



CARROLL HILLS PRESENTS 2011 GRADUATES



Special points of interest:

- Carroll Hills Graduates
- New Music Director Hired
- Superintendent Comments
- Community Support
- Special Olympics
- Learning New Skills at CHI



Coming Events:

- May 14—Stark Co. Track Meet
- May 18—Special Olympics Sports Banquet -6pm
- May 20—Graduation—1pm
- May 21—Minerva Track Meet 10am
- May 26—Preschool Graduation 1pm—Last day for Preschoolers
- May 26—Carroll County Board Meeting—5:30 pm Open to the public.
- May 30—Memorial Day—Entire Program Closed

The Sensational Seven



The Sensational Seven are the graduating class of 2011. Never in the history of Carroll Hills School has there been such a large and accomplished group of graduates. This class consists of Chris Crater, John Evans, Joshua Ferguson, Stephen Gatts, Alysia Hill, Trevor Kucera, and Merry McFall. They have all made tremendous progress toward achieving their goals; some with job training and employment and others with the transition to assisted living outside their parents' homes. Some of the activities that these graduates have been involved in include volunteering at Loaves and Fishes, snow shoveling, car cleaning, mowing, yard clean up, and various community service projects. We believe that these individuals have succeeded in their own areas of personal achievement as they prepare for the next phase of their lives.

Cherri Fisher

Congratulations and Best Wishes!



More Changes at Carroll Hills

Superintendent Matt Campbell

There are many changes occurring at Carroll Hills. These changes are necessary as an attempt to be proactive and position the Board for the rough economic times we are facing. The Board approved an early retirement incentive plan. This plan will be open for up to 7% or 5 of the full-time employees starting July 5, 2011 and ending July 4, 2012. To be eligible, staff must be 60 years old with at least 5 years of service or have 25 years or more service with any age. Five full time staff have been identified as eligible for the early retirement incentive plan. The early retirement incentive plan will cost \$283,290 to purchase 3 years of service and the Board will save \$165,562 per year. Thus the 3 years covered by the plan the Board will have a total savings of \$213,396. The intent is to right size Carroll Hills by eliminating a secretary position, a workshop specialist position, a full-time bus driver position, a mechanic position; and allowing a teacher to retire and rehire at the bottom of the pay scale. The full time bus driver will be replaced with a part time bus driver and we have a contract with Carrollton Exempted Village School District for a diesel mechanic.

The Board also approved a change in bus driver positions. I had made a decision over a year ago that adults should not be riding school buses. Based on this decision the Board contracted with Carroll County Transit to provide transportation for adults to Carroll Hills Industries. This will be the first year bus drivers do not have any summer routes due to Carroll Hills School summer recess and no adults to transport. The Board approved creating one certified van driver 12 month position since the Board transports adults on one route. The Board also approved three 9 month 30 hour full-time bus driver positions to follow Carroll Hills School year. The last Board operated adult van route will be contracted with Carroll County Transit when they are able to secure a van and driver.

Why are these changes and others necessary? The Board is facing a loss of tangible personal property tax this year totaling \$96,000. This tax will be completely phased out in 2012 for a total loss of \$142,000. We are also facing a cut in subsidy of around \$108,000 this year based on the Governor's proposed biennial budget which is a 45% cut. The Board lost around \$250,000 with the loss of an Intermediate Care Facility contract in January. We, like many others, are also dealing with increased health care, fuel, heating, cooling, etc. costs. We appreciate your support and encourage input on ways we can further improve services and reduce costs.


CCBDD Swears in a New Board Member

At the March 24, 2011, meeting of the Carroll County Board of Developmental Disabilities, Mr. Richard Jenkins was sworn in to replace Mr. Fred Foit, who was unable to fulfill his term on the Board due to a conflict of interest. Mr. Jenkins resides in the southeastern part of Carroll County (Amsterdam) where he maintains a farm. He is Parts Manager at Unkefer Equipment Company in Minerva. He also holds a Bachelors Degree in Theological Seminary and is pursuing a Masters in Theology which he will complete this year. We are very pleased to welcome Mr. Jenkins to our Board and look forward to a long relationship with him.



