

# CCBDD News



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The 2025-2026 school year at Carroll Hills School is off and running. We love seeing the students back in the building. It is great to see the preschoolers coming to school for the first time, and to see the school-age students that have grown up here. There are lots of new students and new staff in the building this year. Over the summer, our maintenance staff did a great job shining up the place. We have purchased new technology for some of the classrooms, and we also have a new phone system. The students are working hard and having fun starting the school year. Please check out our CCBDD Facebook page for pictures of fun activities happening around the school. As we get into fall and the holiday season, lots of special activities and field trips are planned that we are excited for. Stay safe and have fun. Go Cougars!

Ryan Buck

## Get Ready for a Great Year!





Superintendent Matt Campbell

We extend our sincere appreciation to all Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) who support individuals served by the Carroll County Board of DD. September 7–13 marked DSP Appreciation Week, and it's never too late to recognize their dedication. Please take a moment to thank a DSP and share how much their work means to you.

Interested in becoming a DSP? Contact us at 330-627-6555 to learn more.



The Middle School classroom is excited for the 2025-2026 school year. This year, we will be participating in Coffee Cart by baking sweet treats and delivering orders. We will also take monthly trips into the community to gain exposure to different careers, connect classroom learning to the real-world, develop career readiness and life skills, foster curiosity, and make informed future career choices. In the classroom, we are focusing on furthering our academic skills, being social with our friends, and being creative in various areas. We hope to have a fun and safe school year!

Makenzie Miller



The high school class is adjusting well to the new school year. We have incorporated yoga into our daily schedule, and the students enjoy taking time to stretch, relax and decrease stress and anxiety. We have also incorporated learning about new cultures and current events with our new interactive screen. We recently learned about Hispanic Heritage Month and will be using the new information we learned to create our scarecrow for Scarecrow on the Square.

Mandy Mace





## Introducing the newest members of our team!

### Preschool Teacher



I'm Maci Manfull and I am thrilled to be joining the Carroll Hills team as a preschool teacher. I was born and raised in Carrollton, where I now live with my husband Matt, and our two wonderful daughters. Over the past several years, I have had the opportunity to work as both a long and short-term substitute teacher. Those experiences have strengthened my passion for education and prepared me for this exciting new chapter of having a classroom of my own. I have also spent the last three years as a youth cheer coach, where I have enjoyed encouraging my girls to build confidence and teamwork.

Outside of the classroom, I enjoy spending time with my family, traveling and exploring new places. I also love animals and nature and stay busy caring for our two dogs, two cats, and chickens. In my free time, I enjoy creating unique crystal jewelry. I am passionate about early childhood education and look forward to helping children learn, grow, and discover the world around them.

### Classroom Aides



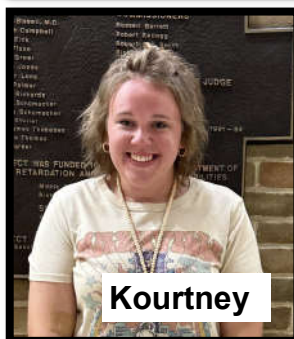
My name is Darcelle Waidman, and I'm incredibly happy to be a classroom aide at the Carroll County Board of DD. The most fulfilling part is knowing I've made a positive impact on at least one child's day. Outside of work my husband, Eric, and I are blessed with a blended family. My daughter, Brittany, her fiancé Alan, our grandchildren, Alayna (11) and Aaron (9) and my stepson Gauge (11). The diverse ages and personalities make every day an adventure! We attend Perrysville Methodist Church and are truly blessed with a great pastor and church family. Obie, our little rescue dog, adds to the fun and provides unconditional love. Watching my granddaughter Alayna play softball and basketball is one of my happiest moments. In my downtime, I enjoy documentaries and true-life stories, either through books or television. I am truly looking forward to a fun filled year at the Carroll County Board of DD.



Hello, my name is Joy Bartlow. I recently graduated from Carrollton High School in May. Throughout high school I played volleyball and ran track. I am really looking forward to being a part of this great team at Carroll Hills School.



