

CCBDD News



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Developmental Disability Awareness Month
Carroll County Board of DD

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March is Developmental Disability Awareness Month CCBDD AWARD WINNERS

Superintendent
Award



Helen Eick
Volunteer Award



Business Award



Service Award



The 2026 theme for Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month was 'Empower. Include. Support.' The DD Banquet, held in March at Our Lady of Mercy Catholic Hall, was a truly wonderful evening of celebration. Winners of the first four categories pictured above: Superintendent Award Thomas Meagher, Helen Eick Outstanding Volunteer Wanita Lewis, Business/Industry Award Ulman's Bakery, and the Service Award Knights of Columbus Council 15401. More banquet pictures throughout this Newsletter, Facebook, and carrollcbdd.org.

Congratulations!



Matt Campbell, Superintendent

March was Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, and as always, the Carroll County Commissioners issued a proclamation recognizing it. This year's theme, "Empower. Include. Support." was reflected in many of the events I was fortunate to be part of. I served as a special guest referee at a Carroll County Cougars basketball fun game and attended several other regular season games at our school. I was also honored to be a judge for the People First annual talent show, where I had a wonderful time catching up with everyone and enjoying the many talented performers. I encourage you to attend these events in the future as they are always uplifting and a lot of fun.

I have been attending township trustee meetings to share information about county board services and the importance of local support. Carroll County has fourteen townships, and one of the key topics we discuss is property tax. Local property tax accounts for seventy percent of our revenue and makes up nearly half of township revenue. These local dollars are essential because they allow us to draw down additional state and federal funds. Thanks to this support, the Board serves 58 children in Early Intervention, 75 preschool students, 27 school-age children, 25 individuals in community employment, and 162 other adults

I have also attended many meetings focused on the fiscal sustainability of county board services. At the state level, the Ohio Association of County Boards and the Ohio Superintendent Association are developing concepts to strengthen statewide consistency, increase revenue, reduce costs, and improve services for people with disabilities. These efforts are critical, as some county boards are already facing financial strain due to rising expenses and limited revenue. Looking ahead, the future of services will continue to evolve with new technology, artificial intelligence, the interRAI assessment, regionalization of services, inflation, and ongoing rule changes.

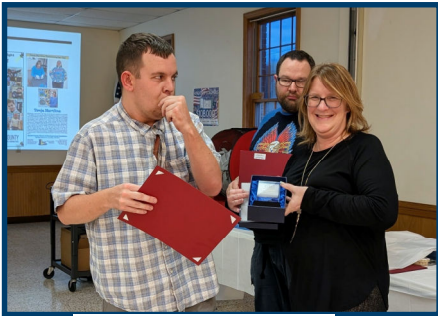
I want to make one thing clear: the Carroll County Board of Developmental Disabilities may be a small county board, but we are in excellent shape. We continue to meet all accreditation requirements from the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities, the Ohio Department of Education, the Department of Children and Youth for Early Intervention, and the Ohio Auditor audits. Our strong performance and responsible financial management have put us in a position to hold back our main levy again for 2026, giving taxpayers a reduction in property taxes for the sixth time.

Finally, I want to highlight the Carroll County Board Awards Banquet. This year, Carroll Hills Council members added several new award categories so we could recognize even more success stories across our community. It was a fantastic night celebrating the individuals we serve, as well as the businesses and partners who support Board services. Thank you for your continued support whether through property tax dollars, volunteering, donations, or providing employment opportunities for people with disabilities. You truly make a difference in your neighbors' lives and help ensure that people with developmental disabilities can live, work, and play alongside all of us in our community.



DD Month Winners continue...

Personal Achievement Award Winners



Spencer Reynolds



Mitchell Imhoff

Student Personal Achievement Award Winners



Haley Price



Grace Lawver

Advocacy Award Winners



Sarah Hines



Cole Starkey

Principal Awards



Jaxson Fox
Preschool Award



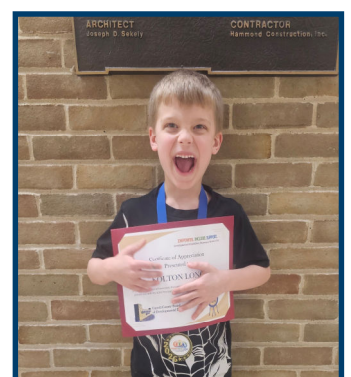
Paul Mackintosh
Preschool Friend Award



Kylee Long
Preschool Award



Laine Erskine
Preschool Friend Award



Kolton Long
School-age Award

Blayden Dugan - Early Intervention Award (not pictured)

Congratulations!



