

# CCBDD News



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## We're Back To School ...



Welcome back to school! I hope everyone had a great summer. I love to see all our returning students and how much they have grown over the summer. It is great to see new students in the building as well. We have new staff that we want to welcome to the Carroll Hills family. They are excited to get to know our students and families. I say this all the time, but I love this time of year. I love the cool fall weather, fall foods, and fall activities like apple picking and football. Our classes at Carroll Hills are also gearing up for fall. Preschool will be going on a field trip to a local apple orchard and pumpkin patch. Our older classes will be going to the Tuscarawas County Fair and to the Algonquin Mill Festival. Check out the County Board's Facebook page for pictures of the fun fall activities that our students are enjoying. Thanks for all your continued support and Go Cougars!

**PUMPKIN PATCH**  
**Apple Cider**  
**FALLING LEAVES**  
**CORNSTALKS**  
**Autumn**  
**FOOTBALL**  
**Back To School**

Ryan Buck, Director of Educational Services



**where the learning continues!**



## Matt Campbell, Superintendent

As with all other businesses and organizations, the Board has been experiencing the effects of inflation in all areas of operation. The Board has also experienced an increase in staffing costs as we strive to meet the needs of folks in our community and retain quality staff. This year for 2023, it's looking like our total expenses will exceed the total amount of revenue we will receive. It has been at least 17 years since this has happened. For the past three years, the Board was able to reduce the collection of our main operating levy by a ½ mill. With these increased costs and looking at our five year cash projection, the Board will begin collecting the full voted millage in 2024.

The Board continues to move forward with our strategic plan. Management has monthly meetings with MEORC to tackle the following strategic goals; develop an engaged workforce, build relationships, improve customer satisfaction, and ensure fiscal longevity. Waiver allocation and the waiting list are initiatives under fiscal longevity. Currently, the Board only has four people on the waiting list. We intend to hire new staff to assist growing the Academy for Leadership Abilities and the job coaching team. Board staff continue to refer transition children and adults to Opportunities for Ohioans with Developmental Disabilities for job coaching and job placement. We have seen an increase in referrals and have had successful job placements.

The Board has been working with Ohio Network for Innovations (ONI) on house repairs for existing homes and the purchase of an additional house. At this time, two houses are undergoing repairs and are near completion. Repairs include windows, doors, roofs, siding, flooring, ceiling, and paint. We are near purchasing a handicap accessible home. The current housing stock is four houses. These homes allow people with disabilities to live in the community with reasonable rent. The purchase and repairs are possible due to the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities capital housing funds, which cover the majority of the cost.

Direct Support Professional (DSP) Appreciation Week was September 11-17. Please take a moment to thank a DSP and share with them how much their work means to you. Carroll County Board of DD purchased gift cards for all Carroll County DSPs to express our gratitude for the work they do. If you are interested in becoming a DSP, please contact the Board Office at 330-627-6555.

The Board is asking for your feedback, which will help us to improve services. Please complete the survey which is listed on our website or by following this link <https://forms.office.com/r/2MePbzYik2>

## Carroll Hills Council Membership Drive

# 2023/2024

Carroll Hills Council is holding a membership drive now through November 11<sup>th</sup>.

HURRY and join today and your name will be entered into the membership drawing! There will be two chances to win a \$50 cash prize. The council will be drawing the winners at Carroll Hills Craft Show, November 11<sup>th</sup>.

Carroll Hills Council is a parent/professional organization that functions similar to PTO in public schools. The main difference is that Carroll Hills Council helps meet the needs of children and adults served by the Carroll County Board of DD. The Council raises money through dues, donations, and fundraisers. Each year we designate funds to be used by the teachers at Carroll Hills School, Early Intervention Specialist, Community Employment, Special Olympics, and Carroll County Providers. These funds are intended to enrich the lives of those we serve or help with specific needs of an individual eligible for county board services (example: tickets to an event, pizza party or items used for community support or integration).

Monthly meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month. We always welcome new members and innovative ideas. Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 3:30 PM at Carroll Hills School, 2167 Kensington Rd NE, Carrollton, OH 44615

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone optional \_\_\_\_\_

☐ \$5.00 Individual  
☐ \$6.00 Family

Please make checks payable to Carroll Hills Council and send to County Board Offices, Carroll Hills School or mail to PO Box 429, Carrollton Ohio 44615.