Hi, my name is Kendall McClintock. I am a classroom aide, I take joy in seeing the kids every day and being able to help them learn and grow as individuals. I am 20 years old and currently attending Buckeye Career Center for dental assisting. I am the youngest of two older sisters and my parents. I'm very grateful to be working with such great staff and amazing kids.



I'm Kourtney Mann and I'm excited to be part of the high school class as a classroom aide this year! I have been married to my husband, Christian, for 8 years. I have been a stay at home mom for the past 7 years to our two wonderful children, Keegan who is 7 and Kathleen who is 5. In my spare time I enjoy watching my kids play sports, gardening and attending church with my family.

## Carroll Hills School Welcomes Three New Faces to the Classroom

As we kick off the 2025–2026 school year, Carroll Hills School is thrilled to welcome three passionate educators to our team. Each brings a unique background and a shared enthusiasm for making a difference in the lives of our students.

**Mandy Mace** has been serving the County Board as a Service and Support Administrator (SSA) since 2022. Her dedication to helping individuals thrive makes her a natural fit for the classroom, and she's excited to bring her experience directly to our students.

**Makenzie Miller** also joined the County Board in 2022 as a Developmental Specialist. Her deep understanding of developmental needs and her energetic approach to learning will be a tremendous asset to our school community.

**Maci Manfull** After stepping in last year for a six-month long-term preschool substitute position through the Stark County ESC, Maci proved she was ready for more. When a full-time opportunity opened up, she was the perfect choice.

We're excited to see the positive impact these educators will have in the classroom. Their commitment, experience, and enthusiasm are already making waves, and we couldn't be happier to have them on board.

Welcome Mandy, Makenzie, and Maci!



Mandy

Maci

Makenzie

## Janitor



Brian

Hi my name is Brian Toothman and I'm looking forward to working with everyone at the CCBDD. I live in East Rochester with my wife Missy and son, Avery. In my spare time I like to go boating and kayaking.

## SSAs



Betty-Jo

I'm Betty-Jo Wilson and I am very excited to join the Carroll County Board of DD as a Service and Support Administrator. Previously I worked in the Mental Health Support and Social Services field. I am the proud mom of six kids (ages 9-27), two grandchildren and a husband who puts up with us all. We are a very active family with sports, travel, and a passion for music. Honestly, I am looking forward to Ed Sheeran touring the US again, best concert ever. Relaxing isn't in the cards just yet for me, and I would not have it any other way.



Michele

Hi! My name is Michele Brown and I'm very happy to join the Carroll County Board of DD as a Service and Support Administrator. Before starting at the Board, I worked in the mental health field for many years and was a Service and Support Administrator in a neighboring county for over eight years. When I'm not working, I'm usually spending time with my husband and our four kids or taking care of our many animals.

# ♥ Welcome to Preschool!

What a wonderful start we've had in Mrs. Schockling's Preschool class. Our little learners have been busy settling into the school year discovering, creating, and growing together each day.

We've been practicing our routines and safety drills to help us feel confident and safe. We've explored all about fall, learned about ourselves, our bodies, our senses, and our families. Each day, we are recognizing and practicing writing our names and preparing for kindergarten.

Through singing, dancing, playing, and learning, we've been making wonderful memories and becoming such great friends. Our classroom is full of laughter, kindness, and curiosity, and it's only the beginning of our adventure together.

We are especially excited as we look forward to celebrating Grandparent's Day soon! It's going to be such a special time to share our learning and love with some of our favorite people.

Love,

Mrs. Schockling  
& Fanny Frog



...a fun place to  
play and learn!





We had such a wonderful start to our preschool year! The children are settling into our routine and practicing how to follow classroom rules. I am so proud of the progress they have already made!

Our curriculum theme has been “My School and Me.” We have been learning all about:

- How to act and take care of ourselves at school
- Our amazing bodies and the important jobs each part does
- Our five senses and how they help us explore the world.



