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## LCDD Offices

During this continued time of CoVid Outbreaks and approaching the winter months we want to remind you that staff are working daily. While some are working remotely from home some are at the office. If you need to contact someone please do so we are here for you.

Board Office 740-532-7401

## Important Dates To Remember

11/11/20 Veterans Day

11/25 - 11/27 Thanksgiving Break

12/21 - 1/3/21 Christmas Break

## LoRena Cahal Memorial Scholarship

The Open Door School Boosters have created a Scholarship in memory of LoRena Cahal, who along with her husband Steve, passed away due to an accident in September. LoRena was a strong, dedicated advocate



for persons with disabilities and was appointed to the Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities Board in March 2019.

The scholarship will be \$1,000.00 and awarded during Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in March.

The intent of the scholarship is that the recipient will purchase something to enrich their life. Applications will be available in January at the school. To make donations make checks payable to Open Doors School Boosters Scholarship Fund. Mail to Open Door School, 606 Carlton Davidson Lane, Suite B, Coal Grove, OH 45638. For more information call 740-532-1234 and ask for Kendra Heim.

## One Campus for Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities

All of our services are now at one campus location.

Summer of 2020 the Early Intervention department moved to the same building, 606 Carlton Davidson Lane, Coal Grove along with the Service and Support Department and Open Door School.

We hope having all programs at the same campus will be easier for all individuals we serve.

## Welcome Back Jets



On March 13, 2020 we sent students home with packets of work and fully expected to be back in the classroom within a couple of weeks. Fast forward to September 8, 2020 and the halls were finally filled with the sounds of student voices; although they were slightly muffled by masks. It had been 179 days since students and staff of The Open Door School had a “normal” day of school. We were excited to start face to face learning 5 days per week! The staff had missed “their kids” terribly and were thrilled to see them.

Students were happy to see their friends and all of the staff who were greeting them as they entered for breakfast. Although hugs were not allowed because of COVID, there were a lot of smiling eyes, waves, and elbow bumps. We are nearing the 2 month mark of full-time face to face learning. Both students and staff have done an amazing job adapting to face masks, social distancing, and plexiglass dividers. While all of these things can be an inconvenience, it is a small price to pay to have our Open Door family back together!



GO JETS!

For a little laugh.  
Why did the turkey cross the road?  
To prove he wasn't chicken.

**Early Intervention**, we continue to provide valuable services to children birth to age three and their families using technology through smart phones and laptops allows us to continue providing valuable services. These services include service coordination, specialized occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech and language pathology, vision, hearing and early childhood mental health. Virtual services continue to support children and families by focusing on parent/child relationship and interactions, increasing parent confidence in supporting their child, allowing flexibility in scheduling times that are convenient and may include other family members and empowering families to implement strategies between sessions.

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## How Do you do Physical Education during a Pandemic?

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Let's ask our very own Amy Bailey

Just like so many things in our lives, physical education must change to accommodate the safety of our students. At our school PE provides specific skills to help our students grow to become healthy adults and introduces activities that they can enjoy and participate in for a lifetime. While we are not gathering in whole group activities at this time, students are provided one on one services or small group opportunities to allow social distancing to occur and still continue with the learning experience. In addition, certain equipment is used to space students apart. Masks are encouraged for students that are able to do so. Also, students receive their own piece of equipment during each session and sanitizing takes place between each use for maximum safety. We are so excited to have the students return to school this year and will continue to provide a safe, clean learning environment for that to continue.



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## A Moment in the Past

July 18, 1961 the first Lawrence County Council for Retarded Children was organized.

September 19, 1961 the first classes started for students with an enrollment of 25.

September 3, 2009 Mental Retardation was removed from the state departments name and now it's Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities.



### Contact Us!

The main number for LCDD is 740-532-7401; SSA department and emergency contact is at 740-532-0406; Open Door School is at 740-532-1234; and Early Intervention is at 740-377-2356.