## Introducing the newest members of our team



### Stacy Jeffries

My name is Stacy Jeffries, I am the Intervention Specialist in the intermediate classroom. This is my first year teaching at Carroll Hills School, I am enjoying it very much. I live in Tuscarawas County with my husband, Doug, and our daughter, MJ. My son and daughter-in-law, Josh and Shay, have an adorable baby named Jaxon. I love reading, watching scary movies, and playing games.



### Heather Parker

This is my first year working at Carroll Hills. I have been working in childcare for the past year. I currently live in Carrollton. I enjoy square dancing and tractor pulls.



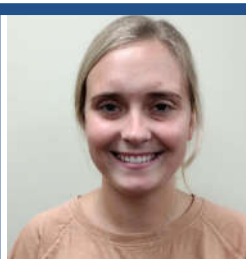
### Brittany Weaver

Hello! My name is Brittany Weaver, I reside in Salineville with my husband and 2 year old twins. Before this position, I was an office associate for six years, I needed a career change which led me to the Carroll County Board of DD. I have grown up in the program as I went to preschool here and now my son is in the Early Intervention program. I am looking forward to working with the students and staff.



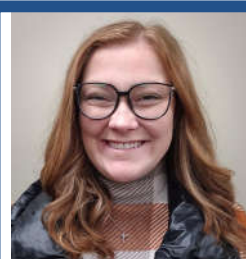
### Diane Wasco

I previously worked in healthcare for many years and felt the need for a change. I enjoy helping others and thought this was the right opportunity for me. I am looking forward to being a classroom aide at Carroll Hills.



### Brooke Hawk

Hello, I am very excited to start this new adventure as a classroom aide at Carroll Hills School. I worked at Carrollton Family Dental as a dental assistant prior to starting here and I am currently in the process of going to school to become a dental hygienist. I will start school in the summer of 2024. I have two dogs, Hazel and Bex. I enjoy spending time with my family, boyfriend, and friends in my free time. I'm excited to see where this journey will take me.



### Eva Johnson

My name is Eva Johnson, or as the kids like to call me "Miss J." I am a classroom aide in Mrs. Shockling's preschool class. I am so excited to be a part of the Carroll Hills and Carroll County Board of DD team while helping the students to reach their fullest potential. I am already having so much fun in this position and I cannot wait to see where it takes me!





In the high school classroom, we are off and running this fall. We have many opportunities to participate in various community activities.

First, the students work at Knickers Restaurant and a local church four days a week. The students are doing well, working hard, and making money. They are learning new skills and how to handle different situations.

Secondly, twice a month, my students join Mrs. Sargent's classroom at Carrollton High School, to interact with their peers. The first class was spent getting to know each other by sharing their favorite foods, shows, and free time activities. Both classes were interested in learning about each other and worked hard on communication skills.

Finally, once a week, Carroll Hills students participate in a typical gym class with multiple peers from Carrollton High School. The class is led by Mr. Josh Beadnell. The Carrollton students are very kind, helpful, and welcoming to our students. They have helped our students learn to play volleyball. My students love participating and look forward to gym class.

These experiences have been great, we are all looking forward to seeing our students grow and progress this year.

Mrs Boley

## Intermediate Class



This year the intermediate classroom contains students in 2<sup>nd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> grade which just so happens to be all boys. In addition to regular academics, they've been working hard on social skills like friendship. The students enjoy recess and play time more than academics (who doesn't?) and have been developing friendships in the classroom and on the playground. They also enjoy STEM days when they get to explore science with hands-on work. One day the boys made volcanoes with baking soda and vinegar and then worked with magnets another day. Everyone helped to decorate the classroom by showing off their artistic side while making positive posters.

Mrs. Jeffries





# Elementary Class

The elementary class is off to a great start. During these first few weeks of school we have been learning and practicing the rules and procedures in our classroom and the school. We have also spent time getting to know one another and building friendships with our new classmates.

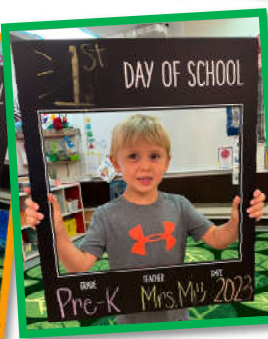
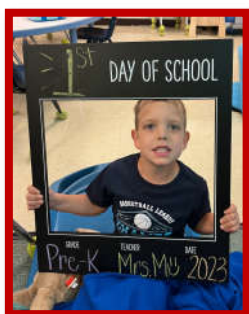
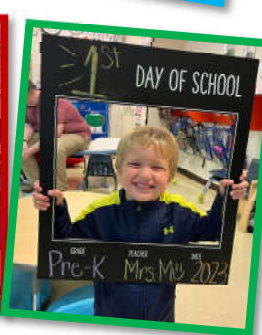
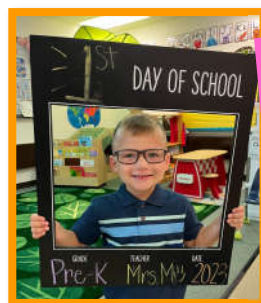
In addition, September has provided us the opportunity to explore and learn about apples. The class really enjoyed making and eating applesauce. I'm looking forward to all the learning and laughter that fall has in store!