Our emotions, including strategies for calming down when feelings feel “too big.”

It has been exciting to see their curiosity, kindness, and growth already shining through.

Mrs. Manfull



## Carroll Hills Council Supporting Our Community Join Carroll Hills Council – Make a Meaningful Impact!

Carroll Hills Council is a parent/professional group similar to a PTO, but with a broader mission: supporting children and adults served by the Carroll County Board of DD.

**CARROLL HILLS COUNCIL**

**MEETING**

**OCTOBER 14, 2025**

**3:30 PM**

Location: Carroll Hills School,  
2167 Kensington Rd N.E.,  
Carrollton, OH

Contact for information  
330-627-6555 or 330-627-7651

We raise funds through **dues, donations, and fundraisers** to support:

- Carroll Hills School Classrooms
- Early Intervention
- Community Employment
- Special Olympics
- Local Providers

Funds are used to enrich lives—whether it’s **tickets to events, pizza parties, or tools for community integration.**

Together, we make a difference — one experience at a time.

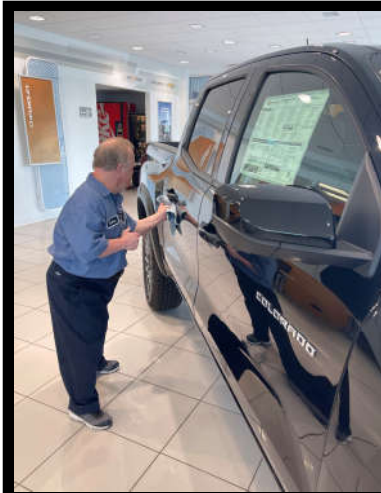
**Officers:** Michele Rutledge – President, Cindy Stertzbach – Vice President, Bonnie Underwood – Secretary, and JoAnn Hilliard – Treasurer

# In the Spotlight



**Thomas Meagher** expressed interest in community employment and was determined to achieve his goal. He met with his SSA and job coach to talk about his wants and needs. Thomas is very much a car guy so his SSA thought Huebner's may be a good fit. Contact was made, discussions were had, and an interview was set. Thomas was nervous but excited for this opportunity. The interview went great; Thomas was hired on the spot. He was so happy and exclaimed, "This is a dream come true!" His first workday was June 3. Thomas has built relationships with multiple coworkers and is performing his job tasks with minimal direction.

Congratulations Thomas, keep up the good work!



## Academy Leadership Abilities - ALA Mobile

This week, ALA Mobile held a session at Mayle Homes centered around the ALA motto: "Doing the right things for the right reasons with the right people every single time, to the best of our ability, even when no one is looking."

The group engaged in a team-building activity focused on communication and listening, leaving everyone energized and more connected. A great reminder of the strength found in integrity and collaboration!





*Life is better with friends*

What a wonderful time we have had in elementary class so far. We have reconnected with old friends and made new ones. We've pretended to be cowboys and wrangled letters and numbers and then got down to business and practiced writing them. We learned about dinosaurs, fairy tales, and apples. We enjoyed

our learning games and science class. We spun little helicopters, twisted tornadoes (yes, it was a bottle tornado), made water glow in the dark, and erupted a tornado! We plan each day with this Benjamin Franklin quote in mind, "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I may learn."

Mary Service



The intermediate class has had a great start to the year. We went on our first field trip and visited Umbrella Alley in Louisville. Everyone enjoyed playing the piano and trying hopscotch. We are having a Science Fair in October and have been enjoying some STEM activities in preparation. It is going to be a fun year!

Stacy Jeffries





Kim Yeager, RN

Fall health concerns include respiratory viruses (like the flu, colds, and RSV), seasonal allergies (especially ragweed and mold), stomach viruses like norovirus, and Asthma exacerbations triggered by weather changes and mold. The season's drier air can also cause skin issues and Vitamin D deficiency due to less sun exposure. Additionally, falls are a significant concern, particularly for older adults, due to factors like reduced mobility, balance issues, and environmental hazards.

