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WINTER DANCE



Holiday Celebrations, Carroll Hills Council held their Winter Dance on December 4, 2024. Thank you to the Malvern Rotary Club for sponsoring the dance, DJ - Chelsea Householder, Kristen Long for taking pictures, and to all others that helped make the dance a success.

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Matt Campbell, Superintendent



It has been a year of reviews/audits for the Carroll County Board. We were recently reviewed by the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities and received the highest award, a three-year accreditation. The State Auditor also audited the Board. The only finding there was the need to name a records manager/custodian. Carroll Hills School was also reviewed for compliance for the 2023-2024 school year and was found to meet requirements. The Carroll County Board of Developmental Disabilities continues to perform well with all reviews thanks to our dedicated staff!

Moving forward, one area of concern is the increased cost of doing business and the increased number of people awaiting funds for service on our waiting list which is currently at eleven people. The Board continues to receive calls for eligibility, waiting list assessment for waiver funding, and notice of people moving into the county. Carroll County is attractive to people with disabilities due to having ResCare; an eight bed Intermediate Care Facility, Countryview Manor; a twenty-two bed Intermediate Care Facility, St. Johns Villa; a fifty-five bed Individual Options Waiver facility, Mayle Homes which provides housing and services for both children and adults, Family Disability Services which provides housing and services to adults, and other private providers.

The Board's numbers for those served continues to increase even though the county's population has decreased over the years. This is why it is so important for us to plan for these increases with our Strategic Plan. The Board is committed to providing quality services and serving as many people as possible. Your levy dollars are hard at work serving 395 people with disabilities in our community.

This is the time of year when we focus on what we are thankful for and enjoy Christmas! I am thankful for so many things. I have great staff who provide quality services. I am thankful for my family, many friends, and my grandchildren.

I pray you have a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. Thanks again for all the support for our wonderful Carroll County Board of Developmental Disabilities program.

A Holiday Message from the Director of Educational Services

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to everyone as 2024 ends. The school looks very festive, and the staff and students are filled with holiday cheer. The preschool classrooms will be performing a Christmas Program the last week of school before Christmas break. The school-age classrooms have been very festive with Christmas spirit days, see our Facebook page for pictures. We are looking forward to a fun-filled New Year. Have a safe and healthy holiday break. Go Cougars!

Ryan Buck

CARROLL HILLS
SCHOOL



Community Employment



Noah Hinkle

Noah made the decision to pursue community employment. He applied at Carrollton Discount Drug Mart and was called for an interview the same day he submitted the application. Noah went through the interview process and was offered a position immediately. He accepted the job and began working on November 6. I've been so impressed with Noah's ability to stay on task while learning his job duties. The store manager reported appreciating his hard work as well as Noah's polite and courteous demeanor. Proud of you Noah, keep up the good work!

Reva Castelucci

People First Advocacy



Three members of People First attended the Village Council Meeting in September to express their concern over the lack of sidewalks in Carrollton. All three members spoke at the Village Council meeting explaining their personal safety concerns for those that walk along Canton Road. Without sidewalks in this area, walkers are forced to walk on Carroll County residents' private property to avoid the busy road and stay safe. Council members and the mayor thanked the group for speaking on these issues and discussed several key points regarding sidewalks in town. The members did a wonderful job advocating for their community and their safety when walking in town.

The group has already started planning for the 3rd Annual Carrollton's Got Talent Show to be held on Wednesday, March 19, 2025. Several members volunteered to be on the planning committee and are eager to put on this fun event.

One of the 2024 goals was to recruit new members. The membership is rapidly increasing with over 30 people attending regularly. They have had guest speakers attend to talk about various topics such as health care needs, healthy relationships, and transportation in Carroll County.

Penny Hodgson, Community Network Coordinator

Carroll County Christmas Parade



The Carroll County Board of DD participated in the 2024 Christmas Parade with our theme being "The Christmas Story". Thank you to Penny, Missy, and her family for braving the cold weather either riding on the float throwing candy or driving the truck and trailer during the parade. Big thanks also to everyone behind the scenes that helped to decorate and/or made donations to make this possible.



