited to February's Candy Land Kids prom! All students must be accompanied by an adult. Each guest will receive candy from the candy shop, a bottle of water, a chance to win prizes, and access to games, dancing, photo opportunities and more!

Tickets can be found at:
<https://clarkpleasanteducationfoundation.networforgood.com/events/92834-kids-prom-2026>

Grants in Action

We love seeing Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation grant dollars making an immediate impact in our classrooms!

At Whiteland Elementary School, Jamie Smith shared how her students are already benefiting from interactive games and activities made possible through a Foundation grant. "My classroom has enjoyed being granted the opportunity to have interactive games and activities. We look forward to using all the supplies we received through your generosity," she shared. Moments like these remind us why supporting classroom innovation matters.



Another exciting example comes from Rebecca Graham's classroom at Whiteland Elementary, where her grant, "Board'om Busters," is bringing learning to life. Students are using Boogie Boards and a Neon Display Board to actively participate in lessons, share their thinking in real time, and stay engaged during instruction. These reusable tools also help reduce paper waste, creating a sustainable impact that will benefit students for years to come.

Thank you to our educators for creating dynamic learning environments and to our donors for making these opportunities possible!

Major Saver

Major Saver is Back and It's DIGITAL!

Our Major Saver Fundraiser runs

January 8–23, making it easier than ever to support your school and the Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation.

Since 2019, Major Saver has raised \$56,000+ for our district, helping fund grants, scholarships, and classroom opportunities for students and teachers.

All the deals are right on your phone – no cards to carry, no savings left behind!

Packets go home this week – watch your child's backpack for details.



Pacers Fundraiser Is Here!

We're excited to partner with the Indiana Pacers for a fun and rewarding school fundraiser!

Families, friends, neighbors, and coworkers can purchase discounted Pacers tickets—and a portion of every ticket sold goes right back to support our school!

Students can also earn AMAZING Pacers prizes for participating, including:

- Sticker sheets
- Push Pop bounce balls
- FREE tickets to School Night
- Boomer plush
- Autographed basketball
- Personalized Pacers jersey

Our School Night: Thursday, March 12, 2026 – Pacers vs. Phoenix Suns

Order Tickets Online: PACERS.COM/SUNS

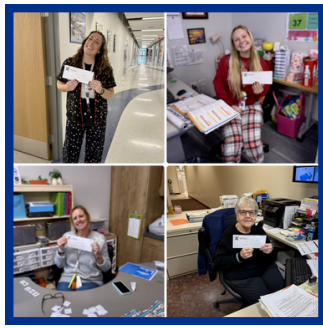
Deadline to order: Monday, January 26, 2026

Let's fill the stands, cheer on the Pacers, and support our school at the same time!



Holiday Gram Recipients

This December, we were excited to introduce Holiday Grams for the first time! Our team dressed up as elves to deliver messages of appreciation and encouragement throughout our schools, spreading smiles and holiday cheer just before winter break.



Scholarships Applications & Legacy Award Nominations

Clark-Pleasant Scholarships are now open!

We are excited to announce that applications are currently being accepted for the Clark-Pleasant Scholarship program. This opportunity is designed to support and recognize students for their academic achievements, leadership, and commitment to their future goals. Eligible students are encouraged to apply online.

Applications can be found at clarkpleasanteducationfoundation.org. Take advantage of this valuable educational opportunity.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

OPENING NOW!

All of the CPEF Scholarships are open and accepting applications. Spring Break is a great time to apply!

Check out the CPEF website for more information!
<https://clarkpleasanteducationfoundation.org>

Questions? Contact Jenny Zahm
jzahm@cpesc.k12.in.us

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Student Spotlight: Grady Rouse

Each month, we will be featuring a WCHS student who has been chosen as part of the **Youth Leadership Academy (YLA)**. CPEF provides scholarships to WCHS students for their tuition to the program. YLA selects exceptional Johnson County High School students to **learn more about the community and enhance their leadership skills**.

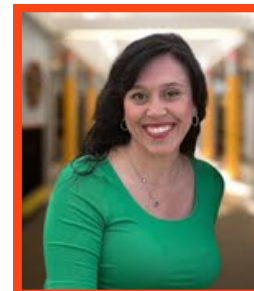
This month, we introduce you to Grady Rouse, a senior at WCHS. He is involved in Band, the Math Academic Team, Student Council, and volunteer organizations including the Spanish Honor Society and National Honor Society. He intends to attend the Rolls-Holman Institute of Technology to study engineering. **Grady has most enjoyed meeting new people who share a common goal of bettering our community through YLA.** He believes that one of the most important things YLA has taught him is the importance of networking. We hope that Grady takes the skills and experiences he gained at YLA with him into his future endeavors. **Congrats, Grady!**



Jenny's Journal

I'm writing this edition of Jenny's Journal on **New Year's Day**, a time that has become almost **sacred** to me. It is a day to **slow down, reflect, and plan**. Each year, I look back on **where I've been, what I've learned, and where I hope to go next**, setting **personal, professional, and family goals** along the way. As the calendar turns, many of us do the same, dreaming a little bigger and imagining how the year ahead might be different or better.

At the **Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation**, this season of planning is especially **meaningful**. We are always looking ahead and asking how we can **grow our generosity, strengthen partnerships, and expand our impact for students, educators, and our community**. Through educator grants, student scholarships, and collaborations with local businesses and organizations, our work is guided by **thoughtful planning and purposeful giving**.



As you plan for **2026**, I invite you to consider how the Foundation might be part of that vision, whether through **business sponsorships** or creating a **lasting legacy through planned giving**.

We believe **generosity is most powerful when it is intentional**, and we would love to plan alongside you. If you would like to **explore ideas or learn more**, I would be happy to connect. Let's make **2026 a year of meaningful impact together**.

Happy New Year!