### Common Fall Illnesses

**Respiratory Viruses:** The flu, common colds, RSV, and COVID-19 all become more prevalent as temperatures drop and people spend more time indoors.

**Stomach Viruses:** Norovirus and other stomach bugs spread more easily with increased indoor gatherings.

**Seasonal Allergies:** Ragweed pollen is a major trigger, and increased mold growth in damp conditions can also cause allergy symptoms.

**Asthma:** Cooler temperatures and mold can trigger asthma flare-ups.

**Pink Eye (Conjunctivitis):** Viral and bacterial infections can spread easily through contact, particularly among children.



### Other Fall Health Concerns

**Dry Skin and Dehydration:** Cooler, drier air reduces humidity, leading to dry, cracked skin and a need to stay hydrated to maintain skin elasticity and immune function.

**Vitamin D Deficiency:** Reduced sunlight exposure in the fall can lead to lower Vitamin D levels, affecting bone and muscle health and mental well-being.

**Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD):** Shorter days and less sunlight can trigger feelings of sadness or depression in some individuals.

**Headaches:** Rapid weather changes associated with the shift from summer to fall can trigger headaches for some people.

### Falls and Injuries:



**For Older Adults:** Falls are a serious concern, leading to fractures and a decline in mobility.

**Risk Factors:** These include age-related issues like muscle loss (sarcopenia), balance problems, medications causing dizziness, poor eyesight, and environmental hazards.

**Consequences:** Falls can lead to fear of future falls, reduced activity, further muscle weakness, and a significant impact on quality of life.

### How to Stay Healthy in the Fall

- **Get Vaccinated:** Get your annual flu shot and stay up-to-date on other recommended vaccines, like the COVID-19 vaccine.
- **Practice Good Hygiene:** Wash your hands frequently and thoroughly to prevent the spread of germs.
- **Eat a Healthy Diet:** Support your immune system with a balanced diet rich in fruits and vegetables.
- **Stay Hydrated:** Drink plenty of water to maintain your skin's moisture and support your immune system.
- **Moisturize:** Use moisturizer on your skin to combat dryness caused by the colder, drier air.
- **Stay Active:** Regular exercise can boost your immune system and help with mood.

**Prevent Falls:** Be mindful of environmental hazards, wear appropriate footwear, and consult a doctor about medications that may cause dizziness.



**Stay Healthy!**



## Fall Golf Season Recap – A Season to Celebrate

This year's golf season was an incredible success, with record-breaking participation with over 20 dedicated athletes attending practices and giving it their all on the course.



Two golfers, Randy Stacy and Cody Connor, competed at the NE Ohio Regional Tournament in Canton. Randy earned a silver medal, and Cody placed 4th. Both athletes went onto the Ohio State Fall Golf Tournament on September 20th, where Randy placed 3rd and Cody 5th. Their hard work practicing sure showed on the course and they enjoyed a fun weekend, including a hotel stay before the competition.



**Congratulations!**

## Special Olympics 2nd Annual Duck Pull Fundraiser

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Duck Pull fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, in Carrollton Village Square. A total of \$600 in cash prizes will be given away to the lucky winners. Only 400 tickets will be available. Don't miss your chance to support a great cause and maybe take home some cash. Bring your friends, family, and community spirit — it's going to be a splash!

CARROLL COUNTY SPECIAL OLYMPICS

**DUCK PULL FUNDRAISER EVENT**

DUCK DRAWING FUNDRAISER WITH CONCESSIONS

**OCTOBER 18, 2025 12PM-3PM**

Drawing will start at 1:00PM  
Payroll Entry 400 Ducks sold

1st - \$200	90th - \$25	250th - \$25
2nd - \$100	150th - \$25	350th - \$25
3rd - \$75	150th - \$25	350th - \$25
	200th - \$25	400th - \$50

Winners need not be present to win

All proceeds go to Carroll County Special Olympics!

