



# *PTEF NOVEMBER*

## *e-Newsletter*

### The Happenings

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#### **CELEBRATING 30 YEARS of EXCELLENCE: PTEF's Milestone Anniversary in 2024**

In 1994, a vision was born – the vision of the Perry Township Education Foundation (PTEF) dedicated to empowering education and transforming lives. As we stand on the threshold of 2024, we proudly announce the 30th anniversary of our commitment to fostering academic excellence and creating opportunities for countless students.

#### **Reflecting on Three Decades of Impact:**

Over the past 30 years, PTEF has played a pivotal role in shaping the educational landscape, providing scholarships, resources, and support to students and educators alike. The journey has been one of growth, resilience, and unwavering dedication to the belief that education is the key to unlocking limitless potential.

#### **Join the Celebration – Events and Opportunities Await:**

To mark this significant milestone, PTEF is thrilled to unveil soon a series of events and opportunities throughout the year. From educational forums and community outreach initiatives to special recognition ceremonies, there will be ample chances for our supporters to engage and celebrate with us.

#### **Introducing the 19.94 Club:**

In honor of our founding year, we are excited to introduce the "19.94 Club." This exclusive membership is designed for individuals and organizations eager to make a lasting impact on education. Club members will enjoy special privileges, exclusive updates, and the satisfaction of knowing they are part of a legacy that has shaped the future of countless students.

#### **Get Ready to Celebrate:**

As we embark on this celebratory year, we invite you to be a part of the PTEF 30th-anniversary festivities. Stay tuned for announcements, updates, and ways to get involved. Whether you're a long-time supporter or new to the PTEF family, your participation is crucial as we commemorate our past achievements and look forward to the future.

The 30th anniversary of the Perry Township Education Foundation is not just a celebration of the past but a declaration of our ongoing commitment to transforming lives through education. Join us in making this milestone a momentous occasion, as we continue to build a brighter future for generations to come.

Here's to 30 years of excellence, and to many more years of empowering education!

Follow us for updates on Facebook, LinkedIn, Instagram, and on new updated website!

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#### Event Information

### **BURKHART ELEMENTARY SENSORY ROOM GRAND OPENING**

Perry Township Education Foundation is delighted to announce an amazing partnership with the William Henry Burkhart Elementary School to establish a state-of-the-art Sensory Room. This joint venture represents a significant leap towards creating an inclusive educational space that caters to the diverse needs of students. The Sensory Room is carefully designed to provide a supportive environment, fostering optimal learning experiences for all. The grand opening event will feature information from the school and educators, a ribbon-cutting ceremony, and tours of the Sensory Room. All community members are invited to join this celebration of progress in education.

When?

**Wednesday, Dec 6, 2023, 03:45 PM**

Where?

**5701 Brill Road, Indianapolis, Indiana, USA**

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### **EMPOWERING YOUTH THROUGH SERVICE LEARNING: A TRANSFORMATIVE JOURNEY**

Service learning is a dynamic educational approach that goes beyond traditional classroom settings, offering young people a unique opportunity to combine academic knowledge with real-world experiences. This innovative pedagogy not only fosters civic engagement but also cultivates a sense of responsibility and empathy among the youth. As students actively participate in service projects that address community needs, they not only contribute to positive social change but also undergo significant personal growth.



Service learning provides a bridge between theory and practice, enabling youth to apply classroom knowledge to real-life situations. By engaging in meaningful service activities, young people gain a

deeper understanding of the subjects they study, making their education more relevant and impactful. This hands-on approach fosters critical thinking, problem-solving skills, and a sense of civic responsibility that will serve them well in their future endeavors.

Youth involved in service learning often find themselves interacting with diverse communities and individuals. These interactions expose them to a variety of perspectives, backgrounds, and challenges, fostering a greater sense of empathy and cultural understanding. This firsthand experience with the complexities of the world encourages youth to become active global citizens who are more open-minded, accepting, and compassionate.

Beyond academic achievements, service learning contributes significantly to the personal growth of young individuals. As they tackle real-world issues, youth develop important life skills such as teamwork, communication, leadership, and time management. The challenges and successes encountered during service projects help build resilience and self-confidence, empowering young people to face the complexities of adult life with a sense of purpose and capability.

Service learning instills a sense of civic duty and a commitment to social justice in the hearts of young individuals. By actively participating in projects that address community needs, youth learn the value of contributing to the common good. This experience often sparks a lifelong passion for community service, encouraging them to continue making positive contributions to society well into adulthood.

Service learning offers a powerful avenue for youth to not only enhance their academic knowledge but also to develop essential life skills and a strong sense of social responsibility. As young people actively engage with their communities and work towards positive change, they not only contribute to the betterment of society but also undergo a transformative journey that shapes them into informed, empathetic, and engaged citizens. In the spirit of service learning, the youth of today are not just students; they are active contributors to a brighter and more compassionate future for all.

The connection between the Kuntz Service-Learning Endowment and the James Whitcomb Riley Success Center is now in its second term and is blossoming the endowment and the students. The teamwork and thought process that is going on in the classroom is beyond any of our expectations.

Statement from the JWR staff:

Thank you [Perry Township Education Foundation](#) for coming to JWR to listen to our 3 service learning proposals. We have a group that would like to "Shop with a Cop", another group hopes to read to 3rd graders at [Glenns Valley Elementary School](#) and one that wants to help the [Itsablockparty.com](#) to sort Legos with [RISE Learning Center](#) students. The students have great ideas on how they can serve others! We will keep you posted as we progress!

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[Perry Meridian Middle School](#)

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## UPCOMING EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES THROUGHOUT PERRY TOWNSHIP

**Community Pantry** - Tuesdays, 3pm – 6pm at the Perry Township Academic Center, 2115 E Southport Rd, Indianapolis, IN 46227, Please enter through Door 6

December 1: Helping Hand Grant Cycle Closes

December 8: Helping Hand Grant Cycle Opens

December 11: 6 p.m. Perry Township School Board Meeting

December 21: End of grading period / End of 1st Semester

December 22 - 29: Winter Break

January 1-5: Winter Break

January 15: MLK Holiday

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### Perry Township Education Foundation

Perry Township Education Foundation is a grant making organization that raises funds to support innovative and creative programs to enhance learning throughout [Perry Township public schools](#).

Perry Township Education Foundation is a catalyst for our schools to create excitement in order to improve education experiences and student achievement with the goal of developing contributing members of the community.



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