Jack Hobson
5 Years
St. John's Villa



Heather Bishop
10 Years
Harcatus Headstart



Amy Jo Pennock
35 Years
Pizza Hut



William Sutton
10 Years
Razor Rents



Marie Dehnart
10 Years
Pieces with Purpose



Mitchell Imhoff
10 Years
Kishman's IGA

Congratulations!

Congratulations to the Helen Eick Outstanding Volunteer nominees.



March DD Month a favorite time at our school

March DD Month is one of my favorite times of the year. We celebrate everyone and recognize those outstanding achievements. Lots of fun activities took place at the school. The students even got to throw a pie in the face of their principal all while raising money to support the school. As we are in spring and winding down the 2025-2026 school year, I look back at the great year we had. A lot of new faces this school year; students and staff. Everyone worked so hard, and this truly has been one of the best years yet here at Carroll Hills School. I wish everyone a great summer and Go Cougars!

Ryan Buck, Director of Educational Services



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Backpack Program

Our High School and Middle School students love to shop for our weekend food backpack program.



Master Chef Competition

Carroll Hills School held a Master Chef Competition where each school age classroom made a recipe to share with the judges. Lots of goodies were made. The winner- High School with cheeseburger bombs.



Congrats to all of our great chefs!

March DD Month Activities

For March DD Month, Carroll Hills School raised money for a chance to Pie the Principal. Over \$280 was raised for the school. Awesome job! The winning classes were Mrs. Miller's Middle School class and Mrs. Manfull's AM Preschool class.



Pie in the Face Fundraiser



Baggin with Bruce and Mitch from Kishman's IGA another favorite DD Month activity. The students and staff enjoyed practicing bagging groceries and seeing who was the fastest.



Baggin with Bruce and Mitchell



In the Spotlight

Kamden Bake

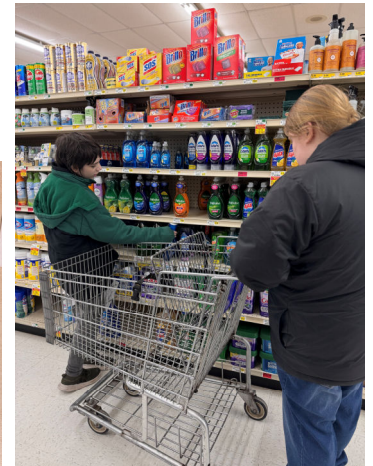


Kamden is a delightful student who has grown so much this year! He is a sweet boy who has endeared himself to everyone in the class. He now participates fully in classroom activities and demonstrates strong problem solving skills, often noticing details that others overlook. He is beginning to write his name on his own and does a great job when the class uses shaving cream to practice our letter writing. Kamden is so kind to his friends and treats them with kindness. He absolutely loves science time and is often creating and exploring science even during his small breaks throughout the day. He also loves music and entertains all of us with his singing. The staff often say how they keep singing Kamden's songs even when they aren't at school. We are grateful to have Kamden in our class and appreciate the enthusiasm and curiosity he brings each day.

Middle School Explorers

The Middle School class has been busy exploring the community and discovering new interests! We have visited the Carroll County Courthouse and the County Garage. Both experiences were filled with learning and fun. We continue to cook new recipes weekly and have even begun shopping for those recipes ourselves.

Mrs. Miller





Introducing the newest member of our team!



Heidi Savage

Hello! My name is Miss Heidi and I am so grateful for this opportunity to work at the Carroll Hills School. It has been such a great experience getting to meet all of the amazing staff and students here. I am happily married to my husband of 11 years and we have 2 boys who like to keep us on our toes. A few of my favorite things include coffee, reading, and spending time outside with my boys. I can't wait to spend the rest of this school year and hopefully many more here.

Lyme Disease: What You Need to Know

Lyme disease is the most common tick-borne illness in the United States, and it's increasingly reported in Ohio. It's caused by bacteria transmitted through the bite of an infected blacklegged (deer) tick.

Why It Matters in Ohio

Cases of Lyme disease have been rising in Ohio as blacklegged ticks expand their range. Even suburban yards can pose a risk, especially near wooded edges.

