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## CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATE



Ciara Hilgert



Dustin Shafer



Ryann Young



Tzak Rainsberg

Carroll Hills School is sending four new graduates into the world! We are so proud of the hard work these young people have put into their schooling; we are excited to see what they accomplish in the future.

**Ciara Hilgert** – Miss Hilgert has been an absolute joy as we watched her grow and change over the years. Ciara is a sweet, determined young lady.

**Dustin Shafer**- Mr. Shafer has come so far in the time he attended Carroll Hills. He has become such a charming, kind, hard-working, young man. Dustin has gained so many new skills that are going to take him far after graduation.

**Ryann Young**- Miss Young has really blossomed becoming a brave, outgoing young adult. Ryann has learned new skills, met new friends, and worked hard to become as independent as possible.

**Tzak Rainsberg** - Mr. Rainsberg has been part of the Carroll Hills family for five years. We are proud of the progress he has made. Tzak was a joy to have in the classroom, with his infectious laugh and ornery smirk.

Congratulations graduates! We wish you the best of luck in the years to come.





## Matt Campbell, Superintendent

There are many things currently impacting developmental disabilities services. We are researching ways to address COVID for the next school year since the public health emergency has ended. We are also managing increased service referrals for early intervention and service and support administration. The direct support professional shortage is affecting current services. We are reaching out to providers in and outside the county to fill requested services. The Board is providing more job coaching to ensure people do not lose their jobs. We are also experiencing increased costs for staff overtime, increased waiver match, increased support for crisis intervention, and

increased cost for local funding such as family selected services. I want to thank county board staff who are willing to fill in the gaps to ensure services continue. We also appreciate all our providers and all the overtime worked to ensure services continue.

The Board is working with Ohio Network for Innovation, a non-profit that manages houses for people with disabilities, to renovate four current houses. With the funds from the sale of two houses plus an application for capital housing funds from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, we plan to purchase another house or build a new one for better handicap accessibility.

We had another successful school year. Thank you to all staff, teachers, classroom aides, director of education, administrative assistants, janitor, maintenance, bus drivers, service and support administrator, director of family supports, nurse, and bus drivers. I know I am biased, but I think our staff do an outstanding job. This is evident by reviews from the Ohio Department of Education and Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities that typically result in zero citations. This is also evident in the number of children that we serve at our school.

I had the privilege to attend graduation this year. It was so nice to see all the families at our school and the children having such a good time. It was also nice to see all the children in the bleachers. It is bittersweet to see preschoolers graduate to kindergarten and high school graduates. A big congratulations goes out to our High School Graduates; Ciara Hilgert, Ryann Young, Tzakary Rainsberg, and Dustin Shafer. We are proud of your accomplishments and wish you well in your future endeavors.



## Ryan Buck, Director of Educational Services

The 2022-2023 school year at Carroll Hills was a memorable one. I love seeing the students grow, change, and reach their goals. Congrats to the preschool graduates. Good luck in kindergarten! Thanks to the parents for trusting us with the early stages of your child's educational career. Carroll Hills School had four high school graduates this year with most of them in the program since preschool age. It has been an honor seeing them grow into the

outstanding young men and women they have become. This summer, Carroll Hills School will be a busy place with many noticeable upgrades and improvements being made. In July, we will hold Preschool Little Cougars Camp. Also in July, be sure to visit the CCBDD booth and Tot Spot at the Carroll County Fair, stop by and say hello. It will soon be August and another school year will begin. Until then, enjoy summer! Spend time outside and do something new and exciting. Have a great summer and Go Cougars!

# Exceptional Olympics

High school and intermediate students traveled to Perry High School to participate in the Exceptional Olympics on May 12, 2023.



HIGH FIVE

WAY TO GO

CHEERS

CONGRATS

HOORAY

# Transitioning to Employment

High school and intermediate classes earned a pizza party from the Carrollton Assembly of God Church for their hard work this year.



## Intermediate Class



We have been having so much fun in the intermediate classroom learning new skills as the end of year came. Food Fridays continued to be a big hit, learning about other countries' culture. May brought nice weather and we were able to work on our baseball skills and participated in the Exceptional Olympics at Perry High School which was lots of fun. For Mother's Day, the students made sugar scrub gifts for their moms. Enjoy your summer break!



Making sugar scrubs to give their Moms for Mother's Day gifts



Visit to China to enjoy rice, peas, and carrots on Food Friday



Intermediate and high school students took advantage of a beautiful day and went outside to play baseball

# PRESCHOOL with Mrs. Service

What a wonderful time we had in preschool this year. We ended our year with enjoying visits from pets, hunting for treasure (ARGH, matey!), and visiting the Akron Zoo. I am amazed by each child's capacity to learn. Each child made great gains in language and math. I am so proud of all of them and will dearly miss our students that are moving up to kindergarten. I wish these students and parents the very best! And, as always, a big THANK YOU to all parents for sharing his/her child with us. It has been a great year!

Mrs. Service, Miss Linda and Miss Katey

*Thank you!*



# PRESCHOOL with Mrs. Schockling



Carroll Hills School annual end of the year water day, so much fun!



Congratulations to the Schockling family



# Happy Summer

## PreK with Mrs. Malone

The students have worked so hard this year and we had so much fun celebrating their accomplishments.

The pre-k staff wishes everyone a happy and healthy summer.



# Elementary Class had A Year of



It's hard to believe that the school year has come to an end. The final weeks leading up to summer break have flown by. The change of season and warmer weather have provided the elementary students with new opportunities for learning and fun. We learned about the life cycles of butterflies and chickens, as well as wind and how plants grow. We spent our final days of school participating in field day, playing at the park, and enjoying water day.

I am so proud of the growth each student has made this year! Wishing everyone a safe and happy summer break. I can't wait to see everyone again in the fall.

