

CCBDD News



Developmental Disabilities Month



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Carroll County Board of DD Annual Banquet

I am your Classmate, Co-worker, Neighbor, and Friend - See Me - For Me was the 2024 theme for Developmental Disabilities Month. The DD Banquet was held in March at the FFA Camp Muskingum, which is such a lovely place. Thank you to Todd Davis and his staff for making our evening so pleasant, the Carroll County Board Members for their thorough job in choosing the award winners, and Carroll Hills Council for sponsoring the banquet. Winners of the eight categories are: Service Award - Carrollton Rotary, Partnership Award – Lisa Ellington, Business/ Industry Award – Taco Bell, Personal Achievement Student Award – Tyson Bayer, Personal Achievement Adult Award – Tyler Imes, The Helen Eick Outstanding Volunteer – Elissa Beard, The Helen Eick Outstanding Provider Employee Award – Jess Coppler, and The Helen Eick Outstanding CCBDD Employee Award – Denise Jurosko. The Principal Award went to Carter Jones and The Superintendent Award went to Heather Bishop. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event.



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Congratulations

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness

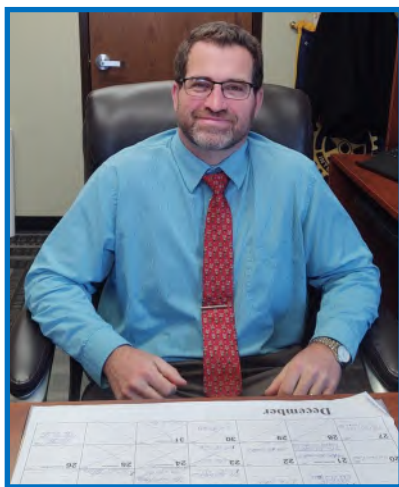
Matt Campbell, Superintendent

March is Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, and the theme is "*I am your: Classmate, Coworker, Neighbor, Friend. See Me for Me*". Carroll County Board of Developmental Disabilities' vision is "Live, Work, Play Together". Our vision is that everyone is included in the community regardless of ability or disability. Thus, the Live, Work, and Play Together. This means the Board strives to have everyone with a disability form meaningful relationships with people in the community. I have seen many success stories of this nature.

The Board is all about community inclusion. This means we want people with disabilities to have the same options as all of us. I personally have witnessed true community inclusion. I was sitting in the stands at Carroll Hills School listening to community members talk about important relationships with individuals we serve. These relationships happen outside of paid support. These community members I have talked to in other settings include business owners, a dentist, the village administrator, etc.

I want to say a big thank you to all the Special Olympic volunteers and staff! It was great to see all the participants for the fun basketball games this year. I am very proud of our athletes with the cheerleaders winning awards at the Cheer Competition and the basketball team being one game away from going to state, ending the season as NE Ohio Regional Runner Up.. The Special Olympics' coaches are doing a good job getting our individuals prepared to compete.

We had a great turnout at the DD Banquet on March 26, 2024, held at the FFA Camp. It was the perfect way to cap off DD month and celebrate Board staff, provider direct support professional staff, volunteers, businesses, and individuals with developmental disabilities personal accomplishments. Thank you for your support!



The Board of Commissioners adopted a proclamation proclaiming March as Developmental Disabilities Month.

Thank you for your dedication to
individuals served through the CCBDD!



Service Award Nominations
Carrollton Rotary Caring Hands
Minerva Civic Club Mark Mayle

Partnership Award Nominations
Lisa Ellington Danene Carlisle
Jules Rowles Sarah Watkins
Josh Beadnell Joseph McGee
Sue Sargeant

Business and Industry Award Nominations
Dairy Queen **Taco Bell**
Pizza Hut The Chop House

Personal Achievement Awards
Children Nominations
Kye Baxter **Tyson Bayer**
Carter Jones Lucas Schaffner

Adult Nominations
Brittany Beckley Makenzy Burke
Heather Bishop **Tyler Imes**
Shirley Lewis Noah Gray
Fred Warren Ashley Furry-Clayton

Hellen Eick Outstanding Volunteer Award Nominations
Elissa Beard Bonnie Mitchell
Rich Best

Hellen Eick Outstanding Provider Employee Award Nominations
Dale Baker Pam Chalmers
Jess Coppler Baylee Drakul
Richelle Garrett Kelly Patterson
Greg Lake Ella Romine
DeAnna Tiller Christina Watts
Jeremy Wright Morgan Woods

Hellen Eick Outstanding Employee Award Nominations
Nancy Boley Nancy Fisher
JoAnn Hilliard Penny Hodgson
Cindy Jones **Denise Jurosko**
Kelly Kail Donna Locker
Margaret Mesler Cheryl Rohr
Amber Veach Crystal West

Principal Award Winner
Carter Jones

Superintendent Award Winner
Heather Bishop

Congratulations

Thank You!

