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The 24-25 school year is complete. We ended with great graduation ceremonies. Carroll Hills graduated several preschoolers onto kindergarten, and two of our high school students, Naomi Kelly and Duane Ritter. We are so proud of the accomplishments they have made here at Carroll Hills School. Congratulations and best wishes!

This summer we will be working hard getting ready for the 25-26 school year and welcoming a new group of preschoolers and a lot of school age students returning for another year. Have a safe and fun summer break and see you all in August.



First day for Carroll Hills School-Age: August 18<sup>th</sup>

First Day of Carroll Hills Preschool: August 25<sup>th</sup>



## Matt Campbell, Superintendent

The Board continues work on our strategic plan. I am excited that we have the resources to address our waiting list for waiver funding. The Board approved ten additional Level 1 waivers and the SSA department is working on completing the paperwork to address people currently on our waiting list. We were able to update the phone system to Voice over Internet Protocol with twice the internet speed, while also saving money every month with a new Spectrum agreement. Ohio Network for Innovations recently purchased a new home which brings the housing stock to five homes. The Board has

named Jessica Lafferty as Early Intervention Service Coordinator and hired Tyra Warrington as Developmental Specialist.

The Board purchased two new smartboards for the classrooms. Employee Engagement Surveys were completed on March 31, 2025. Management is working on addressing issues with compensation, broken equipment, training, changing our evaluation process, advancement opportunities, and updating policies. The Board continues to partner with Ohio State University Extension to bring programs such as cooking to providers and People First Chapter.

I want to take a moment to address a concern I have in this current political climate. No, I am not going to get political but just mention some facts. I have real concerns about the proposed November ballot issue to eliminate property taxes. Most of the County Board funding is through Carroll County voter approved property taxes. We have a 3.6 mill operating levy that is scheduled to be on the ballot for renewal in November 2028. The Board also has a one mill school levy scheduled for renewal November 2032. These levies generate funds only on the property values of when they were voted in (2008 for the 3.6 mill and 2004 for the one mill). If property taxes are eliminated there is no proposed tax replacement that will replace the funds to continue County Board services.

May 30, 2025, was a bittersweet day. We said goodbye and congratulations to Vivian DeFilippo, a 23 year employee. Vivian held many positions while working for the Board. She was a workshop specialist, a van driver, a job coach and in later years moved to Carroll Hills School as a classroom aid. Vivian truly cares for the adults and students we serve. While attending her retirement party, Vivian's attention to detail and her avid rule following was mentioned as characteristics having positive impact on coworkers and those she provided services for. Thank you, Vivian, for your dedication, we wish you well in retirement.

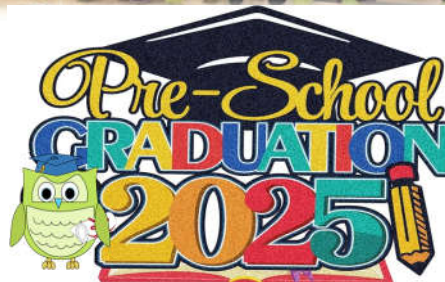




## Mrs. Schockling's Preschool Graduation

I am incredibly proud of our young scholars who have made remarkable progress this year. They have not only formed beautiful friendships but have also flourished in their creativity and developed greater independence. It has been a true privilege to be their teacher, and I am deeply grateful for the time we've shared together. Thank you to Mrs. Manfull, Ms. Tabby, and Ms. Rose for all you have done to help our little scholars.

Mrs. Schockling



## Mrs. Malone's Preschool Graduation



Today we celebrated our preschool 2 graduation. Throughout the school year our classroom has made so many memories and have grown in size as well as in smarts! We are so incredibly proud of each of our students and will miss their smiles, hugs, laughter, and each of their unique personalities that make them special.



"Kid, you'll move mountains! Today is your day! Your mountain is waiting. So get on your way!" -Dr Seuss

Go move mountains!

Love, Mrs. M, Miss Jodie, & Miss Mindy



# In the Spotlight

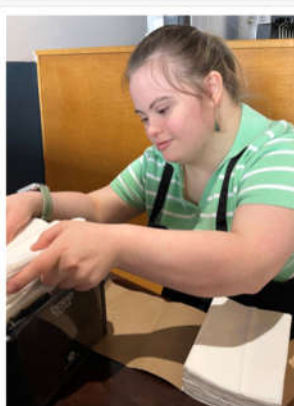
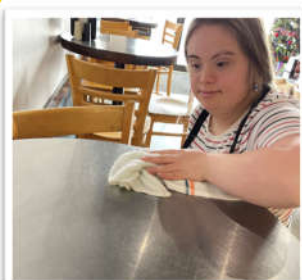


## Rosalyn's Success Story

Rosalyn is full of charm, fun and determination. When she steps off the bus each day, she does a little dance and squeals much to the delight of those around her. Her enthusiasm extends to classwork, too. She tackles each assignment with dedication to do her best. She has learned

how to write her name and copy numbers 1 through 10. She uses an Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) device to communicate. She frequently asks if she can paint, which is one of her favorite things to do. She also counts, answers questions, and directs a game of up and down.

