

Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood

Superintendent's Report

September 2026

Community Awareness/PR Opportunities/Collaborations

Deepwood Idol was held on August 15, 2026, at the Mentor Amphitheater and was part of an exciting day filled with celebration and community spirit. The day began with the Mentor City Fest Parade at 10 a.m., where the Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities (LCBDD) was awarded Best in Show for the second year in a row for the Red, White, and Abilities Unite float. We are incredibly proud of all the individuals and volunteers who helped decorate the float and walk in the parade representing LCBDD. Their hard work, creativity, and dedication played a key role in this wonderful achievement. Deepwood Idol kicked off at 1:15 p.m. with a beautiful performance of the National Anthem, followed by a special performance from the children in Broadmoor's Early Intervention and Preschool programs. Their enthusiasm and talent helped make the event even more special. Once the competition began, 14 talented performers dazzled the audience with their performances. After an incredible afternoon of music and entertainment, the winners were announced:

First Place: Breanna, performing "How Far I'll Go" by Alessia Cara

Second Place: Jordan, performing "Dynamite" by Taio Cruz

Third Place: Charlotte, performing "Man in the Mirror" by Michael Jackson

It was an amazing day that showcased the talent, determination, and spirit of our community! We would like to thank all our contestants, volunteers, families, and audience members for making Deepwood Idol 2026 such a memorable success. Your support and participation helped create a truly special event for everyone involved.

Chris M., one of our CES folks, was pictured on Laketran's hiring page this month.



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Willoughby Works (WW) had three individuals perform at Deepwood Idol 2026 – Lani, Brendan, and Mindy. They did a fantastic job, and it was such an incredible experience once again this year at Idol. WW will be having a special Remembrance Ceremony on 9/23/26 to share memories of those individuals we have lost in the past few years. Family, friends, and loved ones will have an opportunity to share thoughts and memories of these special individuals who touched our lives.

An individual from CES performed at Deepwood Idol 2026 – Canesia. She did a fantastic job performing a country song! CES is returning from summer break at the CPL and Andrews Osbourne Academy locations. Federal Hose and Stakes Manufacturing renewed their contracts with CES...we are keeping work our focus!

Imagine continues to work on Steris, Supply Technology, Tour Lake County, and of course our Imagine Dog Treats. They attended Mutt Strutt at Lake Farmpark and sold quite a few treats. Our beach cleanup days are coming to an end for the season, and we are starting up our volunteering for 68 Hours of Hunger as the new school year begins.

VGC had many activities in August, including a tour of the Lake County Captain's Stadium and then watched a game. There were a few trips to movies, listening to music at the Mayfield Park's gazebo, swimming, Craft Club, Music Therapy, reading with Theresa, Bingo at the Senior Center, and of course celebrating birthdays.

Special Events

Broadmoor School's Back-to-School Bash/Open House was a tremendous success! School staff, representatives from the SSA Department, members of the Deepwood Foundation, and local school districts joined together to welcome students and families back for an exciting new school year. The event was made even more special through the generous sponsorship of Luke Farrell, who provided face painting, balloon animals, and refreshments for attendees. The event offered a wonderful opportunity for families to connect with staff, explore classrooms, and celebrate the start of another successful school year at Broadmoor.

Broadmoor School is gearing up for its annual Wheel, Walk & Run fundraiser on September 25th. This event brings together students, families, staff, and Riverside High School volunteers to promote physical activity and school spirit. Fundraising efforts are currently underway, and the sponsorships support programs and opportunities that benefit Broadmoor students throughout the year.

ARC had a very nice family picnic. A couple of individuals went to see the Lion King and enjoyed dinner out at a delicious Italian restaurant. Some individuals are still involved with Miracle League baseball. Individuals had a fun lunch experience at Fuji. ARC had individuals go to a Captains' game with the Recreation Department, as well as going to see many different movies.



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Agency Resources

In August, 25 children underwent evaluations & assessments for Early Intervention services. Of those evaluated, 19 met eligibility criteria and qualified to receive Early Intervention support.

Featured Success Stories

A crew of individuals at WW will have an opportunity once again to work at a CES site through October 2026. Another great learning experience for individuals on the Path to Employment!

Imagine is enjoying their abundance of fruit and vegetables crops from Imagine's garden such as tomatoes, cucumbers, and peppers.

Staff Development/Training

Preschool staff have been actively participating in training related to the new licensing regulations that took effect on July 1, 2026. These training sessions help to ensure compliance with updated requirements and support the continued delivery of high-quality services to children and families.

The Early Intervention team has been engaged in ongoing training regarding updates identified by the Ohio Department of Children and Youth (DCY) related to Provider Case Note Documentation. Staff have done an excellent job learning and implementing these changes, demonstrating their commitment to maintaining accurate documentation and meeting state requirements while continuing to provide high-quality services to families.



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