



Under the Carroll Hills Umbrella

Carroll County Board of Mental Retardation & Developmental Disabilities

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CARROLL HILLS SAYS ...



TO CARROLL COUNTY VOTERS
FOR KEEPING
CARROLL HILLS DOORS OPEN

'MR' in MRDD

Pipeline, Direct From The State

In a majority of affirmative votes, 65 to 12, with one abstention, delegates at the Ohio Association of County Boards of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities (OACBMRDD) conference late last month passed a resolution to remove the term "mental retardation" from the legal name of "County Boards of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities" with an amendment.

The amendment states that the name change to "County Boards of Developmental Disabilities" would not prohibit a local board from including the words "mental retardation" or "MRDD" in local levy language.

The resolution, which has already been introduced as House Bill 621, co-sponsored by State Representatives Jimmy Stewart and Fred Strahorn, will now be presented to the Ohio General Assembly for passage.

Also under consideration is House Bill 620, sponsored by State Representative Jimmy Stewart and State Representative Fred Strahorn. It would change the name of the Department of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities to the Department of Developmental Disabilities and to make similar name changes for the Joint Council on Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities, the Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities Developmental Center Closure Commission, and certain state funds.

What are your thoughts on dropping "Mental Retardation" from our official name of Carroll County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities?

Mail replies to "Under the Carroll Hills Umbrella" CCBMRDD, P.O. Box 429, Carrollton, OH 44615 or email your thoughts to jhilliard@carrollhills.com

Nothing is more important than our individual's safety...



As winter arrives, our transportation department is preparing for the possible hazardous road conditions ahead. The drivers attended an in-service in August, an enlightening class, full of hands-on activities and new laws. Informational flyers were sent home to all transportation passengers for "Safety Week" regarding safety procedures. School bus safety is a team effort, **nothing is more important than our individual's safety**. Always remember the danger zone is a ten step safety zone around a school bus!

Parents and staff are very important in helping keep individuals safe on a school bus. Please keep in mind the following ways to help:

- Review the safety rules-
- Help the individuals understand why the rules are important
- Dress in light color clothing or jacket on dark mornings
- Help individuals be ready at the stop before the bus arrives

Bus drivers help keep the individual's safe in a number of ways:

- Drivers watch surrounding traffic to keep individuals safe
- Drivers will signal to those that need to cross the street only when traffic is stopped
- In case an emergency vehicle approaches while loading or unloading the driver will get the individuals to a place of safety until the emergency vehicle passes.

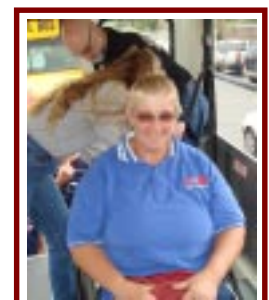


Transportation staff -hands on approach training.

During inclement weather **Please remember** to tune into the television or radio stations for delays or cancellations.

TV stations - WTOV TV News 9- Steubenville, FOX 8 News-Cleveland, WKYC iAlert Channel 3-, and News Net 5- Cleveland. Radio stations- WQXK-FM 105, WSOM AM 600, WHBC FM 94.1, WHBC AM 1480, WJER FM 102, WJER AM 1450, WKZL FM 92.5, AND WFAH AM 1300.

Sharon Bellamy





Carroll Hills Very Thankful This Holiday Season

I am very thankful for the passage of our main operational levy. The vote was so close and only passed by 278 votes. I believe this was due to the large voter turnout and the tough economic times everyone is facing. I have learned so many things as a new superintendent and am thankful for this levy campaign experience. Part of my campaign speech was that Carroll County taxpayers are my bosses. That being said the Board needs your help with input on what services you need and want.



