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MISSION STATEMENT

Provide the best educational and extracurricular experience for our students.

GOALS

- Valuable educational opportunities beyond the basics.
- An imaginative and creative school environment
- An involved and engaged alumni community

A Note of Congratulations



Congratulations to the Warrior Run community for their support of our students and staff through the Warrior Run Education

Foundation. People are recognizing the success of the Foundation, learning about us through media and visible results, and donating to our efforts. We are collaborating with WR staff and administrators to provide innovation and opportunity. I will borrow a phrase from 1977 WR alum Charlie Fisher, now Arizona State wide receiver coach, from a conversation he and I had about his support of the Foundation - "Together, we are better!" he said. I couldn't agree more! Together, with everyone's help, we are better AND growing stronger.

Jean L. Hormell, WRFF Chair

GIVING CHOICES

WREF - Defender Fund

WREF - Academics

WREF - Arts

WREF – Athletics

WREF Endowment -

Unrestricted

WREF Endowment -

Academics

WREF Endowment -

Facilities

WREF Endowment -

Scholarship

WREF Endowment –

Alumni Legacy Fund

WREF Endowment –

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Scholarship Funds:

Koch, Zeigler, Hartman, Bissell, Hause, Biddle,

Swope, Schooley, Corman



YOUR WREF DONATIONS AT WORK

Teacher Grants

Making over \$8,000 available annually to inspire innovation in classrooms.

Scholarships

Encouraging post-secondary education for our youth.

"60 for 60" Campaign

Enhancing the sound quality in the middle school auditorium and improving the health and wellness in the middle school/high school fitness center.

Philanthropy

Providing high school students with an opportunity to learn about giving and participate in the grant making process.

Empowering Teachers

Providing professional development funds to deepen our teachers skills and enhance classroom learning.

CLASSROOM INNOVATION GRANT

Taylor Rhodes, MS/HS Instrumental Teacher, received a \$1,000 grant from the WREF for the 2018-2019 school year to purchase 50 ChordBuddy devices. The devices are designed to help students learn to play the guitar without needing to immediately play the guitar chords. Instead, students push the buttons on the ChordBuddy, and the students are able to strum the four major chords used in most popular guitar songs. As students learn the chords, each button can be removed while they continue to learn other chords using the device. The ChordBuddy devices are currently be used in Ms. Rhodes' 7th grade musical class along with students in her Guitar Academic Excellence.

Kudos to Nancy and John Marr of Turbotville who committed the first \$5,000 to the "60 for 60" sound system goal. The Marr's are pictured below with performers from "The Little Mermaid."



EDUCATIONAL IMPROVEMENT TAX CREDIT DONATIONS

SUPPORT THE WREF THROUGH EITC DOLLARS

The Foundation was recently approved to receive Educational Improvement Tax Credit (EITC) dollars from approved businesses on behalf of WRSD. The Pennsylvania EITC Program is administered by the state Department of Community and Economic Development (DCED) under Act 48. Established in 2001, the program awards tax credits to businesses that make contributions to scholarship organizations and/ or educational improvement organizations that are on a list approved and published by DCED.

HOW DO YOU DIRECT YOUR COMPANY'S TAX DOLLARS TO BENEFIT WRSD?

Decide if you would like to participate for one or two years. The tax credit is a 75-percent credit (against taxes owed). However, if a company provides a written two-year commitment of equal funding, the credit becomes 90 percent. For a two-year commitment, companies need to reapply at the end of the first year. For more information, visit: www. newpa.com/eitc.

EITC contributions can be made on the district's behalf by sending checks payable to:

Warrior Run Community Education Foundation 4800 Susquehanna Trail Turbotville, PA 17772

For more information:

Visit the Pennsylvania Educational Improvement Tax Credit Program website at www.newpa.com/eitc.

WREF RAISING FUNDS

WREF "60 FOR 60" CAMPAIGN SUCCESSFUL

"Pump up the VOLUME, Raise the BAR" proved to be the key to raising \$60,000 by the Warrior Run Education Foundation. The money was split between the new auditorium sound system with wireless microphones and new equipment for the **Education Foundation** Middle School and High School Fitness Center. Due to the generosity of parents, alumni, school booster groups, community organizations, and our community members, WREF was able to purchase the

equipment for immediate use.