We are so very proud of our Rosalyn!



## Kirsten's Success Story

Kirsten Moyers graduated from Carrollton High School and Buckeye Career Center in 2023. She wants to be included in every aspect of life including having a job in the community. In December of 2024, Kirsten began a six month training program through the Carroll County Board of DD with job coach, Reva Castelucci. The owners of The Ohio Grille agreed to have Kirsten work with a job coach in the restaurant for six months to strengthen her employment skills. She showed her desire to be independent right away and would often say 'It's my job, let me do it.' She worked hard to prove she was capable of working for this business long term. As of June 2025, Kirsten is officially an employee of The Ohio Grille. Kirsten loves going to work and interacting with her coworkers. I've enjoyed watching her connect with her fellow employees and build relationships as well as them with her. Congratulations Kirsten on achieving another goal you have set for yourself!



# A Month Full of Fun in Preschool

Summer is here and we rounded out the school year with a packed full month of May in Preschool 2. At the beginning of the month, we went on our spring field trip to the Akron Zoo and had an absolute blast visiting the animals and seeing all our students light up with amazement. We spent most of our month playing outdoors, engaging in fun activities, and having lots of laughs. As always, the end of the year is bittersweet and full of hard goodbyes, but I know without a doubt that each of our students is on to great things and ready to move mountains! We would like to thank all our parents for allowing us to be a part of their children's lives, and for all that they have done to help us have a great school year.

Mrs. Malone



Introducing the newest member of our team!



## Tyra Warrington, Developmental Specialist

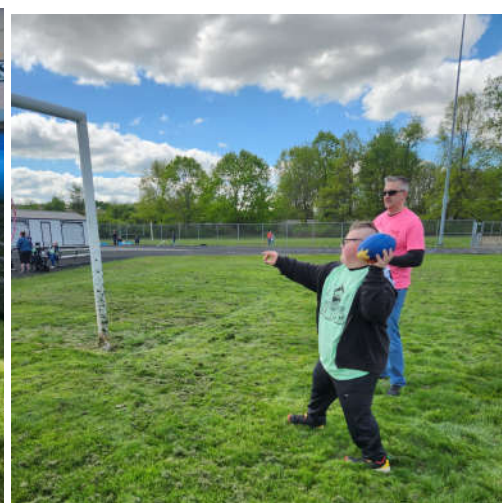
Hello! My name is Tyra, I'm so excited to be part of the Early Intervention Team here at the Carroll County Board of DD. I live in Carrollton with my husband and our two sons. I'm deeply committed to supporting the families and children in our community. Before joining this team, I worked at Carrollton Schools for six years, which gave me valuable experience and a strong connection to the area. I'm looking forward to working alongside such a dedicated team and making a positive impact on the lives of the families we serve.





Students had a great time participating in various sports at Exceptional Olympics at Perry High School.

Enjoyable day for all!



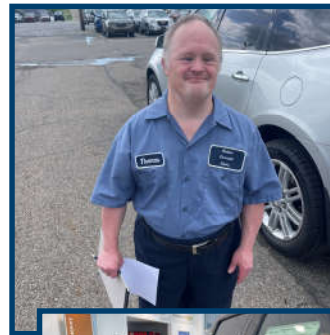
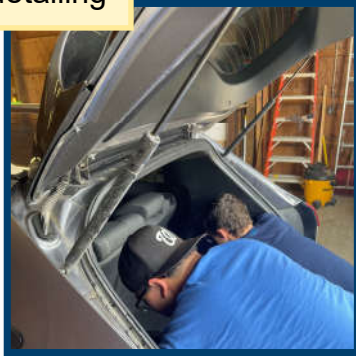


## Congratulations on Community Employment

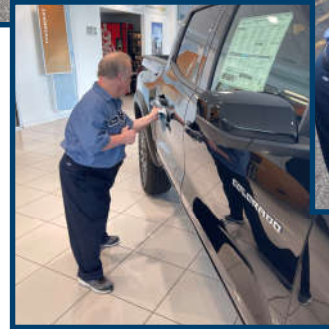
### 2025 Summer Youth Job Exploration Training (JET) Program



Car detailing



Thomas is excited to be a new employee at Huebner's.



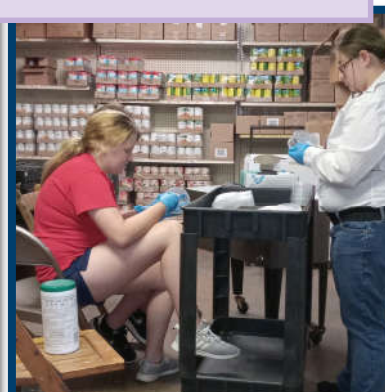
Kirsten was hired at The Ohio Grille see page 4.



Piper was recently hired at Microtel Inn and Suites.



Working hard on many job tasks at Jefferson County Food Bank



The Bible School students made a thank you poster for packaging shoes and socks for the kids on behalf of the pantry.