Employee's Years of Service Recognized
Thank you for your dedication to those we serve!

YOU ARE
Appreciated

5 Years of Service

Angela Casebolt
Denise Jurosko
Mary Service
Sandy Ray

10 Years of Service

Ryan Buck

15 Years of Service

Jodie MaCauley

20 Years of Service

Donna Locker
Tonya Hawk
Sandy Fixel
Denelle Smith

25 Years of Service

Matt Campbell

We care
about what
you think.

Answer this quick survey to let us know what matters to you and how we can serve you better.

→ Link to the survey is here.

<https://forms.office.com/r/ND1xsPQRCV>

Carroll County Board of
Developmental Disabilities
Strategic Planning Survey



As we begin to develop our new 3-Year Strategic Plan we are reaching out to our key customers, partners and stakeholders to provide us with valuable information that will be used by our Strategic Planning Team to help shape the future of Carroll County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Please take a few minutes to answer these 5 quick questions at the link above or QR Code. Thank you in advance for providing us this critical information. Your responses will be completely anonymous.

Spring in Pre-K

We are gearing up for spring in Pre-K! This month we will be learning about spring with topics including weather, bugs and insects, flowers and plants, and the life cycle of chicks. We are also counting down to the last day of school with our ABC Countdown to Summer. Each day we will review a letter, starting with A, and work our way to Z on the last day of school, while engaging in an activity each day starting with the letter of the day. We can't wait to see what the end of the school year has in store, we will be having fun each step of the way.

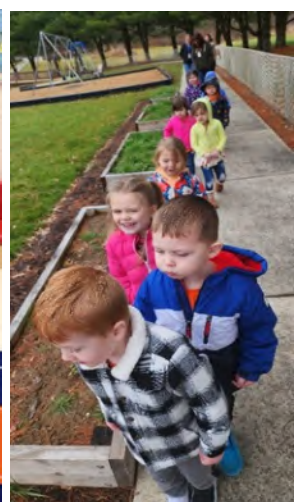
Mrs M & our Pre-K Class



Happy Spring in Preschool

Happy Spring! Our class has been enjoying the weather changes, sunshine, and spring happenings. Our scholars have been learning all about spring, things that grow in the garden, life cycles, Earth Day, and creepy crawly insects. They have enjoyed walking outside, listening to the birds' chirp, feeling the wind blow, and noticing nature and all its beauty. It has been an adventurous journey this school year and a true blessing to watch our students grow into their kind, smart, and creative selves.

Love, Mrs. Schockling



Springtime in Pre-K

Spring has brought new adventures to the Pre-K classroom. In the fall we planted tulip bulbs, and when we came back from spring break, "magically" some of our tulips bloomed! Speaking of magic, the students tried their hardest to capture that Leprechaun who kept stealing our alphabet letters. Even though we didn't capture him, we did master letter and number learning. We also enjoyed a visit from two Easter Bunnies in training. The students were so gentle with these fluffs of fur, and they are growing in their ability to be gentle with each other's feelings and needs. We greatly enjoyed all the events of DD month, but our two favorites were Cupcake Wars and Pie the Principal. Moreover, the field trip to see the musical Frozen was fantastic. The students were in awe when the snow cascaded down from the ceiling. Life is full of so many good things, and we are so grateful for every day of adventure and exploration in our class. Mrs. Service



Pie the Principal Fundraiser



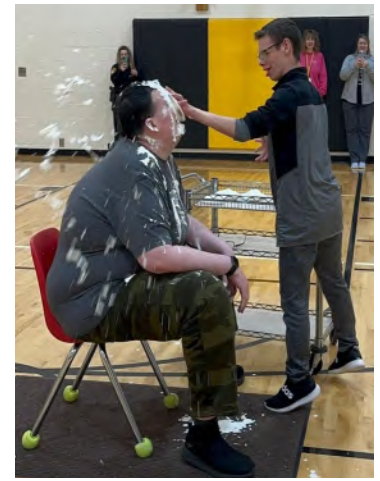
Pennies to Pie the Principal

March was Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. Carroll Hills School celebrated the month by raising money for Carroll County Special Olympics. Pennies to Pie the Principal raised money by students bringing in pennies and change. The classroom that raised the most money got to Pie the Principal. Make sure to check out our County Board Facebook page for more pictures. Congrats to the high school classroom for raising the most funds. The school had many spirit days and celebrations throughout the month. The annual banquet was held and congrats to the students that were nominated. As March turns to April and the calendar hits May, the end of the school year is fast approaching. Enjoy this time of year and the nice weather to come. Go Cougars!

