Lake County Board of DD/Deepwood

Superintendent's Report
November 2026

Community Awareness/PR Opportunities/Collaborations

Broadmoor School Age 1 and 2 Intervention Specialists began developing Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plans (RIMPs) for students in kindergarten through third grade following the administration of the required reading diagnostic. This work aligns with Ohio's Third Grade Reading Guarantee, which now includes students with more significant disabilities.

Broadmoor's Adapted Physical Education (APE) Team hosted a statewide networking call, bringing together Adapted PE professionals from County Board schools across Ohio. The group plans to continue meeting quarterly to share resources, provide mentorship, and build networking opportunities within this specialized field.

The Annual Spooky Harvest Walk at Broadmoor was a huge success again this year! A special thank you to all the Deepwood staff who dressed up and handed out treats, as well as the Broadmoor Family Network, Deepwood Foundation, and Mentor Police Department for helping make the event so special. We were thrilled to have 45 families join their students, adding even more excitement to the festivities!

LCBDD celebrated Halloween with a Ghouls and Goblins Night Out at Painesville Township Park on Friday, October 30. More than 200 individuals, family members, and staff danced the night away and enjoyed all their favorite Halloween hits.

In recognition of National Disability Employment Awareness Month, Andrea Patrick, Ohio Tech Ambassador for We Thrive Together, shared her inspiring story at VGC on October 27. Andrea spoke about her journey to becoming a Tech Ambassador and offered valuable insight into her experiences with employment, self-advocacy, and community involvement. Her message of personal growth and empowerment inspired everyone in attendance. Guests also heard from Samuel Majoros, who shared his advocacy goals and highlighted his involvement with Goodwill and the Aktion Club.

On October 28, the Community Relations Team presented at a We Thrive Together virtual advocacy meeting, highlighting the many opportunities available through the Lake County Board for eligible individuals. These programs included Aktion Club, advocacy meetings, Empowerment Through Connection, dances, and more.

Members of the Lake County Aktion Club assembled care bags for veterans on behalf of the Center for Dialysis Care at VGC on Wednesday, October 28. The group also celebrated a remarkable milestone in its community service efforts, bringing its plastic bag collection total to 915 pounds.

Art Around Town participants enjoyed a beautiful fall day at the VGC pavilion on October 15. Attendees painted pumpkins, enjoyed one another's company, while taking in the colorful autumn scenery.

VGC had lots of fall activities including trips to Patterson's Farm, scenic rides, fall craft, a Halloween party, and the Annual A-Building walk through trick or treating. There also was a visit from the 'Show Biz Kidz' who played music and sang for the individuals. VGC had their regular activities like reading with Theresa, swimming with Rec, Craft Club, and celebrating October birthdays.

Imagine is keeping busy with putting together sink kits, opening mail, shredding, and making dog treats. We anticipate some new jobs starting with more work from Nova Manufacturing, Steris, and potentially Bright Beginnings. This past month we had a beautiful day where everyone went to Patterson's Fruit Farm to shop for cider, apples, and/or pumpkins to take home and enjoy in the picnic area.

Willoughby Works had a food drive collection this month for Little Annie's Hope Train and plan on having LOTS of non-perishables/paper products to donate to this fantastic cause.

CES has had three different organizations reach out to us about employment, so we are hoping for some great prospects in 2027!

The ARC individuals were busy in October! A group of individuals went to Patterson's Fruit Farm in Chesterland for apple picking. ARC celebrated a few birthdays and went out to dinner at Wasabi. On the weekends they go to church, take trips to the mall, and enjoy entertainment at Hearts of Music. A group participated in VGC's craft night. The biggest celebration of the month was Halloween! The individuals enjoyed getting dressed up in their costumes. A group participated at the Miracle Leage Halloween event and the Recreation Department's Halloween Bash. To end the month, all the individuals received Halloween pajamas and enjoyed a party at ARC with plenty of food and treats.

Special Events

Broadmoor students were all smiles for Picture Day on October 20 ☺. A big thank you to MK Photography for another year of capturing our students' personalities and bringing out their inner models!

Quite a few individuals from Imagine chose to go to the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo this month while others had a great time at the Wickliffe Public Library with the Gaga for Goats Event. Individuals look forward to the monthly "Fun Friday" where they recently enjoyed a fall movie with cider and donuts.

Willoughby Works had "Spooky Bingo" to bring a bit of Halloween themed fun into this popular game. A couple of our retired staff, Gayle F. and Andi B., came to Willoughby to peel and slice TONS of apples for Gayle's Infamous Homemade Apple Crisp! Thanks to both for bringing some delicious fall flavor to the individuals at Willoughby. We had our "Spooktacular" Halloween Party this month …. Bringing individuals together for dancing and singing - stay tuned for pics from all the fun!

CES will be wrapping up their 2026 Disability Awareness Training with Laketran drivers, another successful training year with our local community partners!

Agency Resources

During the month of October, 26 children were evaluated for Early Intervention services, with 23 children qualifying for services.

Featured Success Stories

CES is in the final stages of hiring an individual at Kirtland Schools as a custodian....congratulations Bill!

Staff Development/Training

Broadmoor Preschool staff attended a half-day training with State Support Team 4. The training focused on the new preschool licensing rules and cultivating language and curiosity through play.

New Broadmoor LEEP 3 Intervention Specialist, Katie D., completed four Tobii Dynavox trainings focused on the use of Eye Gaze technology.