How It Spreads

Lyme disease is spread by the **blacklegged tick** (*Ixodes scapularis*). Not every tick carries the disease, but the risk increases if:

- The tick is attached for **24–48 hours or longer**
 - You've been in wooded, brushy, or grassy areas
- The tick goes unnoticed (nymphs are tiny—about poppy seed size)

Early Symptoms (3–30 days after bite)

- Bullseye rash (called erythema migrans)
- Fever and chills
- Fatigue
- Headache
- Muscle and joint aches

Swollen lymph nodes

Not everyone gets the rash, so don't rely on that alone.

Later Symptoms (if untreated)

- Severe headaches and neck stiffness
- Arthritis (especially in large joints like knees)
- Facial paralysis (Bell's palsy)
- Heart rhythm irregularities

Nerve pain or memory issues

Diagnosis & Treatment

Doctors diagnose Lyme disease based on symptoms, exposure risk, and sometimes blood tests.

- Treated with antibiotics (like doxycycline or amoxicillin)
- Most people recover fully if treated early—Delayed treatment can lead to longer-lasting complications



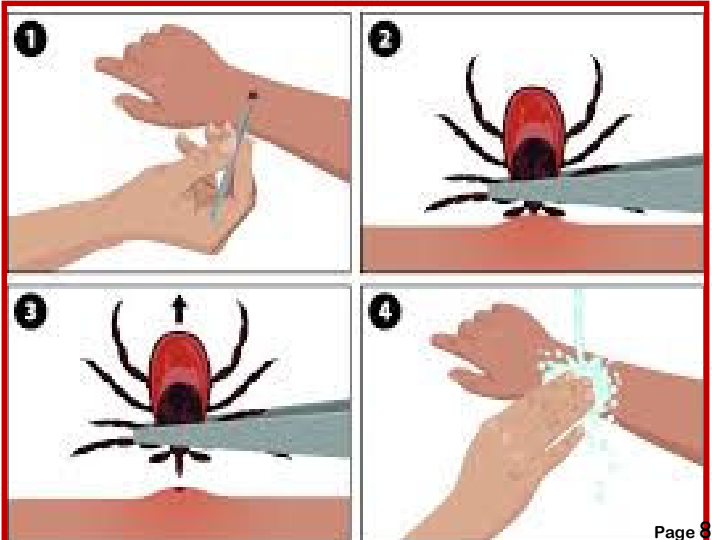
Prevention Tips

- Use insect repellent (DEET or permethrin)
- Wear long sleeves/pants in wooded areas
- Check your body (and pets!) after being outdoors
- Shower within 2 hours of coming inside

Remove ticks promptly with tweezers. Use fine-tipped tweezers to grasp it as close to the skin as possible. Pull upward steadily without twisting. Clean the bite area with alcohol or soap and water. Dispose of the tick by sealing it in a bag or flushing it. Avoid folklore remedies like burning the tick or using petroleum jelly—these can increase the risk of disease transmission.

Bottom Line

Lyme disease is **preventable and treatable**, but only if you catch it early. Awareness, tick checks, and quick action after a bite make a big difference.

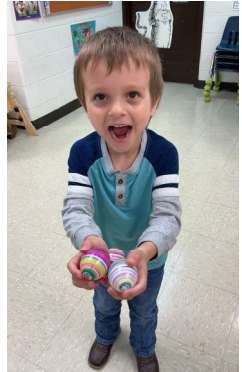


Spring in the Preschool Classes

As our school year comes to a close, I am filled with so much pride and gratitude for each and every one of my students. It has been such a joy to watch them grow academically, socially, and emotionally throughout the year. The progress they've made is truly amazing! From learning new skills and making friendships to exploring, creating, and laughing together, this year has been full of special moments I will always cherish. Thank you, families, for your continued support, encouragement, and trust. It means so much to partner with you in your child's journey. Wishing you all a fun, safe, and sunshine filled summer.

I will miss these sweet faces so much!

With love,
Mrs. Schockling



As we say goodbye to winter and welcome spring, we have been up to all sorts of fun things in Mrs. Manfull's preschool class. In March we had our annual art show where our little artist got to show off their spectacular art. We celebrated DD month with so many fun activities, and our morning class were the lucky winners of the Pie the Principal contest. We finished up the month with some Easter fun and celebrated our 100th day of preschool. This has been a truly wonderful year! Our classroom has been filled with laughter, curiosity, and so many meaningful moments of growth. It has been amazing to watch each child learn, explore, and build confidence as the year has progressed. We are so proud of each and every one of them. As we head into the final stretch of the school year, we are excited for all the fun and memorable end-of-year activities ahead. It has been a joy to be part of this journey, and we look forward to finishing the year strong with lots of smiles, celebration, and continued learning!





