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AUGUST NEWS



We had the best time surprising **Roxanne Shingleton** of Clark-Pleasant Middle School as our **September Recognize Excellence winner!** Staff members cheered before we even stepped inside, and there were happy tears as Roxanne reminded us that celebrating dedicated educators truly is the best part of our job. **Congratulations, Roxanne**—your CPMS family thinks the world of you! A special thank you to **Bailey & Wood Financial Group** for sponsoring Recognize Excellence.

Payroll Deduction Campaign: Clark-Pleasant employees continue to show their dedication to our students and schools through annual staff giving. This year's payroll deduction campaign once again demonstrated the incredible generosity of our staff:

- **CPEF Support: \$666.83 per pay period (\$17,337.58)** directly funds classroom grants and student programs.
- **Angel Fund: \$254.00 per pay period (\$6,604.00)** supports unpaid lunch debt.

Thank you to our entire CP family for your unmatched heart and generosity!

Pickleball Tournament Sponsors

Our Pickleball Tournament is **officially sold out!** We extend our deepest gratitude to all of our local sponsors for supporting this year's event—be sure to **check out the back of your official tournament shirt** to see all the incredible community partners backing our schools



A special shoutout to **Innovative Casting Technologies** for serving as our official **Main Event Sponsor!** Their generous partnership directly impacts our students and teachers, and we are deeply grateful for their leadership and support.

UPCOMING EVENTS



Warrior Alumni Giving Challenge

Homecoming is coming, and we're challenging all Warrior alumni to **Give Your Grad Year** (Class of '98 gives \$98, Class of '24 gives \$24!) to support student scholarships. The class that raises the most by **Wednesday, September 16** at noon will be crowned our 2026 Champions! Donate on our website and remember to include your graduation year so your class gets credit. Once a Warrior, Always a Warrior! Click here to give now!



CPEF Grants Now Open!

Attention CPCSC educators and staff: CPEF is awarding up to **\$15,000 in grants** (up to \$1,000 per request) this fall! Applications are open now through **October 1 at 5:00 p.m.**, with grants awarded on November 20. Click here to apply now!



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New Sponsor Spotlight: Pigtails & Crewcuts

We are excited to welcome Pigtails & Crewcuts as a new CPEF partner/sponsor of Kids Prom!



Pigtails & Crewcuts is all about making haircuts a fun and positive experience for kids. Their **kid-friendly salon** includes vehicle-themed styling chairs, movies, a wooden train table and even a treasure chest to visit after the haircut! **They also offer special experiences like first-haircut packages and ear piercing, along with hair bows, hair-care products and more.**

Most importantly, their team understands that a haircut isn't always easy for every child. They work to create a welcoming, stress-free environment and are **especially mindful of children with special needs or sensory sensitivities, helping families make the experience as comfortable and positive as possible.**

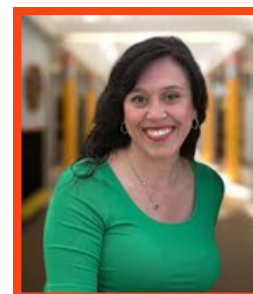
We are grateful to Pigtails & Crewcuts for supporting CPEF and our Kids Prom—and excited to introduce our families to another local business that puts kids first!

Jenny's Journal: Let People Surprise You

"Human beings have an infinite capacity for goodness, and they will surprise you if you give them the chance."

Sometimes, people surprise you in the very best way.

This year, CPEF gave our staff members another option for their voluntary payroll deductions. In addition to supporting the Foundation and our scholarships, employees could designate their contribution to our Angel Fund, which helps cover unpaid student lunch debt.



We hoped our staff would support it—but assumed some would simply shift existing CPEF donations to the Angel Fund.

Last year, employees contributed \$16,544.58 to CPEF through payroll deductions. With the new Angel Fund option, we conservatively budgeted \$7,500 in CPEF payroll contributions this year.

We were very, very wrong.

And I've never been happier to be wrong.

Rather than choosing one or the other, our employees stepped up for both.

This year, CPCSC staff members are projected to contribute \$17,337.58 to CPEF and another \$6,604 to the Angel Fund.

That's \$23,941.58 voluntarily coming from our staff members' paychecks to support students.

I was blown away.

Not because I doubted our staff members' generosity. I see it constantly—in their classrooms, with students, at school events and in countless little things no one hears about.

But we had assumed there was a limit to what people would give. If we offered another choice, surely they would have to divide what they already gave.

Instead, they expanded it.

That's what has stayed with me.

How often do we assume what people won't do? They won't participate, give or care as much as we hope.

Then people remind us how much goodness surrounds us.

So maybe my lesson this month is simple:

Give people the opportunity to do something good. Then leave room for them to surprise you.

To our CPCSC staff members who chose to support CPEF, the Angel Fund or both—thank you. You gave our students something important, and you gave me a powerful reminder of how generous people can be.

With appreciation,
Jenny