November 25, 2024 Grandparents Day in Preschool



Preschool Classes Thanksgiving Feast





Holidays with the Mrs Schockling's Preschool Class

Happy New Year! I am incredibly proud of our little scholars and their remarkable progress in developing essential skills such as listening, observing, moving around, and maintaining composure. It brings me immense joy to witness their continuous growth as they acquire new knowledge and cultivate friendships. Throughout this period, they have learned about important topics such as safety, elections, family traditions, winter, letters, colors, and numbers. Additionally, our creative kids have engaged in various art projects, including painting, crafting ornaments and more. We are thrilled to showcase our Christmas Program songs to our loved ones. I would like to express my gratitude to our families for their unwavering support and dedication in helping our students thrive. I am eagerly looking forward to the exciting prospects that the new year holds for us!

With love,
Mrs. Schockling

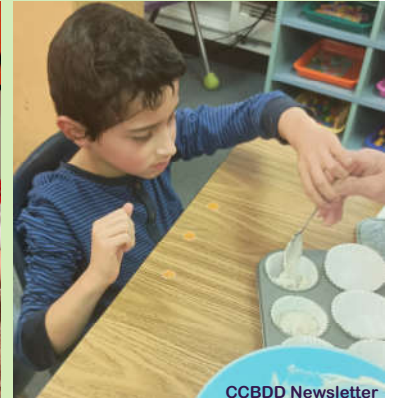


Growing, learning and having fun in Primary 2

A VERY MERRY
CHRISTMAS
and Happy New Year!

The boys in Primary 2 are growing and developing so much this year. Social and communication skills have been a big focus, from how to greet and talk to friends and family to how to express yourself through different types of communication. We're working on verbal communication, American Sign Language and AAC devices to share thoughts and opinions. Over the fall, we were able to learn more about the larger world by watching Olympic events and holding our own presidential election. Even recess has been more exciting as they have learned how to throw frisbees, shoot basketballs and run bases. I can hardly wait to see what spring brings!

Mrs. Jeffries





Holiday Spirit Week with Preschool 2

We are in the holiday spirit in Preschool 2! This month we have been enjoying themed spirit days and engaging in activities to connect with our daily learning. The kids have loved dressing up, doing arts/crafts, and singing Christmas songs as we practice for our program. They especially enjoyed Grinch day as we discussed Christmas, enjoying time together with our families and friends, which is the best gift of all. Lastly, our classroom elf has returned yet again this year! We never know what Buddy will be up to as we get to school each day. We hope that our students and families have a wonderful holiday season, and a very happy new year!

Mrs. Malone and Preschool 2 staff



Learning and Celebrating the Holidays in Primary 1



We are growing so much in elementary! Every day is another celebration of the math, reading, and communication skills that each student is learning. We have had fun with many learning games, and the kids are full of laughter and celebration for each other when their friends do a good job. For Thanksgiving, we invited grand parents to join us. The students made special gifts and table decorations. We had 20 people at our Thanksgiving feast and enjoyed games, and special time with grandparents. An elf has visited our classroom. He is reporting to Santa how well we are doing, and he is hanging out with George, our special class mascot. We hope that all of you have a wonderful Christmas!

Mary Service



Egg Drop Experiment



What a busy year we have had so far! At the end of October, the class celebrated Halloween by dressing up, passing out candy, and going trick or treating around the school. The students really loved seeing everyone in their costumes.

During the month of November, the students helped to make a Thanksgiving meal that we shared together. All of the students really enjoyed the activities and the meal.

The class continues to work at The Carrollton Assembly of God, The Millstone Grind and Café, and The Chop House. Students have experienced new jobs at these locations, and even some of our youngest and newest friends have been able to join in.

We continue to participate in gym class at Carrollton High School, we are so grateful for this opportunity and thank everyone for being so welcoming.

Finally, as this year winds down, staff would like to wish everyone a Happy Holiday season, a wonderful New Year, and a restful break. Thank you to everyone who has provided us with help along the way!

