

CLARK-PLEASANT Education Foundation



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UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPT. 13 | 9:00AM Pickleball Tournament

Whiteland Community High School Tennis Courts

Raise money for the Jerry Lasiter Memorial Scholarship by playing some pickleball! Spectators are welcome and donations are accepted! Rain date scheduled for Sept 14th at 1:30PM.

SEPT. 26 | 7:00PM Homecoming

Whiteland Community High School

Cheer on varsity football against Martinsville at homecoming! Tickets available online at whitelandsports.com

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>

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR GENEROUS EVENT SPONSORS:



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BACK-TO-SCHOOL BUZZ

The 2025-2026 school year has officially begun, and we have lots of exciting news to share! From fall event planning to recognizing outstanding community members and welcoming new interns, the year is already off to a promising start.

August began on a high note as we presented our first **Recognize Excellence** award to **Karoline Vogl**, a new kindergarten instructional assistant at Whiteland Elementary. In just a short time, Karoline has already made a meaningful impact on our community, and we are excited to celebrate her dedication. Our September winner is **Dustin Barnes**, a building substitute at Clark-Pleasant Middle School. Dustin's kindness and humility have not gone unnoticed, and we are delighted to recognize his contributions. We extend our gratitude to Bailey & Wood for making these distinctions possible.



We also want to shout out our **Whiteland High School Spanish Honor Society!** To celebrate their 125th anniversary, **JCBank** is generously providing monthly \$125 donations to clubs or groups at CPCS that go above and beyond. SHS is the first

recipient, honoring their new title as National Chapter of the Year. This award, presented by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese, is a high honor that we are elated to celebrate!



Fast Track: Preparing Every Student for Success

Clark Pleasant Community Schools hosted the largest Fast Track event in Johnson County this summer, helping more than 400 students start the school year fully prepared. Fast Track is a county-wide school readiness program that provides backpacks, school supplies, and other essential items to ensure students can begin the year with confidence.

Thanks to the generosity of local organizations and community members, Fast Track reached over 1,400 students across Johnson County, including those in Clark Pleasant, Center Grove, Edinburgh, Franklin, Greenwood, and Nineveh-Hensley-Jackson schools.

Though Fast Track is more than just school supplies. It's about connecting families with community support and connection. At events, families are given the chance to meet with other organizations like the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Adult & Child, the Johnson County Public Library, and Big Brothers Big Sisters. Its intent is to build a network of support that helps students and families thrive.

Ruby Butler, culture and belonging coordinator at CPSCS who arranges Fast Track events, says this: "Our mission is simple: provide every student with the tools and support they need from day one." It's people and organizations like Butler and Fast Track that allows our corporation to live by the motto of "The Warrior Way," which consists of "being respectful, responsible, and safe."



**United Way
of Johnson County (IN)**



New logo alert!

What better way to start a new school year than with a new logo! On the left is our new logo we are excited to share with you. This revamp is school-wide, so be sure to lookout for fresh new designs!

Payroll Deductions

In August, we put forth our payroll deductions program. This gives CPSCS staff the opportunity to give back to students. **All funds raised by**

deductions are put towards student scholarships provided by CPEF.

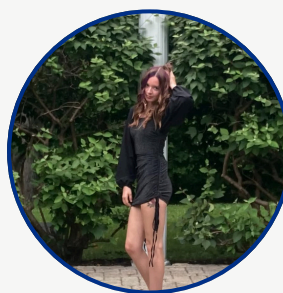
Last year, we raised \$15,751.58 because of our generous staff.

All staff members who agreed to commit \$3 per pay period were given a free t-shirt (showing off our new logo!) to express our gratitude!



Meet our new Interns

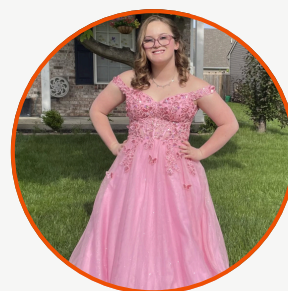
Aubrey Favor



Aubrey is a WCHS senior with a plan to attend college and study art education and business. She is excited to gain marketing and design experiences that she can use in her future career.