Mrs. Talarico



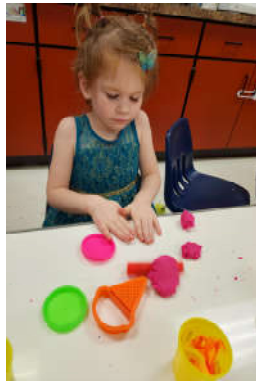
We are off to a great start to the school year in Pre-K. We are so excited to learn more about each student in our classroom and watch as they grow and achieve great things this school year! In the upcoming weeks we will be starting our fall units and learning about community helpers, apples, pumpkins, and have our first field trip to an apple orchard. Lots of fun is in store and we have only just begun!

Mrs Malone





# PRESCHOOL off to a great start



Happy Fall! We are off to a great start this year. Our little scholars are enjoying classroom centers, recess, and snack. We are working on classroom rules, routines, safety drills, how to be a good friend, and so much more. At circle time, they love to greet their peers, interact with the Smart Board calendar, and sing and dance to silly songs. I am so excited to see where this school year takes us.



Mrs. Schockling

Play, Learn and Grow Together!



We have had a great start to our school year. I am so proud of the academic and social growth that I have seen in each child in our few short weeks together. We had fun rescuing dinosaurs from ice and playing with them in edible mud. We acted out many fairy tales and created some of our own. We are getting to know each other during our friendship circle time. Each day is an adventure with these children who are so full of life and fun!

Mrs. Service



# In the Spotlight

**Kelly Burkhardt**

**Community Living  
at its Finest!**



**Kelly Burkhardt** lived with her father, in their family home, her entire life. She had a slightly sheltered upbringing due to fears of the unknown and the outside world. Recently, Kelly's family made the decision to give community living a chance and all those fear melted away as her successes became evident.

Kelly loves her new home and her new roommate. She enjoyed her newfound independence and the ability to get out and do girly things for the first time ever. She bought a new wardrobe, including matching hair bows and accessories. Kelly decorated her new room with her favorite posters and décor. She's even gone to the salon to get her hair done along with a mani-pedi.

Kelly took her first vacation on her own with staff and her roommate. She swam for the first time in her life and has had so many amazing experiences. Kelly is open and willing to try new things. She has found many new activities she adores and some she does not want to try again, but that is person centeredness and self-advocacy perfectly displayed in real life.

Kelly has had so many new experiences in such a short time. Kelly is a community living success story at its finest. We are so proud of her success and thankful for the support of her superb team and dedicated DSPs.

Contact your County Board if you or a family member are ready to make the leap to community living. We would love to see you flourish and grow just like Kelly!

## Community Employment

**Congratulations Samantha, Stephen, Ashley, and John!**



Reva Castelucci

Samantha Toalston wanted a job as a cashier, she took the proper steps and is now working at Discount Drug Mart in Carrollton. She did an excellent job while training and learning what is expected of her at work. Samantha enjoys greeting customers and receiving a paycheck.



Ashley Schlichting gained employment at Beacon Lake as a housekeeper. Her job duties consist of dusting, sweeping, mopping, cleaning windows, and garbage removal. Ashley enjoys working and has begun planning her future.



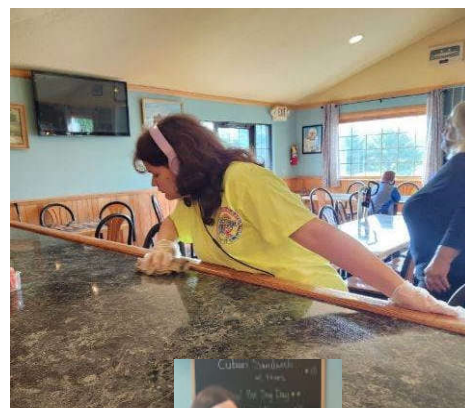
Stephen Gatts achieved his goal of employment and is now employed at McDonald's in Waynesburg. His job duties include cleaning ceiling tiles, dishwashing, and keeping the dining room tidy. One of the things Stephen enjoys most is that he is making new friendships.



