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Open Door School Progresses on Playground

Open Door School has made strides towards building its new playground at its location in Coal Grove.

The school moved to the location in the fall of 2019. Prior to occupancy, the site did not have one factor that was important to the staff, parents and students alike... a playground.

Jeff Townsend, facilities operations manager, headed up the project, with the help of various associates from Open Door School and Lawrence County DD.

"We started having meetings in the spring of 2021 to get an idea of what we wanted and plan the layout," says Townsend. "The playground is set on the north end of the school parking lot and part of the field is fenced as well."

Education Relief) to help assist with needed expenses. The funding will help promote physical education for the students.

As of the start of the 2022 school year, the playground consists of a three bay swing set, consisting of three typical belt swings and two ADA swings. In addition, there is a spring loaded fire truck, a discovery cave, and instruments and games from the school's previous playground located off Lorain St. in Ironton.

Future plans for the playground include a basketball hoop, a caterpillar climber, picnic tables and shaded structures.



Matthew Crain and Kasey Cornell

Funding for the playground was allocated for some equipment to be installed. Due to the pandemic, Open Door received GEER funding (Government Emergency



Top: Camryn Jantuah, Verda Ross Bottom(left to right) Riley Jones, Sophia Hoff, Kaleigh Ridenour, Israel West



Employee SPOTLIGHT

DONNA CHILDERS Instructional Aide



What do you feel is the most important part of your job?

Helping individuals with DD learn and develop skills in order to live their best lives and reach their full potential.

What is your biggest accomplishment at LCDD?

My biggest accomplishment are the little things. Seeing a child learn to feed themselves or saying new words. Those are the things that lead to big things for the individual.

What advice would you give to anyone when they meet someone with DD?

See the person, not the disability. Take an interest and get to know them.

What advice would you give to families seeking LCDD services?

Reach out and ask for services today. You will be amazed at how much it will impact your child's life.

Monday, August 15 2022 teachers returned to work and all staff attended a full day of Safety Training. Greg Hennecke from Ohio School Plan was the presenter for the morning session. Staff learned about safety during a lock down, how to put on a tourniquet, and participated in an active shooter drill.

In the afternoon Jeff Townsend, Facilities Operations Manager went over building safety procedures.



DODD Director Visits Lawrence County DD

The Ohio Department of DD Director Kimberly Hauck visited LCDD recently to discuss our achievements and the future of DD programs with staff.

Also, Josh Cook with the Arc lead the regional Arc Conference in August. The Arc is the voice of people with developmental disabilities, their families, friends and coworkers.



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LAWRENCE COUNTY DD PRESENTS

FALL BAZAAR & PROVIDER FAIR

Get a head start on the holiday shopping season and learn about local DD providers.

**LOCAL VENDORS + LOCAL
CRAFTERS + PRIZE DRAWINGS
+ ACTIVITIES FOR THE FAMILY**

LCDD RECIPIENT CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT (SIGNUPS AT 10:45,
TOURNAMENT AT 11), CAKE WALK & MORE

Saturday, October 1
10am - 2pm
Open Door School
606 Carlton Davidson Ln.
Coal Grove, Ohio



Make a Fall Sensory Bin



As a child plays in a sensory bin, their sense of touch is awakened, as is the sense of sound, sight and even scent. (Some sensory bins are even taste-safe or edible, too)!

Autumn sensory bins can serve as a means to not only meet the sensory needs of young children, but also they can be a place for children to explore math, reading and science.

A fall sensory bin for toddlers and preschoolers captures those warm autumn colors without bringing on cooler temperatures.

Here are some ideas to put in your fall sensory bin:

- Corn kernels
- Felt leaves
- Small apples
- Cinnamon sticks
- Small pinecones
- Dried colored pasta
- Mini pumpkins from your local crafts store
- Measuring cup or bucket



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