

SPOTLIGHT

BACK TO SCHOOL!

Now that summer break is over, a new school year is starting at the Open Door School! To kick off the event, the school hosted a Back To School Cookout for students and families. Teachers had the opportunity to showcase their rooms, plans for the year, activities, and upcoming field trips. Everyone enjoyed the food and fun!

Brand new for the 2023-2024 school year, the teachers and instructional aides are most excited about students engaging in transition activities at each grade level. As one example, the Vocational 2 students will engage in meal planning for the Open Door Staff by budgeting for meals, shopping, prepping food, cooking, serving and/or delivering the food. The students will evidence independent living skills, financial skills and social skills while working in a full-functioning kitchen donated by the Cahal Family in memory of Steve and LoRena Cahal. The Vocational 2 students will also operate a coffee cart which features the "Ethan Special" named after Ethan, one of the Vocational 2 students. Every classroom will engage in enriching learning experiences throughout the year.

Be sure to follow us on our Lawrence County DD Facebook page to check out what we are doing each month.



Ava, South Point



Ethan, Ironton



Kyle, South Point



Aiden, Dawson Bryant
Instructor - Catherine Toller



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COMMUNICATION DISABILITY LAW IMPROVES COMMUNICATION DURING TRAFFIC STOPS

Any individual with a medically diagnosed communication disability, who drives or regularly has someone with a communication disability in their vehicle, can voluntarily enroll in a database that connects to the Law Enforcement Agencies Data System (LEADS). The law enforcement officer can then be made aware that the driver or a person in the vehicle may have difficulty communicating and can approach the vehicle with awareness to reduce any potential misunderstandings or problems.

Individuals who are interested in self-identifying can complete a [Verification Form](#) and take the completed [Verification Form](#) to their licensed medical practitioner who can validate the individual has a communication disability.

Verification Forms can be mailed to:

Ohio Bureau of Motor Vehicles
Attention: Remittance/DPU
P.O. Box 16521
Columbus, Ohio 43216-6521

Completed applications can also be e-mailed to VIS-Administration@dps.ohio.gov or hand delivered to any Deputy Registrar (BMV).

For more information, call 614-438-1200 or 800-282-4536 or visit the [Frequently Asked Questions Page](#)

COMMUNICATION CARD

Another tool to improve communication between individuals with disabilities and law enforcement is the Communication Card. This [Communication Card](#) was designed to help individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing communicate with law enforcement. The project was funded by the Corey Black family in memory of his parents, Steve and LoRena Cahal. The Cahals were strong advocates for their son, Aaron, and all people with developmental disabilities. LoRena was a Board member for the Lawrence County DD.



If you need assistance obtaining this information, contact Laurie Eastham, SSA Team Lead at 740-532-0406 ext. 219

UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 4, 2023 - The Lawrence County Board of DD will be closed in honor of Labor Day. If you have an emergency you can call 740-532-0406.

SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 @ 6:00PM - Monthly Board Meeting at Open Door School

SEPTEMBER 8, 2023 @ 1:00PM - We will be hosting a Grandparent Luncheon for Open Door Students. For more information please contact Open Door School at 740-532-1234

SEPTEMBER 20, 2023 @ 3:00PM - Open Door School Booster Club Meeting at Open Door School

STAY IN THE KNOW:

Be sure to follow our Facebook page in order to stay in the know on all of our upcoming events!



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