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OCTOBER NEWS

We are excited to share that the **Ruth Callon Center has received a FORUM Foundation Educator Grant to create a new game room for students!** This project will provide a fun space where students can earn rewards while practicing important social skills like taking turns, sportsmanship and interacting with others. A huge thank you to the FORUM Foundation for supporting our schools and helping bring this exciting project to life!





Whiteland Community High School came alive last month as more than **750 kids and their families** gathered for our **2nd Annual Trunk or Treat**! From costumed toddlers to high schoolers hosting decorated booths, Warrior spirit was on full display. A special shout-out goes to **Mr. Bob Brubeck's WCHS business class**, who took on the planning and execution as a real-world class project—raising funds for WCHS Prom and Post Prom while giving our community a safe, festive evening. We are deeply grateful to local business partners and volunteers for bringing the candy, creativity, and magic!







Fueling Our Students' Future

No student should have to worry about a meal balance while trying to learn. Thanks to a generous **$5,000 sponsorship** from **Denton Floyd Real Estate Group** and **Allure Apartments**, our **Clark-Pleasant Food Service Angel Fund** received a major boost! As Allure Apartments becomes part of the Whiteland community, this partnership ensures families receive crucial support when they need it most.



Join the Warrior Partner Network! Is your business ready to make an unforgettable impact for local students? Sponsorship opportunities are open across all district programs. Contact **Jenny Zahm at jzahm@cpcsc.k12.in.us** to team up with us today!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Candyland Kids Prom





When local businesses give back, our community thrives.

CPEF is thankful for The Mother Daughter Real Estate Team's commitment to our community.

Their $500 donation at each closing helps fund programs that benefit students, teachers, and classrooms across our community.

Pigtails & Crewcuts haircuts for kids

Growing Knowledge and Leaving a Legacy at the Ruth Callon Center



Thanks to CPEF grant funding, students at the **Ruth Callon Center** are digging into hands-on learning—literally! From tending flower beds and mastering garden tools to tracking plant cycles and feeding local birds, students are building real-world skills every day. Best of all, as students graduate and return to their home schools, they earn the chance to craft a personalized paver for the center's memory garden, leaving behind a lasting mark of their growth and perseverance.

Unforgettable Friday Night Lights: Inside the Blue Jeans Ball Warrior Game Day Experiences



There is nothing quite like experiencing Whiteland Warrior football from the sidelines under the Friday Night Lights, and thanks to the silent auction at our annual Blue Jeans Ball, two local families got to do just that!

The **Goedeker family** kicked off Homecoming night in VIP style, arriving on co-branded **JCBank** golf carts before heading down to the field for pregame warmups, team photos, and the official coin toss. As owners of **Rascal's Fun Zone**, they even took center field for the 3rd-quarter Rascal's Kick! On another thrilling Friday night, the **Beeson** family stepped right into the action with sideline passes and high-fived the Warriors as they charged out on their way to an exciting 24–21 victory. Both families were treated to exclusive behind-the-scenes tours of the locker rooms, film room, and team meeting spaces.

A massive thank you to **WCHS Assistant Athletic Director Samantha Sturgeon**, the WCHS Athletic Department, and personal tour guide **Dave Heuchan**, whose enthusiasm, football games, and locker room stories made these nights truly magical. These unique experiences prove that Blue Jeans Ball silent auction wins do more than raise vital funds for CPEF—they forge lifelong Warrior memories. **Keep your eyes open for upcoming experiences up for bid at the 2027 Blue Jeans Ball!**

Jenny's Journal: Taking Time to Find the Good



We're back from Fall Break, and **I hope you found a little time to rest, recharge and reconnect** with the people and things that matter most. Now, somehow, we are already heading into the holiday season.

I love this time of year, but I also know it can be stressful. Calendars fill up, to-do lists get longer, and there are a hundred things competing for our attention, all while regular life continues right along with it.

Maybe that is one reason **Thanksgiving has always been one of my favorite holidays**. Yes, I enjoy turkey and a nap as much as anyone, but I especially love that we are encouraged to **intentionally focus on thankfulness.**

For my entire marriage, I have sent a holiday letter to family and friends. What started as a Christmas letter eventually became a Thanksgiving weekend tradition. Each year, I reflect on our family's previous 12 months, and **my letters have gotten ridiculously long**. I now bold important phrases so the roughly 200 recipients can skim instead of reading my annual novel! **But I still print, address and mail every one. And I keep a copy.**

Before writing the next letter, **I reread the old ones.** It's one of my favorite traditions because those letters remind me of something easily forgotten in everyday life: Life is pretty good overall.

That doesn't mean every year has been easy. **We've experienced illness, loss, disappointment and difficult seasons. But looking back at the whole story reminds me how much good has been there, too.** Celebrations, friendships, laughter, kids growing up, people showing up when we needed them and ordinary moments that turned out to matter most.

Sometimes we just have to intentionally look for the good.

As we enter this busy season, **I want you to know how thankful I am for you.** For your generosity, your community spirit and your belief that you can make a difference.

I know something about you even if we've never met. You're reading a small, local education foundation's newsletter! That tells me you care about our community, our schools, our educators and, most importantly, our kids. That's pretty special.

So this Thanksgiving, amid the cooking, shopping, football and hopefully a nap, take a moment to reflect on your own story. The hard parts will always be there, but I hope you'll also find the good. I suspect there's more than you realize.

Happy Thanksgiving, and thank you for being part of our CPEF family!