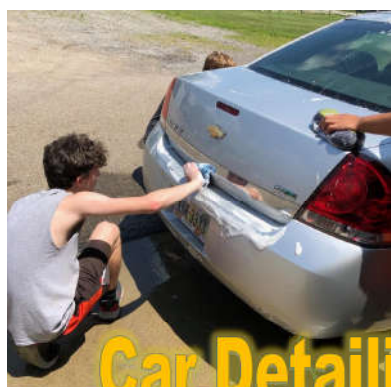
John Evans was also hired at Beacon Lake. He is the groundskeeper and is responsible for landscaping, weed whacking, mowing, and transporting items with the Gator. John's favorite job is using the riding lawn mower.



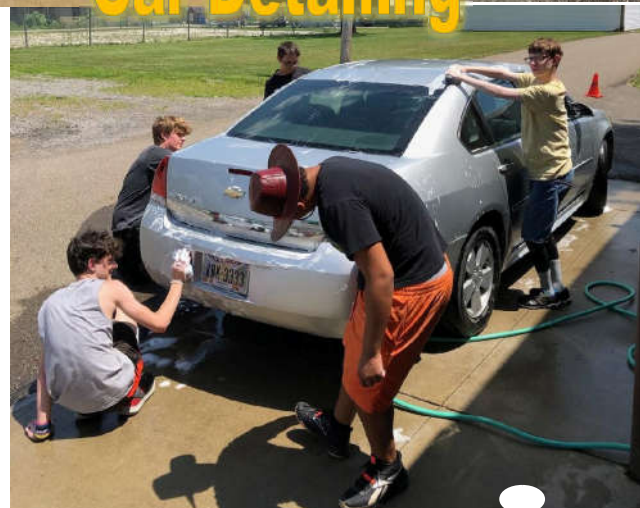
# Community Employment **Ability @ Work**



## Knickers



## Car Detailing



## Job Exploration Training SUMMER JET PROGRAM



## Pieces with Purpose





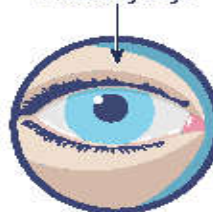
# HELP PROTECT YOURSELF FROM GETTING & SPREADING PINK EYE (CONJUNCTIVITIS)

## PINK EYE IS OFTEN HIGHLY CONTAGIOUS.

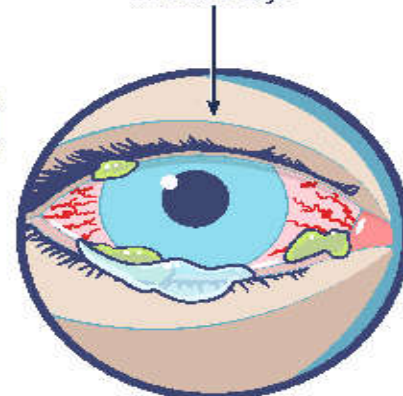
### IT CAN BE CAUSED BY

- 👁️ Viruses (very contagious)
- 👁️ Bacteria (very contagious)
- 👁️ Allergens, like pollen (not contagious)
- 👁️ Irritants, like smoke or dust (not contagious)

Healthy Eye



Infected Eye



## SYMPTOMS USUALLY

### INCLUDE:

- 👁️ Redness or swelling
- 👁️ Watery eyes
- 👁️ A gritty feel
- 👁️ Itchiness, irritation, or burning
- 👁️ Discharge
- 👁️ Crusting of the eyelids or eyelashes



**SEE A DOCTOR** IF YOU  
HAVE PINK EYE ALONG  
WITH ANY OF THE  
FOLLOWING:

- 👁️ Eye pain
- 👁️ Sensitivity to light or blurred vision
- 👁️ Intense eye redness
- 👁️ Symptoms that get worse or don't improve
- 👁️ A weakened immune system, for example from HIV or cancer treatment
- 👁️ Pre-existing eye conditions



Newborns with symptoms of pink eye should see a doctor right away.

A doctor can usually diagnose the cause of pink eye based on symptoms and patient history.



## PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS FROM PINK EYE

- 👁️ Wash your hands often with soap and water, and help young children do the same. Wash hands especially well after touching someone with pink eye or their personal items.
- 👁️ Avoid touching or rubbing your eyes. This can worsen the condition or spread it to your other eye.
- 👁️ Avoid sharing personal items, such as makeup, eye drops, towels, bedding, contact lenses and containers, and eyeglasses.
- 👁️ Do not use the same eye products for your infected and non-infected eyes.
- 👁️ Stop wearing contact lenses until your eye doctor says it's okay.
- 👁️ Clean, store, and replace your contact lenses as instructed by your eye doctor.

[WWW.CDC.GOV/PINKEYE](http://WWW.CDC.GOV/PINKEYE)

Questions call Kim Yeager, RN at 330-627-7651



*Congratulations and Best Wishes*

To the  
Mace family



To the  
Malone family





# Carroll County Special Olympics

Penny Hodgson, Special Olympics Coordinator

**Special  
Olympics**  
Ohio



Special Olympics athletes were very busy during the summer season. Five bowling athletes, two bocce athletes, and three athletics (track and field) athletes competed in the Summer State games in Columbus. They collectively brought home gold, silver, and bronze medals!

Special Olympics held two hot dog stand fundraisers at Sander's Markets and had a great weekend in the process. The funds were used for the Sports Banquet expenses. We will be holding the meat raffle in partnership with Carroll Hills School again this year. Tickets will be on sale the first week of October through Saturday, November 11, 2023. Tickets are \$5, prizes are a gas grill, a \$250 gift card to Polen Meats, and a quarter beef (processing included \$800 value). The winners will be randomly drawn at the Carroll County Board of DD Craft Show at Carroll Hills School on November 11 at 1:00 PM.

Basketball, cheerleading, and bowling will be starting soon. Basketball and cheerleading will start the first of October, bowling starts the first of December. We are looking forward to this upcoming season and cannot wait for everyone to see familiar faces along with some new ones. Keep an eye on the Special Olympics page on the County Board's website for practice and game schedules.

On September 6, 2023, the long-awaited Sports Banquet was held. Century Farms graciously donated the beautiful event space while The Chop House catered our delicious meal. Athletes were recognized for the sports they participated in as well as the volunteers and coaches. It was a wonderful evening for all.





## Academy for Leadership

Shannan Boone and Penny Hodgson presented at the Perry County Board's ALA Conference. It was their fourth Integration Without Trying Conference held at Burr Oak Lodge. They had such a great time.



## People First Self Advocacy



The Carroll County People First Advocacy group has been hard at work over the summer raising funds for their future Washington D.C. trip. They held two hot dog stand fundraisers at Sander's Markets, sold candy bars at Carroll Hills Baby Shower event, and are currently planning a Halloween Costume Contest and Haunted Walk fundraiser to be held at St. John's Villa the last week of October. The group will be selling hot dogs, bottled water, hot apple cider and popcorn (possibly more!). This event is open to the public so come enjoy a fun time while also supporting the People First group to raise money for their trip. The planning committee will meet soon to begin preparations.



Also, a huge congratulations goes out to one of the People First members, Cayce Gray, who was appointed to the People First of Ohio Board for the next two year. Cayce was nominated by the group to represent Carroll County People First chapter. We are so proud of Cayce and know that she will do great things for Carroll County and the State!





# CARROLL COUNTY

BOARD OF DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

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## CCBDD News

Promoting positive awareness of people  
with developmental disabilities

### Board Members

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Carroll County Board of Developmental Disability  
recognizes October as National Disability  
Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM)

- 10/09/23 - Columbus Day Observed - Entire Program Closed
- 10/09/23 - Carroll Hills Council meeting 3:30 pm Carroll Hills School
- 10/12/23 - Fall Field Trip AM Students only (All Day)
- 10/19/23 - Fall Field Trip PM Students only (All Day)
- 10/20/23 - All Staff In-Service Entire Program Closed
- 11/11/23 - Craft Show—10am - 2pm Carroll Hills School
- 11/14/23 - Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 7:00 pm
- 11/16/23 - Parent-Teacher Conferences 3:30 - 7:00 pm
- 11/22/23 - School Closed—Conference Comp Day
- 11/23-24/23 - Thanksgiving Holiday—Entire Program Closed
- 11/27/23 - Entire Program Closed
- 12/08/23 - 2-Hour Delay—School Only
- 12/18/23 - 1/02/24 - Christmas Break for School

Carroll County Board of DD

Annual  
**CRAFT SHOW**

**November 11, 2023**  
**10 AM - 2 PM**

Carroll Hills School, 2167 Kensington Rd

**\*\*Spaces Available - \$20 per table**  
**No Returns and must be paid before show date.**  
**First Come First Serve Basis - Call 330-627-7651**