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Carroll Hills Hires New Music Instructor - Mrs. Leslie Wright



Greetings! My name is Leslie Wright and I am pleased and honored to be the new music teacher at Carroll Hills School. I have been welcomed into the classrooms with enthusiasm and excitement! It has been one month now that I have been getting to know the staff and students here at Carroll Hills and I am loving every minute.

*People don't sing
because they are happy,
they're happy because
they sing.* Goethe

Music has always been a huge part of my life. I believe that music brings joy, inspiration, healing, motivation, passion and so much more into our lives. Music is a language that we can all relate to, find our personality in, and enjoy. It is a joy for me to see the students engage, and learn through music.

I have been teaching now for about three years. I began my experience in the education world at Valley Forge Christian College, in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, where I completed my Bachelors of Science degree in Elementary Education in 2008. I have been teaching all subject areas in grades ranging from kindergarten through sixth grade for the last three years and have loved every minute. I have also taught private flute lessons and participated in a concert choir, orchestra, bell choir, and vocal ensembles. It is so exciting to use my love for music to encourage the students to develop their own musical personality.

Over the last four weeks I have had the opportunity to work with the high school students in preparation for their graduation! They are truly an inspiration. The middle school, elementary and preschool students have been movin' and groovin', learning about all different instruments, and musical qualities. It is exciting to see them developing new skills! I am so grateful for the opportunity to work with the staff and students here at Carroll Hills!



A Special Thank You

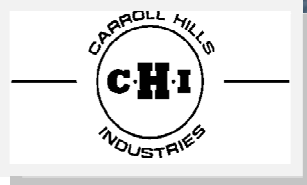
By Nancy Wenner, Early Intervention Specialist

As the Carroll Hills Early Intervention Specialist, I get to work with many special children and their families. One such child and family was Laila C. Lewis, daughter of Camara and Nicole Lewis of Carroll County. Laila came into the program in August of 2010, and began receiving services from our wonderful staff. Unfortunately, on December 31, 2010, just one day after her first birthday, Laila passed away in her home. In February of 2011, we received a call from Laila's family, explaining that they were going to be holding a benefit in Laila's honor, and all proceeds would be donated to Carroll Hills. Her parents were so happy with the services that Laila received, and they wanted other families to benefit from these services as well. On March 5, 2011, the Lewis family had a benefit in Scio, complete with a spaghetti dinner, a raffle, and live bands. Just a few days after the benefit, Carroll Hills School received several very generous donations, not only from the Lewis family and the benefit, but also from the local pipefitters union and several other private donors, in memory of Laila.

To all those who donated, this is my very sincere THANK YOU from Carroll Hills Early Intervention! The money is being used to help other young children receive the help they need.

CHI's Mowing Crew

CHI Mowing Crew purchased new T-shirts and hats to wear when working in the community. They sold candy bars and had three baskets they raffled off. The winners of the basket raffles pictured below are: L-R Harold Barber, Sharon Bellamy and Dixie Hawkins. Richard Champer and Gene Fankhauser won the contest on selling the most candy bars. The baskets were donated by Advanced Auto, Auto Zone and Carroll Hills Council.



Pictured above: L-R in front is Aislinn Brinker & Jamie Bell. Standing: Michelle Bellamy, DJ Anno, Charles Bowditch, Shirley Clark, Gene Fankhauser, Richard Champer, and Sandy Swinehart. Bill Murphy was absent at picture time.

Carroll and Tuscarawas Counties Join Together to Providing Services

New for the CHI program effective May 1st 2011, is a contract with Tuscarawas County DD program to provide services assisting Carroll County Individuals to seek Community Employment opportunities in and around Carroll County.

The services are open to any qualifying resident of Carroll County who is interested in working in a community setting. The program also addresses a transition to work service for students and young adults from 14 years old to 29 years old.

Currently Carroll County has 3 individuals working in community employment with McDonalds, Pizza Hut and Napa Distribution. Services will include assistance with the application process, interview process, on the job training and assistance with arranging transportation to and from the work site.

