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Welcome New Staff

We have several new staff that started this past month.

We welcome Elizabeth Sammons to the SSA department, and Jennifer Crum, Malina Justice and Brenda Willis as teachers at Open Door School.



Staff Birthdays

Randy Lilly, Sept. 7

Christy Cremeans, Spet. 10

Dan Dillon, Sept. 12

Felicia Comer, Sept. 24

Jamie Mays, Sept. 30

Open Door Makes Its Move!

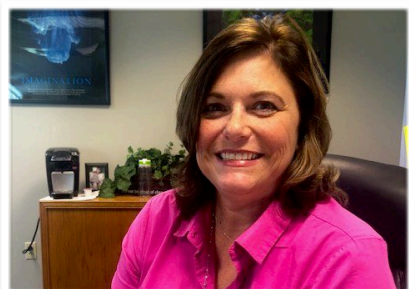
The 2019-2020 school year will be the start of a new chapter in the history of Open Door School.

The new school, located in Coal Grove, goes in the former Tri-State Industries, allowing for a more safe, accessible and modern learning environment. Along with new kitchen equipment, furniture and a new gymnasium, the renovation has received rave reviews from visitors, families and students alike.



We'd like to thank our staff members & volunteers that came in to help with painting and prepping for the year: Mary Beth Kelty, Crissy Shope, Tammy Lilly, Steve Nutter, Cassie Patten, Robin Pancake, Felicia Comer, Falecia Collier, Tony Albrecht

Superintendent's Corner



It is an exciting time to be a part of LCDD! Our new school location has worked out beautifully, and the students and staff have settled in well. It was very nice to see so many people come together this summer to make the move possible. Jeff Townsend, Facilities Operations Coordinator

for LCDD, headed up the renovations and relocation of the school. There were also several staff members, and others who volunteered to assure the building was ready on time. It is also very nice to now have a large area for trainings, gatherings, and other special events in the new school gymnasium.

While our school services provide a valuable service to students in Lawrence County, it is important that we continue to provide information about the total array of services provided by LCDD. Our Service and Support Administration (SSA) services, for example, assists eligible individuals in coordinating, funding, and accessing needed services. Eligible individuals age three and above may obtain SSA services. More information about LCDD eligibility and services can be obtained by contacting the SSA department at 740-532-0406.

On the state level, the biennium budget bill was signed by Governor DeWine on 7/18/19. There were several items pertaining to County Boards of DD including a wage increase for Direct Support Providers (DSPs) of Medicaid waiver services. The budget bill sets aside funds to achieve a state average wage of \$12.82 for the second half of FY 2020 and the first half of FY 2021, and \$13.23 for the second half of FY 2020. The additional funds will come from the Ohio Department of DD along with contributions from County Boards of DD. This action was taken to help curb the high provider turnover rates in Ohio. There were several other DD related items including additional funding for Early Intervention services. More information about the state budget bill can be found on our website at www.lawrencedd.org.

Thank you for reading!

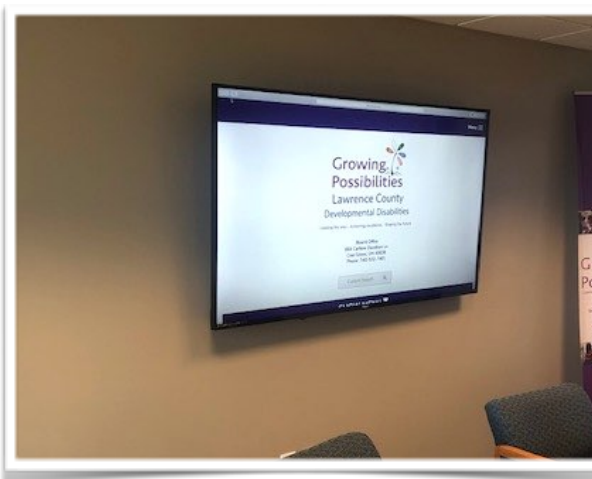
-Julie Monroe

New Gadgets!

We have some new gadgets around Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities!

Thanks to a small grant from Walmart, LCDD was able to purchase a 65" television for its board office conference room. The 50" television formerly in the room will be moved to the conference room at the new Open Door School. The large monitors will be helpful for meetings and presentations held at the facilities.

We thank Walmart for their continued generosity to programs under LCDD.

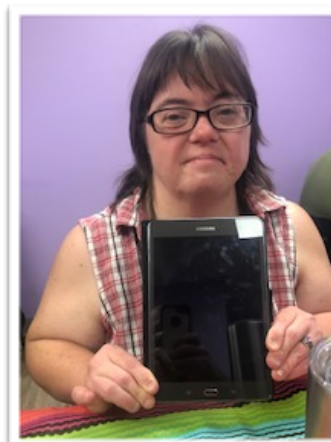


Walmart

Also, Stacy Crager has a new Samsung tablet! Stacy uses the tablet for researching the internet, social media and educational games.

So far her favorite game is Color By Numbers. This game helps with number recognition and allows for creativity to develop as well as a stress reliever.

Stacy loves her new tablet and is taking it everywhere with her.



Easterseals to Celebrate 100 Years with Fall Festival in Lawrence County



**Thursday,
September 5th
4:00pm to 7:00pm**

Fall Festival

Jump into the start of fall and the new school year by visiting us at Easterseals for an evening full of fun open to everyone in our community! We are excited to make some new friends by getting to know our neighbors.

Please come join us!

Be sure to bring a throw blanket and/or chairs.

Games with Prizes
Bounce House
Face Painting
Hotdogs for the first 100 people

Celebrate with us at:

Easterseals
97 Private Road 80
South Point, Ohio



This year we celebrate 100 years of providing invaluable services and resources to our community. We continue to fulfill our purpose of changing the way the world defines and views disabilities by making profound, positive differences in people's lives every day.



Contact Us: 800-860-5523 | eastersealscentralohio.org | facebook.com/eastersealscentralohio

Calendar of Events

Sept. 5

Fall Fest at Easterseals

Sept. 6

Grandparents' Day at ODS

Sept. 10

LCDD Board Meeting

Sept. 20

ODS Inservice

Sept. 30

Spirit Week Begins at ODS

A Day in the Ring

July 12th, 2019 was the first time Lawrence County DD and Lawrence County 4H Extension partnered in an event called A Day In the Ring. In May, we sent out letters for individuals to sign up if they were interested in learning about 4H Market animals (rabbits, chickens, goats, sheep, hogs) and how to show them. Two individuals participated this year, including Ethan Rowen from Open Door School. Ethan was interested in Market Rabbits so he was paired up with 4H member, Isabella Griffiths. Ethan and Isabella spent about an hour getting to

know each other and for Ethan to learn how to show rabbits to a judge. Then they went in the show ring as a team where a 4H member from the judging team asked him questions about the project. This

was a great experience for Ethan and Isabella.

We hope to continue partnering with Lawrence County 4H Extension to make this an annual event.





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Teacher's (and Class') Pet

We applied for and received a grant that would help cover the cost of a pet in the classroom from the agency Pets in the Classroom (<https://www.petsintheclassroom.org/grant-app/>)

A local pet store, S&S Reptiles and Exotics, assisted the classroom by donating materials necessary for the pet at cost, and even donating several items for free.

This allowed Vocational 1 classroom to get a Bearded Dragon for our classroom. Because we are focused on being "Marvel"-ous students and "Super" students, we decided to name him Stan Lee, after the creator of many Superheroes and many Marvel comics. We will be learning all about our new friend, Stan Lee, and using that to help with our classroom 4H project this year.



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Possibilities
Lawrence County Developmental Disabilities

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