-Nancy Boley and Jessica Lafferty



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



Thanksgiving Feast



Trick or Treat



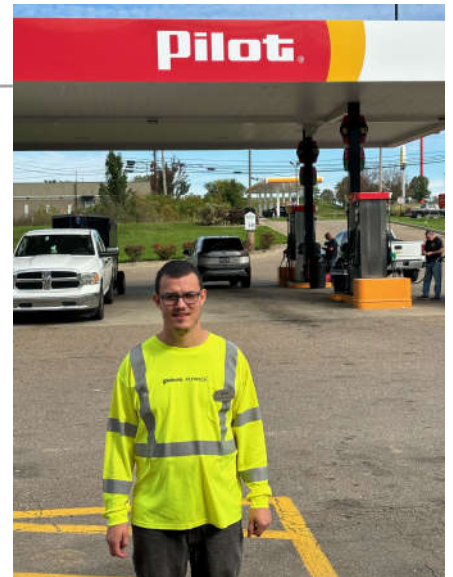
In the Spotlight

Nash's Success Story

Nash is an exceptionally kind and adventurous young boy. He enjoys playing with farm toys, sharing silly stories, experimenting in the kitchen, and playing alongside his friends. He is surrounded by an extremely supportive family and is looking forward to becoming a big brother in 2025. As an infant, he began his journey in the NICU, where his family discovered his hearing loss. Since that time, he has also been diagnosed with Atrial Ectopic Tachycardia (AET), respiratory distress, asthma, and specific audiological needs. Transitioning to preschool has been a significant achievement for him. He has developed the ability to separate from his family, adhere to classroom rules and routines, build friendships, and advocate for his own needs. He delights in getting messy, painting, and participating in group activities. As his teacher, I am continually impressed by his bravery, resilience, and progress throughout this school year.



In the Spotlight



Cody's Success Story

Cody has made so much progress a short amount of time. He took a huge step toward independence by moving from his family home to community living with a peer, this is going exceptionally well. Cody is working with his support team to learn new skills in order to achieve his long term housing goal of living on his own with limited support. He recently celebrated his one year work anniversary at Pilot Flying J Truck Stop. Family Disability Services staff assist Cody in maintaining employment and help him work through any issues that may arise. Cody's job includes emptying the trash, maintaining the parking lot and cleaning the showers that the truckers use. These are very valuable tasks for the goods to continue moving around the country, the drivers need to rest and recharge, Cody is assisting in making that happen. He is the one of the most senior employees in this store having more tenure than most. Cody utilizes Carroll County Transit for his transportation needs to and from work. Steady employment has allowed him to attend a Cleveland Browns game and a vacation to Virginia with Mayle Homes, things he only dreamed of. Cody enjoys earning a paycheck and takes great pride in his work. Great job Cody!



Cold Weather Injury Prevention

Most people get cold injuries because of accidents, severe unexpected weather, or poor planning. Take steps to avoid cold weather injuries.

Wear warm clothing in several loose layers.

- * Wear a tightly woven, wind-resistant coat or jacket.
- * Wear inner layers of light, warm clothing as well as mittens, hats, and scarves.

Make sure your equipment is appropriate for the weather, climate, and your activities.

- * In wet conditions, choose waterproof shoes that have good traction.
- * For water activities, choose an appropriately thick wet suit to prevent hypothermia.
- * Use personal flotation devices. They are lifesaving if someone becomes unable to swim due to injury or the cold.

Stay dry, your body loses heat quickly when wet.

- * Sweat and wet clothing can chill the body rapidly and increase heat loss.
- * If you're actively moving, remove extra layers of clothing whenever you feel too warm or start to sweat.

Do not ignore shivering.

- * Shivering is an early sign that your body is losing heat.
- * Constant shivering is a sign you need to find shelter and get warm.



Common Cold Injuries

In cold temperatures, heat can leave your body more quickly. Heat loss can lead to serious health effects, like hypothermia and frostbite.

Hypothermia

Hypothermia is when core body temperature drops below 95°F (35°C). Hypothermia usually occurs at very cold temperatures, but it can even happen at mild temperatures (around 50°F) if a person becomes chilled from rain, sweat, or being in cold water. People can quickly get hyperthermia in water, even in mild temperatures.

Early symptoms of hypothermia include:

- Shivering
- Feeling tired
- Clumsiness
- Confusion

As a person's body loses more heat:

- Shivering may stop.
- Skin may turn blue.
- Pupils of eyes may expand (dilate).
- Pulse and breathing slows.
- Person may lose consciousness.