The spring musical, "The Little Mermaid," took full advantage of the new sound system for its performances on March 14, 15, and 16, 2019. All the major cast members were able to use wireless microphones to enhance their performances. An appreciative audience noticed the improved sound quality throughout the auditorium. Kevin Myers, musical director, stated, "The addition of the new wireless microphone system has enabled us to provide not only better quality audio within the auditorium, but also more

flexibility in our presentation. Upgrading to a digital sound board allowed us new features to program and save. Thank you (WREF) for your generous support of our students. The arts are alive and well at Warrior Run because of the students' passion and dedication as well as the

> community and district support for these programs."

With the purchase of new stationary bikes, elliptical trainers, and treadmills, 60 for 60 Campaign "Pump up the VOLUME Raise the BAR"

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the Fitness Center now has equipment that is up-to-date and provides excellent workout possibilities for all students and athletes. Students are excited

about coming to the fitness center and exercising in this updated facility. Mr. Nathan Butler, Athletic Director for the Warrior Run School District, said, "The upgrades to our fitness center have had an impact throughout our school from our sports teams to our academic classes. The pride that our students are taking in using this new equipment is evident from just observing them but also in the continuous 'thank yous' that we get from our students and staff!"

Donors for the "60 for 60, Pump up the VOLUME, Raise the BAR" fundraiser will be published for display in the school during this school year. The Warrior Run Education Foundation wishes to thank each and every one who so graciously gave the funds to make this idea come to fruition. Without the generosity of our entire school community, both near and far, enhancing programs like these two and others would not be possible.

RAISE THE REGION BRINGS ADDITIONAL REVENUE TO WREF

In both 2018 and 2019, Warrior Run Education Foundation participated in the regional Raise the Region fundraising efforts for nonprofit organizations. The WREF is concerned with dwindling resources for our school district and seeks any available avenue to raise these needed funds. Last year, we were able to raise \$8,556 from a variety of donors during the Raise the Region on-line campaign. Twenty-nine people were generous in their response to Raise the Region from as far away as California and as close as Turbotville and Watsontown.

With the success of the 2018 campaign, the WREF decided to again enlist as one of the nonprofit organizations during the March, 2019, Raise the Region campaign. Once again, through the support of nineteen alumni and community members, WREF donors contributed \$3,814 in our name to Raise the Region. We are extremely gratified by the continued support of all our donors in helping to raise money to provide additional opportunities for the students of the Warrior Run School District.



WREF reps Carl Bower, Dr. Alan Hack, and Sarah Kowalski with Muncy Bank & Trust Representative Andrea Hulsizer recognizing the bank's \$1,000 donation to the "60 for 60" Campaign.

WREF SUPPORTERS... WE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

THANK YOU to our generous WREF supporters from January 2018 through April 2019.

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In Honor of Mr. Kevin Myers

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In Memory of Bob and Peg Hontz

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In Memory of Peg and Bob Hontz

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In Memory of my Son, Scott Snyder

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In Memory of Jack Zeigler

In Honor of All of the Students I Taught

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Warrior Run Field Hockey Booster Club In Honor of the Warrior Run Field Hockey

Team

Warrior Run Football Booster Club

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Warrior Run Mat Club

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Through the "60 for 60" Campaign this year, the WREF commemorated the 60th anniversary of the opening of the Warrior Run Junior-Senior High School in the fall of 1958, with the dedication in the spring of 1959. We salute the history and heritage of Warrior Run School District in providing solid futures for our students.

J. Michael Wiley and Ashley S. Wiley Nick and Jillian Yevics Jim and Glenda Yost '63 In Memory of Edie Moser, Ruth K. Moser, Ellen Jane Shuman, Chet Schuman, and Virginia Hartman

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David Zeigler

In Memory of Jack Zeigler

Dennis Zeigler

Holly S. Zeigler

In Memory of Rinda Wolfe

Holly S. Zeigler

David Zettlemoyer '93

For information on gifts to the "60 for 60" campaign, go to www.wrsd.org/content/620.



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To make a donation to the Warrior Run Education Foundation, visit: http://csqiving.org/donate/wref/

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