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OCTOBER OVERVIEW

This month, we embraced the new season with fall festivities, community events, and, as always, celebrated our excellent staff and students.

We were so excited and proud to host our first ever **Trunk-or-Treat event!** Thanks to our local businesses, school clubs, and community groups, hundreds of trick-or-treaters received tons of candy and enjoyed all the fun-themed trunks. Congrats to Best Buddies for winning "Best Trunk Award" with their *Toy Story* theme.



After trick-or-treating, families moved over to the football field for a showing of **Hallowentown on the new Bailey and Wood Stadium scoreboard.** Another huge thank-you is owed to our student volunteers from NHS, SHS, and FHS, as well as to all the PTO's who came and sold items for our movie. **It is safe to say the night was a success, and we are already looking forward to next year!**



JCBank has blessed us again with another monthly donation in honor of their 125th anniversary.

October's recipient was **Whiteland High School's Punjabi Club.** Keep reading onto the next page to read more about this club, as well as their amazing staff sponsor, Kuldeep Waraitch.



A new month also means a new **Recognize Excellence Winner.** Congratulations to **Traci Noel, a preschool instructional assistant at Pleasant Crossing Elementary.**

We are so thankful for her hard work and contributions she makes to our schools each and every day.

Coming up, make sure to get your tickets for the Wizards vs Warrior Staff basketball game later this month! Also

look for tickets for the Candy Land Kids Prom coming up in February. See more information in the "Upcoming Events" column!



Once again, thank you to everyone who made this an amazing October!

UPCOMING EVENTS



NOV. 20 | 6:00PM
Wizards vs. Warrior Staff

Whiteland Community High School Gym

The Harlem Wizards are coming back to WHS! Doors open at 6PM with the game beginning at 7PM. Get your tickets now at <https://www.harlemwizards.com/tickets/whitelandIN>



FEB. 28 | 5:00-7:00PM
Candy Land Kids Prom

Clark-Pleasant Middle School

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.networkforgood.com/events/92834-kids-prom-2026>



Staff Spotlight: Kuldeep Waraitch

This month, we want to recognize Whiteland High School's Punjabi Club, our October JCBank donation recipient, as well as their staff sponsor: Kuldeep Waraitch.

The Punjabi Club started three years ago with a goal to inform students and the community more about Punjabi culture and bring awareness. Led by **Kuldeep Waraitch who is in her 20th year as an ELS teacher**, the club holds two festivals a year, holds fundraisers, and makes goody bags for the student body.

When asked what she wishes the community knew about the club, Kuldeep spoke about correcting misconceptions. **Through this club, students have the opportunity to educate about Punjabi culture, language, and traditions.** Kuldeep referred to it as a "joyful club with joyful events, with a mission to spread love."

With their JCBank donation, Kuldeep reports they plan to use it for their upcoming Diwali festival. Diwali is a Hindu festival of lights celebrating victory of good over evil. They also plan to give back to their home state in India, where a terrible flood just occurred. Kuldeep spoke on how **the club regularly gives back their earnings to their home state to provide shelter, food, and other necessities.**

The club will be hosting their Diwali festival on November 20th. Kuldeep expressed how this event is open to the community, and everyone is invited to enjoy. **We are so thankful for Kuldeep and all the ways in which she gives back to our schools.**



Special Story: Ambassador's Academy



Ambassador's Academy is back for its second year of informing the community of all it takes to run our corporation. The ambassadors meet each month with Dr. Edsell, Dr. Shipp, Dr. Schilawski, and other district leaders with a goal to gain knowledge, then share it with other community members. **With greater knowledge comes more opportunities to**

better our schools, and create the best place for students to grow and learn.

So far this year, ambassadors have toured the new construction at Whiteland High School, as well as the new K-5 building, and also met with the Department of Human Resources. **In the months to come,** they will learn more about transportation, school finance, food service, AI and academics, and job shadowing.