Any area business that would be interested in assisting Carroll County and Tuscarawas County DD programs with finding employment for interested Individuals in our program, please contact Steve DeFilippo at 330-627-5524, Director of Adult Services or Matt Campbell at 330-627-6555, Superintendent.

CHI would also like to welcome new enrollee Wanda Burns who started attending May 3rd.

Steve DeFillipo, Director of Adult Services



Members of the Lawn Crew adding mulch around the plants at Carroll Hills Administration Building. Pictured L-R are: Bill Murphy, Shirley Clark, Arthur Fischer & Supervisor Aislinn Brinker standing in the back.

Knights of Columbus makes donation to CHI

Minerva Knights of Columbus Council 11380 from St. Gabriel's Church donates to Carroll Hills Industries. Each year the Knights of Columbus holds a Measure-Up Campaign to collect donations. This year the members collected over \$785.00 from those who patronize Kishman's IGA and Woods Grocery stores. Steve DeFilippo, Director of Adult Services is pictured accepting the donation from John Hudson, on behalf of the Knights of Columbus with his son Frank Hudson.



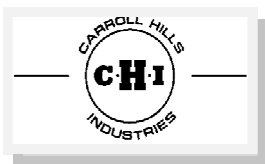
Frank Hudson works at Carroll Hills Industries where he is involved in the shredding contracts. Steve DeFilippo stated, "We plan to use this donation to help with the purchase of another industrial shredder for CHI's shredding business." Locally and state wide the Knights of Columbus are well known for their continuous and gracious support to individuals with developmental delays and Special Olympics.



Learning New Skills on the Job at CHI



Kathy Sickles is working hard learning new job skills at CHI under the direction of her supervisor, Mrs. Vivian Day.



Mrs. Day stated, "While Kathy's primary job is shredding papers using our industrial shredder, she is doing a good job learning all the procedures involved with the shredder bailer."



Carroll Hills Industries Welcomes Wanda Burns

We would like to welcome Wanda Burns to Carroll Hills. She comes to us from Tuscarawas County and has recently moved in with her sister Vicki in Leesville. Wanda always wears a smile and brings joy to Vivian's room where she works on shredding contracts. Wanda likes to collect wolves, dancing, and country music.

Vicki Brumback



SPECIAL OLYMPICS



Sport Banquet Scheduled for May 18, 2011



Cougar's Black Team



Cougar's AM Bowlers



Cougar's Gold Team



Cougar's PM Bowlers



Go COUGARS Go !!!!

Cougar's Cheerleaders



Cougar's Track Athletes

Carroll Hills Special Olympics will hold their Sport Banquet on May 18 at Carroll Hills School. While the Carroll Hills Cougar Basketball and Cheerleaders finished with their special games celebrating Developmental Disabilities Month in March. The Bowlers finished their season at the Spring Games May 7 and the Track athletes season runs until the end of May. Five Bowlers and five Track & Field athletes will be announced at the Sport Banquet. These athletes will represent Carroll County at the State Games in June.

Carroll Hills Celebrated Developmental Disabilities Awareness



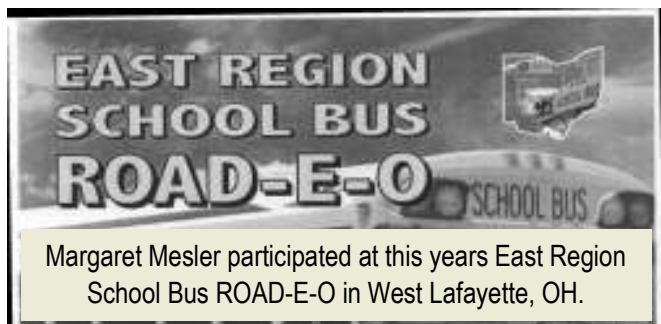
Pictured: L-R Rodney "Rockin'" Baker, Kristen Long, Danielle Burrier and Kim Yeager.



