

# CCBDD News



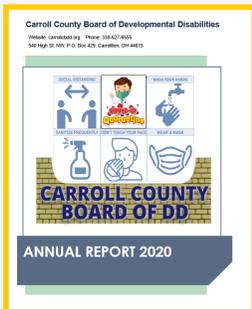
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### Welcome Back!

It is so great to see more students in the building! We are still taking many precautions for COVID-19 including all staff wearing masks, social distancing as much as possible, daily temperature checks and extensive cleaning measures. Please keep your students home when they aren't feeling well. It is my goal to provide in-person learning for the entire year. I'm very excited for this school year and to show off new items around the building. Carroll Hills School has three new pieces of playground equipment, thanks to the overwhelming support of the Beef Raffle Fundraiser last spring. We've also worked hard over the summer putting together a sensory room for those with sensory needs to have a calming area. Like always, if you have any questions please call me at the school, 330-627-7651.

Ryan Buck, Director of Educational Services





## Matt Campbell, Superintendent

We are all aware that COVID-19 cases are on the rise. The Board remains committed to keeping everyone as safe as possible while following all mandates. Board staff continue doing a great job cleaning and disinfecting all areas. Carroll Hills School opened for the 21-22 school year in August, with provisions in place. Masks are required for CCBDD staff and visitors, meetings and home visits are limited to essential visits only and on September 7, we resumed recording daily temperatures. I will continue to monitor and update our COVID-19 protocols as necessary.

The Board is in the process of completing a Strategic Plan for 2022 through 2024. The two day planning event was held on September 27 and 28. We are looking at ways to improve services which could also include restructuring staff. The Board explored techniques to better support providers since they are the ones providing services in Carroll County. We will be discussed options to help families, especially addressing a current gap for children ages 3 to 21. Staff are also preparing for an accreditation review from The Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities in January, 2022.

I am sure you are very aware of the labor shortage across the country. Carroll County has been directly affected by this shortage in the way of Direct Support Professionals (DSP). DSPs are employed by providers to administer services to people with developmental disabilities. Provider agencies are experiencing high staff turnover and not enough staff to complete the job. The Board is partnering with DODD, our trade organization Ohio Association of County Boards, and Mid-East Ohio Regional Council (Council of Government which is similar to an Educational Service Center) to find ways to support local providers.

Direct Support Professional Recognition Week was September 12-18. You can help by taking the opportunity to thank a DSP for their hard work and dedication and also share with them how much their work means to you. For the second year in a row, the Carroll County Board of Developmental Disabilities program recognized DSP staff with a small gift to show our gratitude for the important work they do. If you are interested in becoming a Direct Support Professional, please contact JoAnn Hilliard at the Board Office at 330-627-6555. The Board is also encouraging families and providers to consider other routes such as remote supports and assistive technology to meet individual needs. These options allow some individuals the ability to be more independent and could reduce the need for a DSP in their home.

As you can see it's a very busy time for the Board. We are so thankful for community support!



# Generation Pound

Carroll Hills School is excited to collaborate with Coral Abel and her staff from DanceAbel Ballroom Dance Studio in Minerva. The studio teaches a fitness class called “Pound.” Pound uses drumsticks to workout with great music and while teaching rhythm and movement. The studio sends an instructor twice a month to teach a class to our students called “Generation Pound.” Our students absolutely love this activity and picked it up pretty easily. We are excited to bring fitness and movement to our school.



# Special Olympics News

A great golf season ended in September. Thank you to the athletes, volunteers and to Carroll Meadows Golf Course for helping out last minute so we were able to have a successful golf season. A huge thanks to Mike and the Golf Course staff for all of their support along with Coach, Chuck Wells and Assistant Coach, Sue Sargeant for their knowledge of the sport. Twenty golfers consistently participated all season.

Preparations for bowling and basketball are currently underway, information and sign-ups will be distributed soon. If you are interested in volunteering or coaching for an upcoming sport, please reach out to me at 330-627-7651.

Ryan Buck, Special Olympics Coordinator



The summer has been very eventful for the Carroll County Board of DD Self-Advocacy program. We have had several meetings that have included activities such as cornhole, cookouts and good conversation. I've witnessed self-advocacy in action as people have become more active in decision making, speaking up about their wants and needs and following through with their decisions.



