

# CLARK-PLEASANT

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## SEPTEMBER SUMMED UP

September was filled with exciting events, fun surprises, and plenty of community spirit.

On September 13th, we held the **third annual Jerry Lasiter Memorial Scholarship Pickleball tournament**, and the community showed up in record-breaking numbers. The day was packed

with excitement and friendly competition as we honored Jerry Lasiter and his lasting impact on Clark-Pleasant. A huge thank you goes out to our sponsors for making this event possible!

We were also grateful to receive the **continued support from JCBank**, who have been blessing our community with monthly donations in honor of their 125th anniversary. This month, the **Whiteland Community High School Investment Club was recognized** for their dedication to helping students learn about financial literacy and investing. We are so proud of their hard work, and deeply thankful to JCBank for their generosity.

To round out the month, we participated in the **All Aboard Volunteer and Board Fair** hosted by Leadership Johnson County. Community members connected with Johnson County nonprofit organizations to explore volunteer opportunities. We were glad to make new connections and grateful for the chance to attend.



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Looking ahead, be sure to mark your calendars for our upcoming fall events: our first ever **Trunk or Treat** on October 26th and the **Wizards vs. Clark-Pleasant Legends Basketball Game** on November 20th. Check out the "Upcoming Events" column for more details!

**See the next page** for information regarding more important reminders, **Surprise September winners**, another **Youth Leadership Academy** feature, and some fun stories about some special faculty members.

## UPCOMING EVENTS



**OCT. 26 | 4:00-8:00PM**  
**Trunk-or-Treat**

Whiteland Community High School  
Parking Lot North of Football Field

We are excited celebrate Halloween with you as we host our first ever trunk-or-treat! Trunk-or-treating will be from 4-6 with a movie to follow on the new scoreboard from 6-8. Make sure to bring a blanket as no chairs are allowed on the football field! Interested in being a sponsor? Sign-up today for some guaranteed perks!  
<https://clarkpleasanteducationfoundation.networkforgood.com/events/90216-trunk-or-treat>



**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>



# Surprise Septembers

The month would not have been complete without our **Surprise Septembers** sponsored by realtor Andrew Prince. Because of his generosity, four different staff members were selected at random to win \$100.

Our first winner was **Erica Russell**, a teacher at Ray Crowe Elementary. Next was **Rupinder Gadri**, a preschool instructional assistant at Clark Elementary.

Then we surprised **Ella Rapp**, a teacher at Pleasant Crossing Elementary. Our final winner was **Beth Ryshavy**, a teacher in our K-5 trauma and behavior program

**We loved getting to surprise these amazing CPSCS faculty!** A huge thank-you to Andrew Prince for making this possible.



## Staff Spotlight: Mizraim Lorenzo-Aguilar

In honor of Hispanic Heritage Month, we are celebrating **Mizraim Lorenzo-Aguilar**, a Spanish teacher at Whiteland High School and advisor of the Spanish Honor Society.

Mizraim started the chapter in 2018 with a **wish for students to experience the richness of Hispanic culture**. The society, made up of motivated upper-level Spanish students, organizes events that celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month, Dia de los Muertos, and Hispanic family Christmas traditions, providing the community with opportunities to learn about culture, music, and food. **In Mizraim's words, leading the chapter "doesn't really feel like work."**



When asked what he enjoys most about advising the group, Mizraim replied, "Literally everything." He cherishes getting to know students personally and seeing their enthusiasm for sharing culture. **"It is really neat to have some representation. Many people are afraid to showcase their heritage, but we should be proud of it,"** he shared. "It is an opportunity to remember where I came from and honor that piece of me." Earlier this year, **Mizraim and his students were recognized as the National Chapter of**



**the Year** by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese. With the accompanying grant, they are partnering with the Johnson County Public Library for a Hispanic Heritage Month event on October 4th, complete with music, food, games, and crafts.

## Fall Grant Cycle Closing!



### Important Info:



Opens Tuesday, September 2nd  
Closes Thursday, October 2nd  
Questions:  
jzham@cpcsc.k12.in.us



**Attention CPCSC Teachers, Administrators, and Staff,** CPEF is giving out up to \$15,000 in grants this fall. Scan the QR code to apply.

Reminder that the fall grant cycle closes October 2nd! Make sure to apply before the deadline. If you have any questions, please reach out to [jzham@cpcsc.k12.in.us](mailto:jzham@cpcsc.k12.in.us)

Click the link to apply:  
<https://forms.gle/guejdgYw36LpARPw8>



## Sponsor Shoutout CORIENT

A huge thank you to **Corient** for their incredible \$10,000 sponsorship of the Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation! Their support makes it possible for us to host fun community events like Trunk-or-Treat, the Wizards Basketball Game, Kids Prom, and the Blue Jeans Ball — all while ensuring that funds raised go directly to our students and staff through grants and scholarships. We are so grateful for their partnership!

## Beyond the Classroom: Warrior Edition

As we welcome fall, we want to celebrate one last highlight from summer.

Fourth grade reading teacher **Emily Brodbeck** had a summer to remember with her eight-year-old daughter, **Allie**, a third grader at **Pleasant Crossing Elementary**. Allie started the school year on a high note after being crowned **Little Miss Johnson County**.

"It was just so special. She looked so poised and mature," **Emily reflected**. The moment had been a long time coming. Allie had worked toward this for years, spending summers practicing questions with her mom in the car and even at bedtime.



When asked about her favorite part, Allie couldn't pick just one. **From passing out ribbons to spending time with the queen's court and even having a lemonade named after her**, her week at the fair was unforgettable. Now, Pleasant Crossing Elementary can proudly say they have a **little bit of royalty in their halls**.

## Recognize Excellence

This program is designed to have staff and community members recognize those who are going above and beyond in our schools. Bailey and Wood have graciously sponsored this program allowing CPEF to randomly draw a winner each month from all those nominated. **This month's winner is Christy Westerfield**, food service at Break-O-Day Elementary.



## Student Spotlight: Madison Fleury



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 **Madison Fleury**.

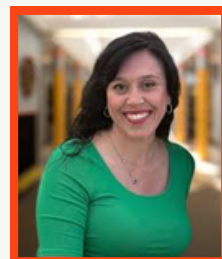
Madison, a **current senior at WHS**, keeps a busy schedule balancing **soccer, track, National Honor Society, and Athletic Leadership**.



When asked what excites her most about YLA, she replied, **"I am excited to learn how to become a better leader and to learn skills that will help me in the future."** Congrats Madison!

## Jenny's Journal

"October is always a month of change for the Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation, and this year is no exception. At our recent board meeting, we celebrated the incredible service of **Tina Dolen**, who is completing her ninth year on the board. Tina has given her time, talent, and heart to CPEF, serving on several committees, working alongside four different executive directors, and faithfully supporting the foundation financially through her business, Dolen Tool Sales. Her daughters are proud graduates of Whiteland Community High School, and Tina's commitment to our schools and community has left a lasting impact. We are so grateful for her dedication over the years.



As we say thank you to Tina, we are also excited to welcome **Lenell Tate** to our board. Lenell is a local business owner and the proud parent of twin daughters at Clark-Pleasant Middle School. She has served as PTO president at Break-O-Day Elementary and has long been a volunteer and supporter of the foundation. We are thrilled to have her join us and look forward to the energy and perspective she will bring.

If you've ever thought about getting more involved with CPEF, now is a wonderful time! We have several committees you can serve on, and we are always looking for dedicated community members who may be interested in joining the board in the future. The foundation has grown tremendously in recent years, and we would love for you to be part of all the exciting things happening."