Ms. Kristi Talarico



# Ability @ Work Community Employment

Heather Bishop attended the Harcatus Head Start Staff Recognition Day in Dover on June 2. She enjoyed the various team building activities with her coworkers. One of Heather's favorite events was the 60-minute scavenger hunt. Teams were formed and instructed to find specific items in the community and then take pictures of the team with the item.

I accompanied Heather to this event, it was impressive to see the relationships she has with her Malvern co-workers, and to watch her form new relationships with staff from other centers in Ohio. It was a good day for Heather, I was honored to be included.

Reva Castelucci, Job Coach



## Carroll County People First Advocacy Group

The Carroll County People First Advocacy Group continues to sell candy bars to raise funds for their Washington DC trip next year. The group will be running the Hot Dog Stand on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, June 11<sup>th</sup> from 10am-7pm at Sander's Market in Carrollton. The group is beginning plans for a fall Halloween themed fling at the end of October. They will also be having special speakers at upcoming meetings this summer presenting on topics such as internet safety, fire safety, and health and wellness. The group is planning a fun cookout for the July meeting at St. John's Villa and are beginning to plan a bowling meeting before the end of the summer.



CARROLL HILLS COUNCIL

# Spring Dance

A Huge Success!

Thank you the Malvern Rotary for sponsoring the dance, DJ Chelsea Householder, Kristen Long for taking pictures and to all those that volunteered to make it so successful.

## Let's DANCE!



# In the Spotlight

## Madelyn Arquilla



Madelyn Arquilla transitioned from Early Intervention to our Preschool program this year. She has made a huge improvement in her walking abilities. She has also really blossomed in her personality and interacting with other students. She has become a great friend and peer in her classroom. She brightens everyone's day with her smile, and she deserves the spotlight!



## Community Baby Shower and Play Group



The Carroll County Early Intervention held a Community Baby Shower on June 3rd for families with young children or those expecting. It turned out to be a nice day with tons of resources, freebies, snacks, free family / child portraits, car seat inspections, free raffles and much more. Thank you to all that joined us.



The Early Intervention Play Group was treated with a story by Miss Marcia! There were 20 children in attendance. Follow our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/carrollcbdd/> for information on the next play group.

## Early Intervention— Sign-up for a free book a month!



As summer approaches, we wanted to remind you of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio. This great resource mails children under the age of five one free book a month.



You can learn more and sign up at Imagination Library website.

[Home — Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio \(ohioimaginationlibrary.org\)](http://Home — Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio (ohioimaginationlibrary.org))



# Carroll County Special Olympics

Penny Hodgson, Special Olympics Coordinator

The athletics team had a great time at the NE Ohio Regional Qualifier games held in Bedford on May 6<sup>th</sup>. We brought home ten gold, twelve silver, and five bronze medals! The bocce team also did very well at their qualifier in Belaire, OH at the Son's of Italy. Cayce Gray, Devin Swisher, and Lakisha Arnold were picked to go to State for athletics and Austin Myers and Jackalynn Hale were chosen for bocce. Congratulations! Good luck and have fun.



## Way to Go COUGARS!

On June 10, 2023, we hosted a five county Athletics/Bocce Invitational at Minerva High School. This was a fun filled day for all. Thank you to everyone who has helped our program in one way or another. We appreciate you all.

**GO COUGARS!**



# Carroll County Special Olympics continues...



Bowling season will be wrapping up soon, the coaches chose Gene Fankhauser, Allen Miller, Jack Hobson, Marie Denhart, and Tessa Gray to go to the State Summer Games. Congratulations on being selected, good luck and most importantly, have fun!



## PIZZARIFIC FUNDRAISER!

LITTLE CAESARS' PIZZA KITS AND MORE ARE NOW AVAILABLE!!



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It's pizza time! For the next 4 weeks, we're selling Pizza Kits to help send our athletes to the State Summer Games in Columbus on June 23rd - 25th and also to purchase equipment for our newest sport, Unified Volleyball! To reach our goal and be successful, we need everyone's help. Buy a pizza kit, cookie dough, or in-store promo codes good for 12 months after purchase (works at any Little Caesars' restaurant)!



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IF YOU MAKE IT, THEY WILL COME (to the dinner table)



QR code to set up your own seller page

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AND AS ALWAYS, A PORTION OF ALL ONLINE SALES GOES DIRECTLY TO OUR PROGRAM!!

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Promoting positive awareness of people with developmental disabilities

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- 6/19/23 - Juneteenth - Program Closed
- 7/4/23 - Independence Day Observed - Program Closed
- 8/16-18/23 - School Staff Inservice –8:00-3:00 pm
- 8/21/23 - First Day of School for School-Age Program
- 9/04/23 - Labor Day Observed– Entire Program Closed
- 9/22/23 - 2-Hour Delay—School Only
- 10/09/23 - Columbus Day Observed - Entire Program Closed
- 10/20/23 - All Staff In-service Entire Program Closed
- 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
- 12/25/23 - 1/02/24 - Christmas Break Entire Program
- 1/03/24 - Program Resumes

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# FAMILY CAREGIVER SURVEY

- For a family member or guardian who provides paid and/or unpaid care to a family member with intellectual/developmental disabilities
- Takes about 15 mins to complete
- Feedback is confidential

Scan to Participate:

You can also email [DODDFamilySurvey@osumc.edu](mailto:DODDFamilySurvey@osumc.edu) or call 614-685-3195 to complete the survey by phone.  
[https://dodd.ohio.gov/about-us/DODD\\_Data/FCS](https://dodd.ohio.gov/about-us/DODD_Data/FCS)

The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities is conducting an online survey to gain feedback from family/guardian caregivers. The goal is to hear about the different ways families/guardians are impacted by caregiving.