Ryan Buck

Enjoying DD Month in High School

Students and staff have been enjoying the spring season and the DD month activities in the classroom. My students really liked participating in the various dress up days in March. Miss Raegan Hauck and Miss Grace Lawver were invited to attend the Commissioner's Meeting to be a part of declaring March as Developmental Disabilities Month. We loved seeing the Spring Musical, Disney's Frozen, at Carrollton High School on March 20th. On top of all the DD month fun, the high school classroom won "Pie the Principal" contest. We may have enjoyed this activity a little too much!



PIE the Principal Fundraiser Winners!



New Community Work Shirts

The students have been working extremely hard at our community job sites. They are learning new skills, perfecting older skills, and earning money. The students are doing a great job and are using this time to help decide what they would like to pursue after graduation. Thank you to Gary at the Chop House for your kindness and for feeding our class after work.

Finally, we continue to participate in integration at Carrollton High School, gym class with Mr. Beadnell and Self-Advocacy with Mrs.

Sargeant's class. Carroll Hills students look forward to these classes. We are grateful that the Carrollton staff and students have been so welcoming.

We have been very busy, the school year is flying by!

Nancy Boley
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In the Spotlight

Lucas Schaffner

We are so very proud of Lucas Schaffner who has come so far this school year. He struggled with being at school and leaving Mom and Dad. His parents were even afraid that he would want to carry his special blankies around all day. However, such is not the case! Lucas has gone from tears to joy and has made many friends. He can be seen laughing and dancing and playing throughout his school day. He even shared his ninja moves at our recent circus performance. The different therapy services that he receives have made a difference in how he communicates and tackles tasks that require self-regulation and fine motor skills. He makes us laugh with his crazy sense of humor and entertains us with outlandish stories. He knows all the letters of the alphabet and can almost count to 100! He is even reading short words in his reading group with another buddy in the class. He is a brilliant young boy who is now thriving in the environment at Carroll Hills School.

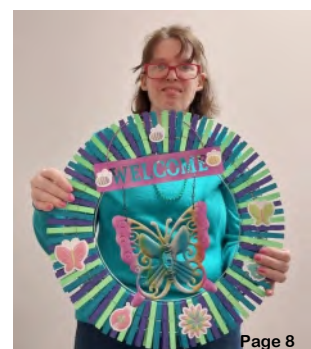


Tonja Hartline Discovering Her Joy

Following a conversation with Tonja about what she would like to accomplish throughout the next year, the idea of completing art projects to display and sell at a local business was born. She has recently rediscovered her joy of crafting and painting and she is soaring with it. She attends St. John Villa and Starlight Day programs where staff help her develop various craft ideas and arrange with local business to display the work. When speaking with Tonja, she said that painting and coloring pictures are her favorite activities. However, she has also created various wreaths, flower arrangements and other craft projects.

Tonja has a small art display at the Carroll County Arts Center. The display will run through May 6. Tonja was honored to make her first sale during the first week the display was open.

Tonja is a resident at St. John Villa and has a great heart for others, especially her family, friends, and long-time boyfriend. In addition to her talent for art, she loves to sing and dance. She is also on the Special Olympics Bowling and Cheerleading teams.



Heather Bishop has been employed at Harcatus Head Start - Malvern as a bus aide for seven and a half years. One of Heather's goals was to work independently without the need for a permanent job coach. In February of this year, she accepted a position assisting in the preschool classroom. Heather's favorite part of the job is greeting the children each morning to begin their day. As of March 2024, she has been working independently without a job coach, and is very proud of accomplishing her goal.

Congratulations Heather, you got this!

Reva Castelucci



Congratulations

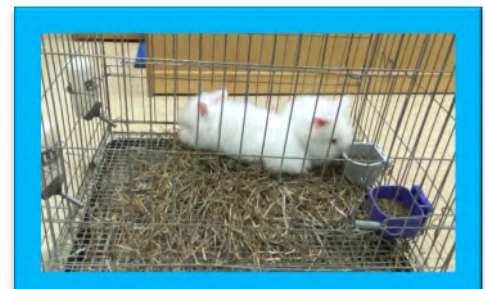
Elementary Class Welcome Spring

Welcome spring! Leading into spring brings several special days to celebrate and many opportunities for learning, including bunnies, egg hunts, Dr. Seuss week, and DD month.