## Mayle Homes

### Academy for Leadership Abilities (ALA)

This week ALA Mobile was at Mayle Homes and Starlight. We talked more about teamwork and integrity. The ALA Mobile Mayle Homes group worked together in groups to make newspaper towers while ALA Mobile



Starlight worked together to make structures out of mini marshmallows and toothpicks. They all enjoyed using their teamwork skills to work together to accomplish one goal.



More pictures on Facebook.

## Starlight Enterprises





# Knights of Columbus and Carroll County Special Olympics Cougars 2025



## BOWL-A-THON MINERVA BOWL MAY 31, 2025

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We had a ton of fun facing off against the local Knights of Columbus at Minerva Bowl May 31, 2025. A special thanks to Thomas, Dan, Kevin, Tully, James, Samuel, and Johnathan with the Knights of Columbus team for trying their best, but I am pleased to announce that our Cougars team beat them by 105 pins. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus, we had pizza and fun. The Knights are already making plans for a bigger and better competition next year!





# Special Olympics Summer Games

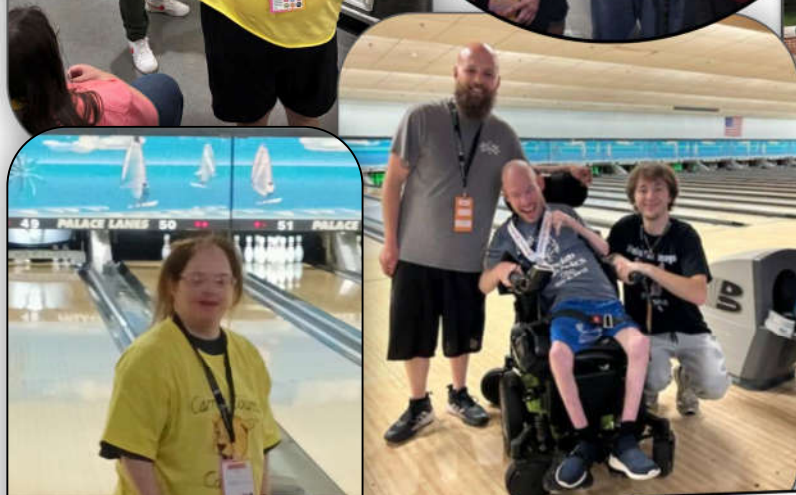
**Special  
Olympics**  
Ohio



Ten Carroll County athletes, coaches and chaperones attended the 2025 Summer Games in Columbus this year. It was muggy and hot, but that didn't stop us from having an amazing time. The athletes gave it their all and came out winners with multiple medals and ribbons. We also had great fun at the Olympic Village, the big Saturday night dance, our traditional surprise water balloon fight at the dorm and many laughs and shenanigans. A special thank you to all the coaches and chaperones. Without their dedication and support the athletes would not have these great opportunities and amazing memories. Congratulations to all the Cougars for another awesome year at Summer Games.

Penny Hodgson

More pictures on Facebook.



**GO COUGARS!**





**Carroll County Cougars Special Olympics Golf** started practice on May 29, 2025 and will run through August 7, 2025. We have 18 golfers participating this year. They are already preparing for regionals, August 3rd and the Fall State Games on September 20th. Thank you to Carroll Meadows Golf Course for allowing us to utilize their facility again this year.



## Carroll County People First Advocacy Group

Picture from  
June's  
Monthly Meeting



The People First Advocacy Group voted to have speakers come to their monthly meetings to discuss topics that interest them. The group enjoys having guest speakers at meetings to learn more about things such as Rights and Responsibilities, Healthy Relationships, Carroll County Transit, with more to come throughout the rest of 2025.

The membership is growing in numbers with an average of 30 individual advocates attending meetings. The group formed a dedicated committee that is responsible for planning future events in the community as well as volunteering for events that are happening in the county.

Penny Hodgson





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Promoting positive awareness of people  
with developmental disabilities

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## UPCOMING EVENTS



- 7/04/25 - Independence Day Observed—Entire Program Closed
- 8/13-15/25 - School Staff Inservice : Hours: 8am –3pm
- 8/18/25 - First Day of School for School-Age Program
- 8/25/25 - First Day of School for Preschool
- 9/01/25 - Labor Day—Entire Program Closed
- 10/13/25 - Columbus Day Observed - Entire Program Closed
- 10/24/25 - All Staff Inservice In-Service - Entire Program Closed
- 10/27/25 - School Staff In-Service - No Students
- 11/26/25 - School Closed
- 11/27-28/25 - Thanksgiving Holiday—Entire Program Closed
- 12/01/25 - Entire Program Closed
- 12/22-23/25 - School Closed for School Staff and Students
- 12/24/25 –1/02/26 - Entire Program Closed



**Community Playgroup**

**Summer Schedule**

Join us at Fifth St. Park  
Carrollton, Ohio  
10-11 A.M.

June 20

July 11

Aug. 1

Aug. 22

Ages 0-5  
Siblings up to Kindergarten  
Parent/Guardian must attend

The poster features a central illustration of three children (two boys and one girl) playing on a metal play structure. The dates are arranged in a circular pattern around the children, with arrows indicating a clockwise sequence. The background is a light yellow with a blue border. There are decorative swirls in the corners.