Carroll Hills Programs in conjunction with the Carroll Hills Council honored award recipients at our annual Developmental Disabilities Awareness Dinner on March 22nd. We honored individuals, organizations, and businesses, who, through their exceptional efforts, have succeeded in making lives better for children and adults with disabilities. This years awards went to: Rodney "Rockin'" Baker with the Service Award, Kristen Long received the Personal Achievement Award, Danielle Burrier was honored with the Helen Eick Volunteer Award, Kim Yeager with the Outstanding Employee Award and absent for picture was Dollar General Market who received the Business Award. Burt Link was also honored with the Superintendent Award.

Carroll Hills Programs have been very blessed, not only with the outstanding community support but with wonderful staff members that dedicate their time to help with the many extra activities in March and throughout the year.

Carroll Hills Programs truly believes in this years theme, **"Together We Accomplish More!"**



Margaret Mesler participated at this years East Region School Bus ROAD-E-O in West Lafayette, OH.

CARROLL HILLS TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT



All bus and van drivers will be attending an up coming Annual In-Service on August 10, 2011 at Buckeye Joint Vocational School. This training will provide continuous education to our drivers as required by the state.

Carroll Hills Spring Dance



L-R Amy Jo Pennock, Frank Dickey, Mary McFall, & Stephen Gatts.

A Wonderful time for all ...



Amy Jo Pennock and Frank Dickey were crowned King and Queen at the Spring Dance on May 4. Prince and Princess went to Mary McFall and Stephen Gatts. Congratulations! Thank you to the Rotary Club of Malvern for sponsoring the dance, Russ Leatherberry, supplying the music, Nikki Fletcher, Tara Brown and Payton Brown for decorating and those who helped create such a wonderful evening for all.



Pictured: Members of the Rotary Club of Malvern. L-R Rodney Cross, John LeBeau, Jack Polen, and Randy Smith.

Carroll Hills Preschool 2011 Graduation

May 26, 2011—1:00 P.M.



Twenty three preschoolers will graduate from Carroll Hills Preschool on Thursday, May 26, 2011. The diploma ceremony will include songs, "I've Been Goin` to My Preschool", "John Had Great Big Waterproof Boots On" and "The Pea Song. Mrs. Chrystal Day will be introducing the Video Presentation and Mrs. Huber, Miss Mindy, Mrs. Grabits and Mrs. Hall will present the Diplomas and Awards. Refreshments will be held after the ceremony.

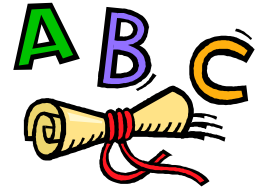
2011 Graduates

Zachary Briganti	Dakota Ketchum	Jozelynn Nitz
Joan Calderhead	Romya Mathes	Ben Perisic
Ruth Davis	Jackie Matheson	Daniel Shafer
Dillon Gray	Haley McDonald	Elizabeth Smalley
Nelson Grimm	Robbie McGinnis	Raygen Speelman
Mathew Hossler	Leeland Mitchell	Haden Williams
Oliviaa Hull	Phoebe Moyers	Landdon Wilson
Jaden Johnston	Cole Nigro	

Teacher's Prayer

Author Unknown

Lord, Please help me,
To strengthen their
voices, bodies and
minds,
To express their
feelings and control
them sometimes,
To explore what's near
and venture afar,
But most important to
love who they are.



Light tomorrow with today. — Elizabeth Barrett Browning, English poet (1806-

In Memory of Dennis Watson 1959 - 2011

Dennis started attending Carroll Hills Industries in October 2004 when he moved into the Carrollton Group Home. Brenda Ruckman, the QMRP of Carrollton Group home wrote a lovely tribute to Dennis for his funeral services. In this tribute, I learned that she first got to know Dennis when he attended Belmont Habilitation Center in 1983.

With the expansion on Roswell Rd., Dennis moved to the Habilitation Center in 2008. Dennis really enjoyed walking and being outside. This location gave him that opportunity with the large open spaces and yard. He had a good sense of humor, strong will, good nature and was a brave individual. As his physical capabilities began to decline in 2010 he moved into Bowerston Pointe.



Brenda also shared this poem that is an accurate reflection of Dennis and his situation. It was written by an anonymous writer and is titled, "God Took Him to His Loving home."