During Dr. Seuss week we read several Dr. Seuss books followed by crafts, rhyming games, and even tried green eggs and ham! During DD Month, the class enjoyed decorating cupcakes for Cupcake Wars and watching the annual staff verses student basketball game. Looking ahead in spring we will be learning about weather and flowers, because "April Shower Bring May Flowers."

I am continuously impressed with the growth that each student continues to make. Furthermore, it is an honor to note that one of our elementary students, James Carter Jones, received a nomination for the Student Personal Achievement Award which was recognized at the annual DD Banquet. As we look ahead, everyone is eagerly awaiting the warmer weather that is approaching. The students enjoy those extra minutes outside. With all the progress that has been made this year, I am excited to see what the final weeks of school have in store.

Ms. Talarico





Carroll County Special Olympics



The Athletics team (Track & Field) is getting ready for the NE Ohio Regional tournaments held on April 28, 2024. Fourteen athletes will be competing in events such as 50M Dash, Shot Put, Mini Javelin, 100M Dash, 100M Walk and Softball Throw. Carrollton High School has generously allowed our team to practice on their track. Special Olympics coaches will choose three athletes to compete at the Ohio Summer Games, which will be announced at the May 2 practice.

Bocce is also underway. The team consists of twelve athletes (six partners), who are enjoying the season. The NE Ohio Regional tournament will be held on May 11. The coaches will choose two athletes to compete at the Ohio Summer Games, which will be announced at the May 2 practice. We are excited for this upcoming season and to participate in the Ohio State Summer Games in Columbus on June 28 – June 30.



Bowling



Bowling is over; the athletes have worked hard this season. Everyone's scores have improved from last season and the athletes are having a great time at each practice. The coaches chose six bowlers to go to the State Summer Games. Their names will be announced after they are presented with their letters at the May 3 practice. The end of the season pizza party/family fun bowling will be held on May 17.



Basketball season is over and what a season we had. The Varsity team had eight wins and three losses. Both JV and Varsity teams participated in the NE Ohio Regional tournaments. Our Varsity team came in second in the region. Due to the teams having such an impressive season, we recently purchased a banner that will be displayed on the wall in the Carroll Hills School gym.



We would like to give a huge shout out to our Cheerleading Squad for having a wonderful and successful time at their first ever cheerleading invitational. They brought home three trophies and many amazing memories. Way to go Cheerleaders!

Go Cougars!

CARROLL COUNTY PEOPLE FIRST ADVOCACY

The Carroll County People First Advocacy group has been very busy. Superintendent, Matt Campbell, applied and was approved for a grant to cover the expenses for those who signed up for the Washington DC trip. The Advocacy Group has been selling candy bars and participating in various fundraisers to raise more funds for the trip. The most recent fundraiser was the 2nd Annual Carrollton's Got Talent Show held at SJV on March 20, 2024. The group ended the evening raising over \$300. They are already making plans for the talent show next year.

Eleven members will be traveling to Washington DC on June 5 – June 8. They will be visiting several monuments and museums and possibly meeting a Representative from Ohio for a photo. This will be a great opportunity for the members to learn why speaking out and advocating for issues that they are passionate about is so important.

The group also decided to participate in the Hot Dog Stand at Sander's Market this summer. The dates will be announced soon. The group also voted to hold their elections in May since March is a crazy busy month. The members of the group are preparing their nominations and will be holding the election on May 15 at St. John's Villa's Gathering Room. All potential candidates will give a speech or presentation explaining why they would be good for the position for which they are running. This is always a great time, everyone looks forward to election evening.

Penny Hodgson

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- 5/08/24** - Carroll Hills Council Spring Dance, Pizza at 5PM
Dance 6-8 PM
- 5/10/24** - 2 Hour Delay - School Only
- 5/14/24** - Carroll Hills Council meeting 3:30 PM at CCBDD Office
- 5/27/24** - Memorial Day—Entire Program Closed
- 5/30/24** - Last Day of School Students /Awards and Graduation
- 5/31/24** - Last Day for School Staff
- 6/19/24** - Juneteenth - Program Closed
- 7/04/24** - Independence Day Observed - Program Closed
- 8/14-8/24** - School Staff Inservice –8:00-3:00 PM
- 8/19/24** - First Day of School for School-Age Program
- 9/2/24** - Labor Day—Entire
- 10/14/24** - Columbus Day Observed—Entire Program Closed
- 10/18/24** - All Staff Inservice—Entire Program Closed
- 10/21/24** - School Staff Inservice—No Students

Carroll Hills Council Dance

Spring Dance

Mark your Calendars!

May 8, 2024
Pizza - 5pm Dance 6-8pm
Held at Carroll Hills School
 Sponsored by Malvern Rotary

Pictures taken by Kristen Long
 DJ - Chelsea Householder