

Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities



Superintendent's Report - February 2020

Community Awareness/PR Opportunities/Collaborations

The Imagine program had a busy January to start off the year: On Mondays a small group enjoys swimming at the Broadmoor pool. Individuals also volunteered at the McKinley Center with Willoughby Branch. Dog treats were sold at many of the Broadmoor Basketball games. On January 24, individuals from the Imagine Program loved going on a bowling outing with the Recreation Department staff and enjoyed pizza for lunch.

The Broadmoor Bobcats Basketball Team played the following games: Lake Erie College on February 7, Villa Angela St. Joseph on February 14, Fairport Harbor Girl's on February 21, and Willoughby Police and Fire on February 28.

Save the Date for the Broadmoor Bobcats vs. Lake County Coaches fundraising game on March 30 at 7:00 p.m. at Mentor High School.

Broadmoor School will be collaborating with Willoughby Eastlake School of Practical Nursing to provide opportunities for Nursing students to observe the developmental stages of children from preschool to adolescence in the area of physical, social, cognitive and self-care functions, as part of their practicum field experience.

Deepwood Industries was named the Willoughby Western Lake County Chamber of Commerce Small Business of the Year at their annual Awards Luncheon on January 17. Accepting the award on behalf of Deepwood Industries was Executive Director Gary Metelko and Board President Susan Schofield-Fratino.

Chris Trombley, CES Career Development Manager, was named Member of the Year by the Eastern Lake County Chamber of Commerce. Chris attended 29 Chamber functions in 2019.

The Lake County Board of DD/CES hosted a meeting for the Lake County Employment Network on January 8. The Lake County Employment Network consists of employment providers whose mission is to meet the employment needs of Lake County businesses through collaboration. Discussed at the meeting were the plans for an upcoming hiring event and employment skills training for job seekers.

Broadening Abilities started the year with a new group of swimmers at the Broadmoor pool. Groovy Garfoose also started up again for the winter session. Seventeen individuals are currently participating in singing, playing instruments, and moving to the beat of the music.

Many fun things occurred in the month of January at Broadening Abilities. The Health & Wellness Club spearheaded a game of Twister Bingo with a roomful of people, the Cooking Club made chocolate covered snowman marshmallows, and the Cheerleading Club jumped for joy, glad to be back from winter break. Videos were shown in many classrooms about the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Dreams were talked about, while posters were made to emphasize the dreams and lives of the individuals in our program.

Department Program Enhancements/Updates

On January 27, Broadmoor's Integrated Preschool Program passed its Ohio Department of Education, Office of Early Learning and School Readiness, onsite licensing review in full compliance.

Broadmoor installed an interactive Smartboard in the gym to enhance Physical Education instruction. This can also be used for videos and other special events for Broadmoor and Broadening Abilities.

Broadening Abilities' Animal Advocates started their collection for the Willowick Pet Food Pantry in memory of Lil Bub, who generated national interest for animals with special needs. The Willowick Pet Food Pantry's mission is to keep pets in their homes, out of shelters, and off the streets. The Animal Advocates collection helped to provide food assistance for owners in need.

The annual Carnation flowers sale welcomed in the loveliest month of all – February. Individuals, families, and friends of Broadening Abilities purchased bouquets of flowers for Valentine's Day. Approximately \$761 was made with the sale of the flowers. Our best sale to date.

Special Events

LEEP held its annual Great LEEP Science Fair on February 19.

Jungle Terry performed on February 10 for the Preschool Program with his exotic animals, which was enjoyed by students and their families.

Individuals at VGC began the new year with our Fitness Walking Program and cycling. We are enjoying hot soup for lunch on various days throughout the winter months. We had various arts and crafts activities throughout the month, such as Spin Art and Winnie the Pooh celebration with a movie as well. Story time with Lisa continues to capture our attention on the first Tuesday of every month.

Agency Resources

Broadmoor Preschool staff attended a training on Positive Behavior Support in Preschool, provided by and in collaboration with the Painesville City School Preschool Teachers.

Broadmoor Preschool Staff attended a training on “Setting the Stage for Early Childhood Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports: Teaching Social Emotional skills provided by State Support Team Region 4.

Employment First

Willoughby Branch has completed all mandated WOIO training for the year. We are proud of our continued abilities to meet important deadlines set by OOD so that we will be able to continue to provide our extremely successful services.

Featured Success Stories

In late January, CES individual, Bill M began an integrated community job with TT Electronics in Perry. This employment opportunity validates CES' initiative to employ individuals served in manufacturing positions.

On behalf of the Willoughby Branch, Diana R. accepted an iPad from the Willoughby Rotary at Pine Ridge Country Club. She did an incredible job representing Willoughby Branch and demonstrated the benefits of the donated iPads and the assistance they provide to improve communication abilities. Great job Diana and thank you to the Willoughby Rotary.