Kate Barnes

Kate is also a WCHS senior who has been doing media since 8th grade. She is looking forward to gaining more experience in video making and social media.



Ellen Durham



Ellen is a junior at Franklin College majoring in English with minors in creative writing and psychology. She plans to attend either grad school or law school post graduation.

Sponsor Shoutout

We're excited to welcome Veregy as our newest Community Partner and proud sponsor of our 2025-2026 Robotics teams at Clark-Pleasant Community Schools!



We're so grateful to all who donate their time, resources, money and passion to enhance the student experience across our schools.

Together, we're creating opportunities, sparking innovation, and inspiring the next generation of thinkers and problem-solvers.

Student Spotlight

Caleb Birdwell



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 Caleb Birdwell.



"My goal with YLA is to help foster efficient and effective development between myself and other YLA members regarding our leadership skills."

"I'm looking forward to a great year ahead being involved with YLA's Class of 2026!"

A junior at WCHS, Caleb spends his time the Lead D1 Filmer for the football team, is part of the track and field throwing team, and is a member of the Investment Club, Social Studies Academic Team, and the Japanese Club. He is excited to take advantage all of the opportunities YLA will provide him in meeting other local high school students as well as other community leaders.

Staff Spotlight: Brooke Fuentes

WCHS teacher Brooke Fuentes was honored this past spring as the 2025 CPCSC Teacher of the Year. This award is already rich with prestige and meaning, but for Fuentes, this recognition held an even deeper significance.

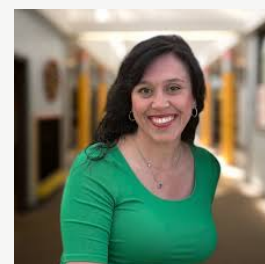


At Graduation in May Fuentes' connection to her students was shown. A class officer, a student with whom Fuentes shared a meaningful bond, delivered a heartfelt speech honoring the impact she had on not just her, but on every student in her class. Fuentes' daughter was among the graduates of the class of 2025. This class, Fuentes says, will always hold a special place in her heart. She has watched these students grow from the very beginning, witnessing countless milestones throughout their school careers.

"I am humbled to have won it at all, but I am grateful that it could be with my daughter's class that I was recognized," Fuentes reflected. Teachers like her make our schools a safe, supportive place to learn, and we are incredibly fortunate to have her in our community.

Jenny's Journal

The Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation is buzzing with excitement this fall as we kick off a year full of new faces and new events—all while holding onto the traditions that make our community strong.



We're thrilled to welcome three new interns to our team: Kate Barnes and Aubrey Favor, both students at Whiteland Community High School, and Ellen Durham from Franklin College. Their fresh energy and ideas are already making a difference, and we're excited to see all they'll accomplish with us.

On the events side, we're adding some new opportunities to connect, like our Trunk or Treat on Sunday, October 26th at Whiteland Community High School—a family-friendly evening of fun that we hope you'll join us for. At the same time, we'll continue hosting time-honored favorites like the Harlem Wizards game on Thursday, November 20th (stay tuned for ticket information coming soon!).

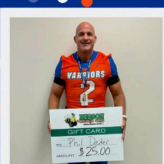
One more change you'll notice this year: instead of quarterly newsletters, we'll be sending you monthly updates. We want to keep you more closely connected to what's happening with the Foundation and across our schools, so you always know how you can get involved.

As always, thank you for your continued support of CPEF. We can't wait to see you at our upcoming events and share in all the exciting things happening in our community!

August Educators of the Month Whiteland Community High School



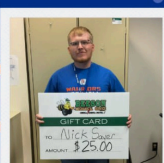
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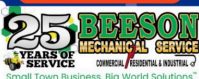


Malerie Jeffries



Nick Sayer

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Fall Grant Applications are OPEN!! Apply Today!

Clark-Pleasant Education Foundation
Fall Grant Cycle
Now Open!

Important Info:



Opens Tuesday, September 2nd
Closes Thursday, October 2nd
Questions:
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Attention CPCSC Teachers, Administrators, and Staff, CPEF is giving out up to \$15,000 in grants this fall. Scan the QR code to apply.