God saw him getting tired,
a cure was not to be.
God wrapped him in his loving arms
and whispered "Come with me"
He suffered much in silence,
his spirit did not bend.
He faced his pain with courage,
until the very end.
He tried so hard to stay with us
but his fight was not in vain
God took him to his loving home
and freed him from his pain.

Carroll Hills School—State Mandated Assessments

By Alicia Hall, Director of Children Services

Students in grades 3 through 8 as well as 10th graders have completed their state mandated assessments. Many students at Carroll Hills School are evaluated through a method called alternate assessment. What does an Alternate Assessment look like?

A general assessment involves a paper/pencil test where students show what they know related to the skills and topics within the Ohio Academic Content Standards.



An Alternate Assessment is not a paper/pencil test.

Instead, Alternate Assessment is a collection of evidence that documents access to grade level content but reflects an alternate level of achievement.

Teachers collect examples of a student's achievement in identified tasks, and submit this "evidence" for scoring. These tasks will be very different for each student, depending on the abilities of the student.

These tasks must be *related* to the Ohio Content Standards, yet will have a more appropriate life skills focus for the students who are participating in Alternate Assessment. These are called "applications of standards based skills."

Ohio Reading Standard: Acquisition of Vocabulary

6th grade Benchmark: Use context clues and text structures to determine the meaning of new vocabulary.

Application for Alternate Assessment: Identify signs, words, or symbols within the context of a purposeful activity.

Student Task: The student will locate and identify at least 10 outdoor survival signs in the community.

This is an example of a 6th grade level content standard that is applicable to a 6th grade student who is participating in Alternate Assessment.

What types of "evidence" will show the student's achievement?

Various types of evidence can be submitted:

Data Sheets	Observations
Checklists	Work Samples
Student Review	Video Tape or Audio Tape
Interviews	Captioned Photographs

Teachers gathered this documentation between October and February of the school year. At the end of February, the evidence was arranged in a binder to be sent to the state for scoring. Those results should be back by the end of May.



How Important is Medicaid to You?

Do you or someone you know:

*receive home and community based services from your state developmental disability agency?

*rely on Medicaid to pay for doctor's visits and other health care?

Unless we mobilize to support the Medicaid program, these critical services could disappear

for many people. The House of Representatives has already voted to:

>cut Medicaid by 20% (or about \$770 billion over 10 years)

>cap the amount the federal government spends on it. The funding would not keep up with health care inflation.

>block grant it to the states. This means that states can spend the money almost any way they like and can just cut out groups of people or services. They could even return to placing people in institutions.

Take Action

Call Ohio Senators Brown & Portman today and ask them to speak up and support us in this fight. Here is what to say:

>Medicaid is a lifeline for people with I/DD and we need you to be our champion;

>Please oppose block grants or caps for Medicaid that would hurt programs that help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities live in the community; and

>Don't risk the health and safety of people with I/DD by slashing funding for Medicaid.





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The only certain means of success is to render more and better service than is expected of you, no matter what your task may be.



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2011 Training Schedule

In-Services by Kim Yeager, RN

- ⇒ **May 14** Don't Let the Bed Bugs Bite (8:00 – 9:00 a.m.)
 Ring Worm (9:00 – 10:00 a.m.) & Migraine Headaches: What a Pain! (10:00 – 12:00 p.m.) (4 CEUs)
- ⇒ **May 18** Celiac Disease (4:00 – 6:00 p.m.) (2 CEUs)
- ⇒ **May 21** Cerebral Palsy, (8:00 – 9:00 a.m.) Hirschsprung's Disease, (9:00 – 10:00 a.m.) & Celiac Disease (10:00 – 12:00 p.m.) (4 CEUs)

For information or to register call JoAnn at 330-627-6555
 All classes are approved for CEU's



Spring Blood Drive & Fundraiser

Carroll Hills School

Thursday, May 19

1 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Please sign up by calling the school at 330-627-7651, or Cheryl Rohr at 330-223-8023. Walk-ins also welcome!

All donations count toward the LifeShare/Carroll Hills grant fund! Free refreshments!

This spring ... get in the swing of it ... donate blood!

Photo ID required.



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