

Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities



Superintendent's Report - February 2025

Community Awareness/PR Opportunities/Collaborations

Willoughby Branch will again be performing a play for DD Awareness Month in March. The performance will take place at the Auburn Career Center. More details coming soon.

Willoughby Branch will be changing their name...what is it going to be? You'll have to wait and see as the DI Board Executive Director reviews all the name entries from individuals, families, and staff. Stay tuned!

The Cooking for Independent Living course of the Pathways to Careers Program at the Auburn Career Center is being taught by instructor Sanja Medved. The seven students currently enrolled are learning to prepare simple and nutritious meals. The course provides a hands-on experience that helps students develop essential cooking skills to promote independence in the kitchen.

Department Program Enhancements/Updates

Marketing is excited to announce that we continue to increase engagement across our social media platforms. We recently hit **5,800** followers on Facebook! In December and January, we had nine posts that hit **10,000** impressions and 20 additional posts that surpassed **5,000**. We would like to give kudos to the following departments for collaborating with Marketing and sharing such great photos/experiences with us: Broadmoor Bobcats, Broadmoor LEEP/Volunteer efforts – cooking class & gingerbread house, Aktion Club, Community member Scott, Special Olympics Dance Team (“The Deepwood Dancers”), Community Relations Footloose Friday Dance. Teamwork truly does make the dream work!

Special Events

The Early Childhood and Recreation Departments held their Silly Fun Saturday event at The Mentor Firehouse where families/children had the opportunity to tour it.

Jungle Terry visited Broadmoor Preschool on Monday, February 3, to visit with animals. The event was sponsored by the Broadmoor Family Network.

Broadmoor's School Age and LEEP students participated in their monthly Mentor Rotary Wood Working session, Cooking Classes, and Therapy Dog walking. In the classroom, they were focused on the Unique Learning System's curricular themes of government leaders, the link between health and hygiene and the pandas at the Washington Zoo.

SAVE THE DATE: Broadmoor Bobcats vs Coaches Game will be on March 31 at Mentor High School. Pre-game activities will start at 7 pm and the game will start at 7:30 pm. Go Bobcats!!!

It's time again for the Annual Willoughby Chili Cook-Off! All proceeds benefit individuals at the Willoughby Branch (WB). Each program area will be doing their own chili cook-off and the

subsequent winners will be bringing their winning chili to WB to be tasted in front of a panel of judges. We are looking forward to having our wonderful community panel of judges: Willoughby Fire Department Chief Todd Ungar, Captain Mike Majernik from the Mentor Police Dept. and Mitch Berman, Executive Director of the DI Board, and we're hoping for a couple more. Come on out and warm yourself up with some homemade chili.

WB started the year off healthy in January: cardio drumming, Healthy Snack Club, Compliment Day, inspiring your heart with art, and Superhero Strong Class.

WB is always thinking of our beloved wildlife....individuals made bird feeders in January to make sure our flying friends were getting some food in these cold months.

VGC continues to keep busy with our routine calendar activities. They just started up with music therapy with Fine Arts highlighting music themes. VGC also has an upcoming celebration for our Super Bowl and Valentine's Day parties.

Agency Resources

During the month of January, 31 children were evaluated and 22 qualified for Early Intervention Services.

Featured Success Stories

Willoughby Branch had two Special Olympics winners at the Lake County Swimmers Regionals this past weekend: Megan T. and Tim T. Both Olympians received silver medals! Next stop states competition at The Ohio State University!

Staff Development/Training

The SSAs, QIDPs, and team leaders started up again attending DODD's office hours regarding the new OhioISP trainings, which have been focusing feedback on surveys and instructional information of what needs to be written in the OISP.

On February 26, LCBDD will be hosting Milestone and DODD to come in and train Region 6 ICFs on the OISP.