**Join us for a quack-tastic day of fun and fundraising**

## Fall Sports Sign-Ups Are Underway

As we wrap up the summer sports season, we're looking ahead to a new round of activities. Sign-up sheets are now available for Basketball, Bowling, and Cheerleading. We're looking forward to another great season of teamwork and friendly competition.



Carroll County Special Olympics Coordinator  
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## Carroll County People First Welcomes Special Guests at September Meeting

On Wednesday, September 10th, the Carroll County People First group held their monthly meeting at the St. John's Villa Gathering Room, featuring two very special guest speakers.

Representative Monica Robb Blasdel, District 79 Ohio State House, joined the group to discuss current and ongoing legislation. A key topic of interest was the need for more sidewalks in Carrollton, especially along Canton Road. Representative Robb Blasdel expressed her support and willingness to collaborate with the group to address this important safety concern. She also took time to answer questions and hear feedback from attendees, thanking the group for the opportunity to speak.

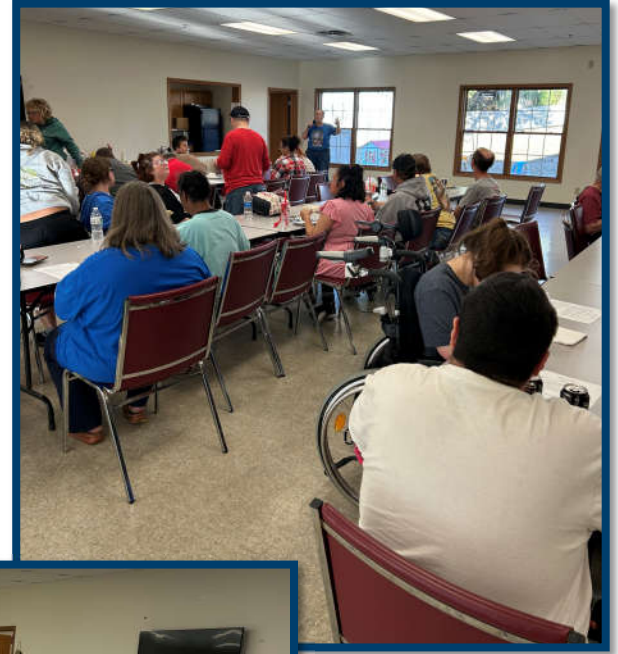
The second guest speaker was Margaret Mesler from the Carroll County Board, who provided valuable information on basic first aid and emergency response. She guided the group on what to do during emergencies at home or in the community and who to contact for help.

The evening was filled with learning, meaningful conversations, and socializing with their friends.

The group is excited about several upcoming initiatives:

- Spring 2026 Day Trip to Cuyahoga Falls
- Increased community involvement through volunteering at local events
- Planning for the Annual Carrollton's Got Talent Show, scheduled for Wednesday, March 18, 2026

The group extends heartfelt thanks to both speakers and looks forward to continued collaboration and community engagement.



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**CARROLL COUNTY**  
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Promoting positive awareness of people  
with developmental disabilities

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10/13/25 - Columbus Day Observed, Entire Program Closed  
10/24/25 - All Staff In-Service  
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  
1/05/26 –Entire Program Resumes after Break  
1/19/26 –Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Entire Program Closed  
2/16/26 – President's Day, Entire Program Closed  
3/16/26 – School Staff Inservice—No Students  
4 /1 & 2/26 – Spring Break for School Staff and Students  
4/3/26 – Entire Program Closed  
4/6/26 – Entire Program Closed  
5/25/26 -Memorial Day, Entire Program Closed  
5/28/26—Last day of School for Students  
5/28/26—Last day of School for Staff



## Community Playgroup

JOIN US FROM 10-11AM AT  
CARROLL COUNTY DISTRICT LIBRARY



Fall Schedule

October 16  
November 13

Ages 0-5 Siblings up to Kindergarten  
Parents /Guardians must attend