The 2025–26 sports season kicked off with Basketball, Cheerleading, and Bowling. The Varsity Cougars opened the season strong with an impressive 4–0 winning streak and advanced to compete in the Northeast Ohio Regionals. After facing two tough opponents, the team narrowly missed qualifying for the finals.



Junior varsity athlete Spencer Reynolds also competed in the regionals bringing home a gold medal.

The basketball season concluded with all players taking part in the annual March Madness Fun Games. During these events, the

Cougars enjoyed friendly matchups against the Fox Township Fire Department, Augusta Fire Department, 4-H Youth Leaders, Mayle Homes, St. John's Villa, ODOT, and Jimmy's BBQ & Pizzeria. Unfortunately, games scheduled against the Carroll County Board of DD staff and the Carrollton Police Department were canceled due to weather, but the teams are looking forward to those matchups in 2027.



The Cougar Cheerleaders also wrapped up another fun-filled and successful season, cheering the Cougars at both home and away games and bringing energy to all of the March Madness games.

Bowling had a significant increase in the number of participating athletes. The program grew so much that an additional day and time slot had to be added to accommodate everyone. We are thrilled to see the bowling team continuing to expand and gain momentum.

Summer Games will be held May 29–31, and the bowlers representing Carroll County this year are Heather Bishop, Brody Booth, Aaron Busby, Frank Hudson, Stephanie Long, Angela Randall, Jeff Samborsky and Stacy Thomas. Congratulations to all of our athletes, we wish you the very best and hope you have an amazing experience!

Bocce season has started with 16 athletes participating this year. The athletes have hit the ground running and have been working hard at practices in preparation for the upcoming NE Ohio Regional tournament on April 25th. They have also been invited to compete in Belmont County on May 9th. We wish all of the athletes the best of luck at these competitions.

State Bowlers



GO Cougars!



Carroll County People First Advocacy Group

Due to the closure of The Chop House, the group moved the every other month meeting to John's Bakery & Café in Minerva. While members miss The Chop House, they are pleased with the new location. December's meeting concluded with a fun gift exchange, and the first gathering was made even more memorable by a surprise visit from Santa.



The group also enjoyed organizing and hosting the 4th annual Carrollton's Got Talent Show on March 18th. The event featured wonderful entertainment and delicious food. We are extremely grateful to the local businesses that donated gift cards, allowing every participant to take home a prize and a ribbon. The top five performers are: Micheala Shannon 1st place, Abby Bland 2nd place, Ryann Young 3rd place, Karen Bross 4th place, and Jeff Samborsky 5th place



The group held their annual officer election for 2026/27. We are proud to announce the new officers: L-R, Vice President, Kelly Burkhart, President, Matt Crough, Treasurer, Wanita Lewis, Secretary, Cayce Gray, and Sergeant of Arms, Charlie Weir



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- 5/25/26 - Memorial Day, Entire Program Closed
- 5/28/26 - Last day of School for Students
- 5/29/26 - Last day of School for Staff
- 6/19/26 - Juneteenth Day Observed—Program Closed
- 7/03/26— Independence Day Observed—Entire Program Closed
- 8/13-14/26 - School Staff Inservice: Hours 8am-3pm
- 8/17/26 - School Staff Inservice: Hours 8am-3pm
- 8/18/26 - First Day of School for School-Age Program
- 9/07/26 - Labor Day—Entire Program Closed
- 10/12/26 - Columbus Day Observed—Entire Program Closed
- 10/23/26 - All Staff Inservice—Entire Program Closed
- 10/26/26 - School Staff Inservice—No Students
- 11/11/26 - Veteran's Day Observed—Entire Program Closed

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Carroll County Early Intervention Presents:

COMMUNITY BABY SHOWER

WHERE:
CARROLL HILLS SCHOOL
2167 KENSINGTON RD. NE
CARROLLTON, OH 44615

Thursday
May 14th, 2026
5 PM - 7 PM

Pizza & Snacks
Giveaways
Door Prizes
Sign up for Community Resources

All families that are expecting, or have young children should attend.

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**Early Intervention
Playgroup Summer Schedule
May 21st, June 18th, and July 16th**

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