Superintendent Matt Campbell

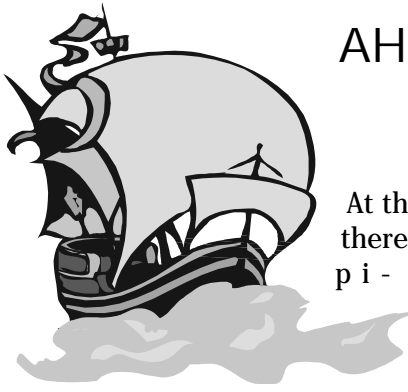
Please become involved in the Carroll County Board of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disabilities. We need to hear from you in our community surveys either in person, on paper, or on the internet. Our Board is committed to quality; therefore we will be contracting to have objective community surveys completed. The first survey will be for quality improvement in Carroll County. The other survey is part of an Ohio survey that will measure satisfaction and efficiency based on National Core Indicators. The intent of these surveys is to reduce costs through eliminating duplicated services, invest money where taxpayers need the service, and improve services by evaluation and adopting other models that are currently better.

The Board needs your assistance with Annual Action Plans. Every year the Board has a public hearing in December to give everyone an opportunity to help decide where your money would best be spent in the program. I encourage you to tour our facilities any time you are available and we are open. I would also encourage you to attend Special Olympic events, Christmas Program, dances, and other events. A listing of all these events can be found on our website at carrollhills.com.

The nature of MRDD is constantly in change. You can ask any staff about the changes in funding, paperwork, certification requirements, background checks, name changes, etc. that occur almost yearly. The Board is under financial pressure of reduced revenue, increased costs, and demands on what services or if any services can be provided by a County Board. We need your support so the Board can provide the quality services this community needs. You may be asked to contact your representative and senator to combat or direct future changes in MRDD.

I am so proud to live in such a great community. The passage of this levy and so many other MRDD levies throughout the years is evidence of the love and support from the community. I am also impressed with the community support through donations of time, money, and belongings to those in need. Thank you to all the staff, parents, family members, advocates, guardians, businesses and friends of the program who donated money, items, talent and time to pass this levy. I also want to remind you that we will be on the ballot next November for our 1 mill 3 year operational school levy which will only be a renewal. Thanks again for your support.





AHOY MATEYS!

"A PIRATES CHRISTMAS"

At the big pirate gathering in the big pirate sea there is always a singing contest and all the pirates ships put forward their best singers in hopes of winning the grand prize...A bottle of Sarsaparilla. Unfortunately, their best singer "King of the High "Cs"

has a bit of a problem.... Laryngitis! What did the pirates do? Maybe the stowaway can help.



Family and friend joined our rowdy pirates December 11 at Carroll Hills School as they learn a valuable lesson....

The spirit of Christmas is about giving!!!

Directed by Jo Baugher

Cast: Stowaway - Leslie Pearson, Brownbeard - Stephen Gatts, Redbeard - Brandon Hahn, Yellowbeard- Initia Hancock, Greenbeard - Christopher Fotheringham,

Whitebeard- Mitchell Imhoff, Purplebeard- Marie Dehnart, Greybeard- Logan Smith, Bronzebeard- Chance Leggett, Blackbeard-Justin Knepper, Bluebeard- Amanda Campbell, No Beards Chandra Brammer, Private 1 - Alex Stasiak, Private 2 - John Evans, Private 3 - Brittany Griffith, King of the High "Cs"- Dan Donnelly, Santa - Tom Chain, Prisoners - Tiffany Farber, Nikki Riggle, No Beards - Pre-school, Rowdy Pirates - Elementary, Middle High School 1 & 2, Instrumentist - Katie Page, French Horn.

Winter Bell Choir - Samantha Lee, Chris Crater, Chance Legget, Alysia Woodworth, Mitchell Inhoff, Alex Stasiak, & Logan Smith.

Swingin' Old St Nicholas Bells: Amanda Campbell, Chris Crater, Mitchell Inhoff, Samantha Lee, Stephen Gatts, John Evans, Brandon Hahn, Christopher Fotheringham, Leslie Pearson, Chance Legget, Brittany Griffith, Marie Dehnart, Justin Knepper, and Logan Smith.