If a person's body temperature is below 95°F or has any of the above symptoms, get medical attention immediately. If immediate medical care is not available:

- Find shelter indoors, in the warmest room possible.
- Remove all wet clothing.
- Warm the chest, neck, head, and groin first using a warm dry compress or electric blanket, if available. You can also use skin-to-skin contact under loose, dry layers of blankets, clothing, towels, or sheets.
- Drink a non-alcoholic or non-caffeinated warm beverage. Warm beverages can help increase body temperature. Do not try to give beverages to an unconscious person with hypothermia.

Frostbite

Frostbite is an injury that occurs when skin is exposed to freezing temperatures. Frostbite can range from mild to severe and most often affects the nose, ears, cheeks, chin, fingers, or toes. Frostbite is treatable, but can be severe and cause damage to deep layers of tissue under the skin.

Early signs of frostbite include numbness, tingling, stinging, or pain in areas of the body most exposed to the cold.

If you detect symptoms of frostbite, seek medical care immediately. If immediate medical care is not available:

- Move to a warmer room or shelter.
- Remove all wet clothing.
- Soak the affected body part in warm water.



Duck Pull Fundraiser

Carroll County Special Olympics held our first annual Duck Pull fundraiser on Saturday, October 26, 2024. This was a big hit with many in the community. There was \$600 in cash prizes to be won and 400 ducks to be sold. Overall, our program made a little over \$1,100. We will be doing this fundraiser again next year.

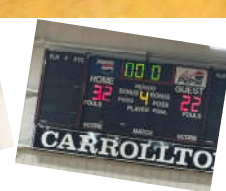


Basketball, Cheerleading and Bowling Season

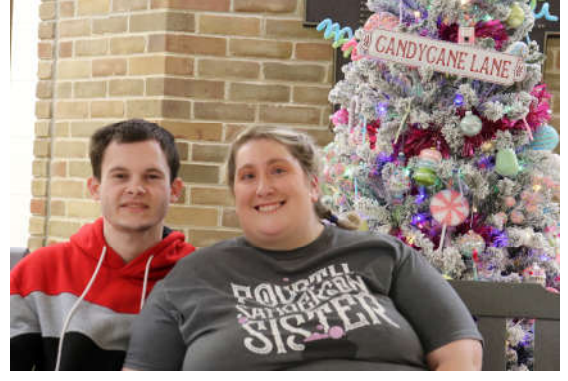
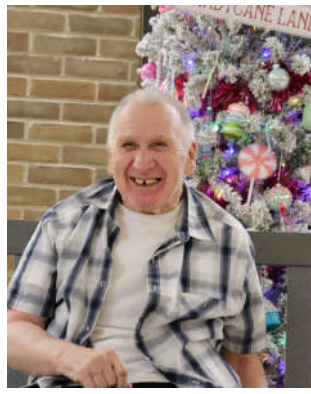
Basketball, cheerleading, and bowling season are upon us. The Cougars are starting the basketball season off strong with two wins and one loss. The cheerleaders are practicing hard for the Cheer Invite Competition in January. Over 60 bowlers had their first practice on Friday, December 6, 2024.

There are several fun events in the works for 2025. Announcements about upcoming events celebrating athletes' hard work and dedication to their sport are coming soon!

Penny Hodgson



WINTER DANCE continues...



and on with more fun this holiday season!



CCBDD News

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- 11/11/24 -Veteran's Day Observed—Entire Program Closed
- 11/27/24 - School Closed
- 11/28-29/24 - Thanksgiving Holiday—Entire Program Closed
- 12/2/24 - Entire Program Closed
- 12/23/24-1/1/25 - Christmas Break for Entire Program
- 1/02/25 - Board Office and 12 month Staff Resume
- 1/02-03/25 - School Closed
- 1/06/25 - School Resumes after Break
- 1/20/25 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day—Entire Program Closed
- 2/17/25 - President's Day—Entire Program Closed
- 3/17/25 - School Staff Inservice—No Students
- 3/27-28/25 - Spring Break for School Staff and Students
- 4/18/25 - Entire Program Closed
- 4/21/25 - Entire Program Closed
- 5/26/25 - Memorial Day - Entire Program Closed
- 5/29/25 - Last Day School for Students
- 5/30/25 - Last Day School for School Staff
- 6/19/25 - Juneteenth Day Observed—Program Closed