People First members have been active in voting for a new vice-president, choosing a new meeting location and getting involved in the community through research about sidewalk regulations in the Village of Carrollton. People First members have invited the People First of Ohio President to attend the November meeting. People First is also actively working towards building up revenue for the group. To date, they've held a car wash and a bake sale fundraiser. People First meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Chop House in Carrollton.



The County Board is sending six individuals and three staff members to the Synergy Conference on October 5<sup>th</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>. This conference offers various classes that help support individual growth. The topics include leadership, healthy eating, mental health, virtual connections, personality traits and many other useful topics.



The County Board hosts game night on the last Friday of every month from 5:00-7:00 pm at the Carroll County Board of DD Offices at 540 High Street NW, Carrollton. Everyone is welcome, please join us!

Ashley Hyde, Community Network Coordinator



Carroll County People First Group July's meeting included: Front (left-right) Jenny Moore, Jack Hobson -Vice President, Alex Weaver and Shirley Lewis. Back row: Sarah Hines -Treasurer, Matt Crough- President, Noah Gray- Sergeant of Arms, Randy Stacy, Nathan Kline, Karen Bross and Charlie Weir. Ronda Williams—Secretary absent .



# TO OUR NEW STAFF!

## Dyana Rossi



I worked as a speech language pathologist at Carroll Hills School from 2016-2020. My background includes approximately 20 years of work in school and medical settings as a speech language pathologist and as an audiologist. After a year off work during the 2020-2021 school year, I missed the students and staff at Carroll Hills School so much that I applied to become a substitute teacher and classroom aide. I currently live in Waynesburg with my husband, Byron. We have two sons, a junior in college and a 7th grader. In my free time, I enjoy reading, gardening and the simple pleasures involved with taking care of a home and family.

## Margo Riggerbach



I'm super excited to be part of Carroll Hills School staff and work with students. I have lived in Carrollton for 30 years with my husband, Melvin. We share our home with our three children Tony, Autumn and Logan along with a couple of dogs, cats and my daughter's pet pig. My previous employment includes St. John's Villa, where I worked for three years. I love spending time with my family and enjoy taking walks.

## Kristi Talarico



I am so excited to join the Carroll Hills team as the teacher in the intermediate classroom for the 2021-2022 school year. I am a graduate of The Ohio State University (Go Bucks!) and have been teaching for 13 years. I have taught creative movement in public schools, first grade and reading in grades K-3. I have three children ages 10, 12, and 12 (yes, twins), two dogs and two cats. I love watching movies and playing games with my family, lifting weights and traveling.

# WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL



The elementary class started off the school year raising butterflies. We have monarch chrysalis and black swallowtail chrysalis butterflies along with three painted lady caterpillars. So far, we've had two butterflies hatch so the students were able to release them into the wild. This has been such a fun experience and everyone is excited to see more butterflies hatch from their cocoons.

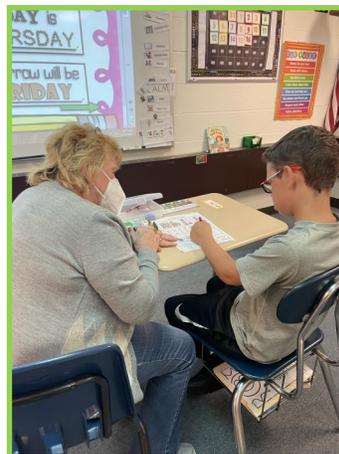
Miss Irwin



## Intermediate Class

Kristi Talarico, Teacher

We are off to a great start to the year! My students have been working hard on our math and reading skills while also enjoying some fun with themed days like Make It and Take It Friday and Game Day Wednesday. We've enjoyed making spider cookies, oobleck and soap dough as well as learning new board games to play together. I am looking forward to more memorable moments in our class.

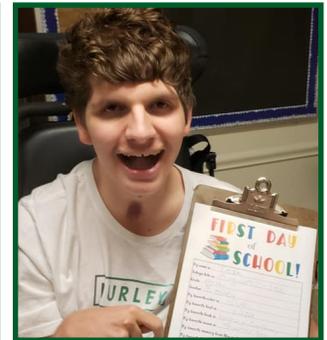


Nancy Boley, Teacher

The high school class hit the ground running! The students are working hard at several different work locations in the community and in our school. They've also been showing huge strides in academics. Classroom staff have been very impressed with the students this year.