COUGARS GAME SCHEDULE

Basketball

Wednesday, January 7, 2009

Monday, January 12, 2009

Wednesday, January 14, 2009

Friday, January 16, 2009

Tuesday, January 20, 2009

Monday, January 26, 2009

Thursday, January 29, 2009

Monday, February 2, 2009

Wednesday, February 4, 2009

Gold Team

Wednesday, February 25, 2009

Wednesday, March 4, 2009

Away Game – 6:15 p.m.

Away Game – 6:00 p.m.

Away Game – 5:30 p.m.

Home Game – 11:00 a.m.

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COUNCIL NEWS

We have a lot to be thankful for this Holiday Season. We want to take this opportunity to thank everyone who supported and voted for the levy keeping the Carroll Hills Doors Open for the adults and children served by the CCBMR/DD.

Congratulations to all the parents, volunteers, supporters, and staff members that helped with this campaign and getting the word out on how important Carroll Hills is to all it serves.

Kudos to...

Cheryl Rohr for successfully planning and organizing of our first annual Craft Show. Please watch for next year's show or call 330-627-7651.

Rose Howell for her dedication and endless efforts with our *Taste of Homes*, Calendar & Cookbook fundraiser again this year. Everyone looks forward to this fundraiser.

Nikki Riggle for making all the arrangements for Council's Winter Dance, which was a Huge Success. Thank you to all those that helped by giving their time to chaperone, serving refreshments, and donating refreshments.

Success and Carroll Hills Community Employment Go Hand and Hand

Another Community Employment success story in progress!



Matt Crough, a SUCCESS story working on 14 years with Carrollton McDonald's

Matt began his employment at the Carrollton McDonald's on June 20, 1994. In June 2009 Matt will celebrate his 14-year anniversary with the company. Matt took up residence at St. John's Villa in 1983. Living in town gives Matt the opportunity to walk to work when the weather permits. He enjoys working on the grill, his present job and he also has experience working in the custodian area.

Some of Matt's hobbies and enjoyment are listening to music, Nascar racing & magazines about racing, and playing pool. He also is quite the athlete, participating in Special Olympics. He is a member of both Carroll Hills Basketball and Bowling Team.

Keep up the good work Matt!

COMING EVENTS

Dec. 22 - Jan. 2 - Holiday Break for Carroll Hills School
 Dec. 24 - Jan. 2 - Holiday Break for Adult Services
 Jan. 5 - Entire Program resumes
 Jan. 19 - Martin Luther King Day - Entire Program Closed
 Feb. 11 - Valentines Dance - 6pm - 9pm
 Feb. 16 President's Day - Entire Program Closed
 March - MR/DD Month

Carroll County Board of
MR/DD

2007 Annual Report
To obtain a copy please call,

330-627-6555

or write to: CCBMR/DD
P.O. Box 429

Carrollton, OH 44615.

NEWS FLASH!**Principal for a Day**

During the national political campaign Carroll Hills School had its own campaign and election to select a staff member to be Principal for A Day. The winner by a wide margin was Mr. Tim Tilmant, one on one assistant in High School 2. The actual "day" occurred on Wednesday December 3, 2008. While Mr. Tilmant became Principal for a Day, Mrs. Maney the "real" principal replaced Mr. Tilmant in High School 2 as a one on one assistant. The day before he was to "take over" he issued edicts to the effect that staff should wear pajamas and/or a funny hat on "The Day".

Mr. Tilmant's day started with the rendition of a specially written version of the Beverly Hillbillies' theme song sung by Mrs. Bosler (Elementary) and his politically motivated acceptance speech which had many (empty) promises and decrees including the request that all staff write with their opposite hand today.

Reporters Justin Knepper and Chris Fotheringham from the Middle School class conducted interviews with Mr. Tilmant and Mrs. Maney.

The following occurred when the reporters talked to Mr. Tilmant:

J: How is the job going?

Mr. T: Very well, I'm enjoying my day.

C: What are you doing?

Mr. T.: Well it's hard to get used to doing this job but I'm trying.

J: How did you get the job?

Mr. T: There was an election and the students got to vote for all the staff members. I won the election.