Community member Lenell Tate was a part of last year's program, and recalls greatly enjoying it. "The superintendent is really trying to connect," she said, "You don't understand how much goes into running a school and how much they love the kids."

Angi Oakes, who is in the program this year, has found her experience just as rewarding. She looks forward to receiving more knowledge, and learn the areas where she can best support and help.

We are excited to see what will come from this year's Ambassador's Academy. Congrats to this year's members: Tori Boyd, Rachel Calvert, Emily Golbov, Jamie Hillhouse, Quinton Moore, Angi Oakes, Andrew Prince, Sarah Richardson, Margot Sheets, Robert Speight, Shelby Trout, Terry Waggoner, and Katie Woolen.

Show off your warrior pride in style!

Our friends at JCBank are giving away a custom pair of Warriors Air Force 1 sneakers – and you could be the lucky winner!

Enter once per day at [JCBank.com/WAF1](https://www.jcbank.com/WAF1)
Must be 18 or older and an Indiana resident.
No purchase necessary.

Contest ends February 22, 2026

We're grateful for community partners like JCBank who continue to support our students, staff, and schools in fun and creative ways. Thank you for being such a strong part of the Warrior community!

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





Scan here or visit [JCBank.com/WAF1](https://www.jcbank.com/WAF1) and enter daily through February 22 to win custom Warriors Air Force 1 shoes!

And visit our Greenwood Banking Center or open your accounts online at [JCBank.com/Open](https://www.jcbank.com/Open)

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Sponsor Shoutout

We're incredibly grateful for the generous support of **Bailey & Wood** **MORTGAGE LENDER**. Each year, Bailey & Wood contributes \$7,500 to help make our programs and events possible. Their sponsorship includes \$1,000 for our Recognize Excellence Monthly Campaign, \$2,500 as a Main Event Sponsor for the Wizards Event, \$2,500 as a Main Event Sponsor for Kids Prom, and \$1,500 as a Table/Silent Auction Sponsor of the Blue Jeans Ball.

Their ongoing commitment helps us celebrate excellence, create meaningful experiences, and strengthen our community. Thank you, Bailey & Wood!

Student Spotlight: Alexa Lee



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 **Alexa Lee**. Alexa is a junior at Whiteland High School and is the president of her class. She also spends her time in student council, NHS, SHS, FCA athletic leadership, soccer, and being the team captain on the tennis team. When asked what excites her most about YLA, she replied, **"connecting with new people from all over Johnson county.** Congrats Alexa!



Educators of the Month

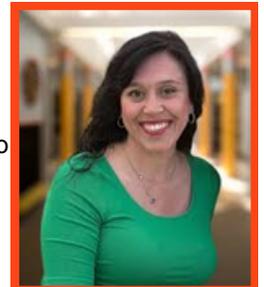
Congratulations to our Whiteland High School educators of the month of October! We are excited to recognize Christina Gonzales (9th grade), Thomas Ferris (10th grade), Kelsay Baker (11th grade), and Jeremy Gale (12th grade). Thank you all for all you do for our students!

October Educators of the Month Whiteland Community High School



Jenny's Journal

"The next couple of months are some of my absolute favorites at the Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation. There's so much joy and generosity in the air, and it's a wonderful reminder of what makes our community so special.



We kick things off with one of my favorite traditions—a full day of "Thanks-Giving," where we get to surprise educators who have been awarded grants from our fall grant cycle. Visiting classrooms and seeing the excitement on teachers' faces never gets old!

This season is also packed with fun events, including our always-popular Harlem Wizards Game, which brings students, families, and staff together for an unforgettable night of laughter and school spirit.

But what truly warms my heart during this time of year is witnessing the incredible generosity of our community. Whether it's through donations, volunteering, or simply looking out for one another, I see countless examples of people giving their time and resources to support those who need it most—especially during the holidays.

Being in this role is a blessing in so many ways. I get a front-row seat to the amazing acts of kindness, collaboration, and care that make Clark-Pleasant such a special place.

Wishing you all a season filled with gratitude and giving.

-- Jenny