When the school year began, I asked the students to list any goals they wanted to achieve during the year. Great goals such as gaining new skills in the work place, earning more money and making new friends topped the list. As a group, we've been concentrating on mastering new skills while at the job site. Students have been taught how to vacuum, use a broom, clean windows and dust properly. They are getting better every day and are proud of their new skills and the extra money they are making.

In the classroom, we've focused on interacting with new friends while also sharpening our skills to recognize street signs, read menus and make purchases. The students continue to make progress in all of these areas and look forward to using their new skills in our community.



## Early Intervention

Outreach for Carroll County Early Intervention Program kept Developmental Specialist, Jessica Lafferty, quite busy this summer with the Carroll County Fair, Back to School Extravaganza, and the Kilgore Homecoming Parade.



Jessica handed out over 150 bags of materials between the School Extravaganza and the Kilgore Parade.

### Do you have concerns about your child's development?

Eligible children ages birth through two years old can receive free Early Intervention services.

#### What is Ohio Early Intervention?

A statewide system that provides coordinated services to parents of infants and toddlers with disabilities or developmental delays in Ohio. Services are based on the county that you reside in. We use a coaching model to help you advance your child's development.

#### Anyone can make a referral.

If you have a concern, call us at 1-800-755-4760 or complete a simple, online referral at [ohioearlyintervention.org](http://ohioearlyintervention.org) (scroll to the middle of the page). We will set up a time to talk to you that fits into your schedule. For further information regarding Carroll County E.I. Services, contact Jessica Lafferty at 330-627-7651 or 330-432-5775.

# ♥ Welcome to Preschool!

## Preschool 1

Preschool 1 is off to a great start. We have been learning about rules and routines of the school and have completed an all about me theme as well. This fall we have a lot in store in our classroom, including field trips, fall activities and our Halloween party. I am looking forward to seeing what this school year holds for our new bunch of students and can't wait to see them continue to learn and have fun!

Mrs. Malone



## Preschool 2

Preschool 2 classroom fun has just begun. Our preschoolers are becoming fast friends. We just completed a unit on friendship and enjoyed playing a game called "Who is in the box?" This was a great way to learn one another's names. Mr. Ryan even joined in on the fun. Although he was a little too tall for the box, the students couldn't stop laughing when he was in the box! My students love our weekly science experiments and learning games. I can already tell that this is going to be a great year.

Mary Service





to Pre-K

We are going to have a great year!

Welcome back to the start of another school year. Summer has flown by, but the fun is just starting in our classroom. The Pre-K class is back to an all day schedule which prepares our students for Kindergarten. I can't believe that we are already a month into the new school year. In the classroom, we've covered school rules, back to school and all about me units. Pre-K students have been enjoying the new playground and gym equipment, as well as using Generation Pound, a kid friendly workout using drumsticks. My students are looking forward to a fall field trip and a Halloween party next month.

-Mrs. Carte



## Community Employment

Reva Castelucci, Job Coach

Makenzy Burke graduated from Carrollton Schools in the spring of 2020. She participated in the Carroll County Board of Developmental Disabilities JET Program (Job Exploration and Training) in the summer of 2019 and 2021 to obtain job skills to become employed in the community. Makenzy was willing to take on any task assigned to her and would often express that she wanted to have a job in the community to help her Mom and Dad. She has proven that hard work pays off because as of August 2021, Makenzy was hired to clean the USDA Service Center in Carrollton. Now that she's obtained one job, she's set her sights on getting a second job. Makenzy sets goals for herself and strives to achieve them!

**Congratulations Makenzy, we are all so proud of you.**



# Ability @Work

## Community Employment Summer Jet Program

The **Job Exploration and Training program (JET)** focuses on introducing individuals with developmental disabilities to a variety of jobs within our community by providing hands on experience performing skills required by employers in a variety of work settings, as well as instructional guidance in acquiring the social skills necessary to get a job and keep a job!



## PROVIDER News

### Employment Opportunities

If you're searching for employment and enjoy helping others, a job in the developmental disabilities field may be just what you're looking for!

Most Carroll County Providers are hiring - please see contact information below.