C: How did you feel?

Mr. T. Well, I was surprised but very happy.

J: What has been hard?

Mr. T: I've had to sign a lot of autographs. And I've had students coming to my office thinking they were in trouble because the nurse told them I wanted to see them. She seems to be harassing me. The students weren't really in trouble.

C: What would you do if a student did something really bad?

Mr. T: They would have to wait for the permanent principal to decide.

J: What is fun?

Mr. T: I served ice cream sundaes to all the students.

When Mrs. Maney returned to school after a busy day as a one on one asisiatant, Justin and Chris asked the following:

J: How did it feel not being principal?

Mrs. M: It was a huge relief!

J: How was your day?

Mrs. M: It was busy and fun.

C: Did you have any problems?

Mrs. M: Well, keeping Mr. Dan in line was hard.

J: Did you worry?

Mrs. M: No, there were no worries.

C: Which job do you like more?

Mrs. M: Oh, I think they are about the same.

C: Where did you go today?

Mrs. M: We went to the grocery store to buy lunch items then came back to school to pack our lunches. Then we went to Canton to work at Curves, eat lunch and go shopping at a shoe store and Target.



It was an interesting day for all concerned.



Carroll Hills Lawn Crew

It is the end of another great lawn care season. We want to extend a great big thank you to all of the individuals and staff that worked on the lawn crew this year. Their dedication and hard work is appreciated. We also want to thank the customers for giving the individuals the opportunity to work in the community.

We ended our season doing fall clean up such as raking leaves and cleaning up yard debris. We are going to try doing sidewalk shoveling this winter for in-town residents. This will be done during workshop hours (Mon-Fri / 9am –2pm) if our program is in session. Spring clean up will begin in March, weather permitting.

The Carroll Hills lawn crew would like to wish everyone a happy holiday and a wonderful new year. Darla Mayle, Job Coach



Farewell, Congratulations, & Good Luck! Two Remarkable Staff Members Retire.



Waving farewell as he practices for retirement.

Rick retires after 24 years of dedication and service as the Habilitation Coordinator for Carroll Hills Industries. He made the lives of individuals working at CHI better through his love, concern, respect and support. Rick demonstrated this through his friendship, a little joking, and a lot of listening to the individuals and families he served. Rick will be retiring and moving to Florida. After years of dreaming and planning Rick’s dreams finally come true.

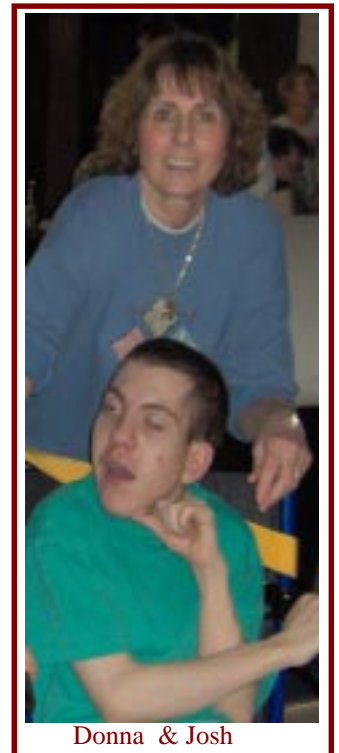


Lana getting her last bald head rub in.



Donna Bell also dedicated to the individuals enrolled in Carroll Hills retires after 25 years of service. Donna has worked in both the workshop and the school in the positions of Workshop Specialist and presently as an Instructor Assistant in the High School 1 class. Her witty and energetic attitude brought smiles to so many faces of children, adults, and co-workers throughout the years. Donna has also been involved with Carroll Hills Council (PTO) previously serving as president in the past and chairing MR/DD month. Donna was always so willing to help and give of herself. Like Rick, the love, concern, respect and support Donna gave to the individuals she served will be greatly missed.

Best wishes to you both!



Donna & Josh

The key ingredient to any kind of happiness or success is to never give less than your best. ~
Russell Simmons Quotes