#### Local Agency Providers

ALCO- Alice Cooper 330-440-6429 [alcoservicesllc@yahoo.com](mailto:alcoservicesllc@yahoo.com)

Carroll Hills Industries- Edgar Barnett 330-627-5524 [ebarnett@carrollhillsindustries.com](mailto:ebarnett@carrollhillsindustries.com)

Countryview Manor - Virginia Ragozzino 330-627-6900 [cvmlaq@frontier.com](mailto:cvmlaq@frontier.com)

ResCare/Carrollton Group Home – Candace Huggins 740-260-2736 [candacehuggins@rescare.com](mailto:candacehuggins@rescare.com)

Ember Complete Care- 740-922-6888 [embercare@yahoo.com](mailto:embercare@yahoo.com)

Family Disability Services- Todd Donnelly 330-806-1753 [familydisabilityservices@gmail.com](mailto:familydisabilityservices@gmail.com)

Horizons Inc.- Donna Merrill 800-251-5204 [dmerrill@tusco.net](mailto:dmerrill@tusco.net)

Mayle Homes- Mark Mayle 330-205-2288 [mmayle5@neo.rr.com](mailto:mmayle5@neo.rr.com)

Maxim Healthcare Services- Scott Thompson 330-493-6001 [scthomps@maxhealth.com](mailto:scthomps@maxhealth.com)

REACH - Neal Isherwood (Not hiring presently)

R & L Options- Marsha Shumacher 330-428-3114 [marsha717@neo.rr.com](mailto:marsha717@neo.rr.com)

Starlight Enterprises- Cassie Elvin 330-339-2020 [cassiee@thinksei.com](mailto:cassiee@thinksei.com)

Stepping Stone Residential- Brenton Whitman 740-922-4092 [steppingstone16@gmail.com](mailto:steppingstone16@gmail.com)

St John's Villa - President Richard Davis 330-627-9789 [rdavis@stjohnsvilla.net](mailto:rdavis@stjohnsvilla.net)

The Arc- Chelsea Dietle- 234-571-5689 ext. 206 [chelseadietle@thearcofohio.org](mailto:chelseadietle@thearcofohio.org)

**Choose a job** you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life. - Confucius



### Removing Barriers to Employment with STABLE Accounts

By Ohio Treasurer Robert Sprague

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) - a time to recognize and celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of workers with disabilities. NDEAM also highlights the importance and benefits of inclusive workplaces.

This year's theme is "America's Recovery: Powered by Inclusion." As our economy continues to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, it is important to recognize that a strong economy must include opportunities for American workers with disabilities.

It goes without saying, people living with disabilities often face many barriers when it comes to employment, and disability-related expenses can pose a real financial strain on individuals and their families. However, we have a powerful tool to break down those barriers, unlock each person's potential, and make our communities and economy stronger.

Through STABLE Account – Ohio's ABLE program – the Treasurer's office plays a key role in the effort to enhance financial independence for people living with disabilities.

For the complete article go to <http://www.carrollcbdd.org/> under Resources/Helpful links or you may go directly to Stable accounts for more information at <https://www.stableaccount.com/>



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Promoting positive awareness of people with developmental disabilities

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- 10/11 - Columbus Day Observed - Entire Program Closed
- 10/12 - Carroll Hills Council Meeting - 3:15pm CCBDD offices
- 10/22 - All Staff In-service - Entire Program Closed
- 11/9- Carroll Hills Council Meeting - 3:15pm CCBDD offices
- 11/11 - Veteran's Day Observed - Entire Program Closed
- 11/16/21 - Parent Teacher Conference 3:30pm to 7:00pm
- 11/18/21 - Parent Teacher Conference 3:30pm to 7:00pm
- 11/24/21 - School Closed - Conference Comp Day
- 11/25-26/21 - Thanksgiving Holiday - Entire Program Closed
- 11/29/21 - Entire Program Closed
- 12/10/21 - 2 Hours Delay - School only
- 12/20/21 - School Christmas Break
- 12/23/21 - Entire Program Closed - Christmas Break
- 1/4/22 - Entire Program Resumes after Break

## ALGONQUIN MILL FALL FESTIVAL

October 8th, 9th, 10th – 9-5PM

Mayle Homes and Starlight Enterprises answered Michele Rutledge's request for help baking cookies for the upcoming Algonquin Mill Festival. In three days, over 1,169 dozen cookies were made.



Kudos to all those cookie bakers.

Randy & Liz Smith,  
Polly Jones,  
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