

Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities



Superintendent's Report - June 2021

Community Awareness/PR Opportunities/Collaborations

Individuals at the Willoughby Branch (WB) continue to do their part to help our environment by participating in the "Parkway Pickup" by collecting garbage around the surrounding businesses.

May was Mental Health Awareness month, so during the month WB had various stress relieving activities.

WB utilized the Boredom Busters packet and all the groups celebrated our National Parks by participating in virtual videos of some of the United States most beautiful National Parks.

The Forklift Training Center (TFTC) completed training for five staff at WB to be certified/re-certified in using the tow motor.

This month WB is setting up Career Counseling Sessions with the organization Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD) to complete mandatory annual training for our individuals.

Broadening Abilities (BA) staff continued the Veteran card project by making cards for 4th of July, as well as, "Woman Veteran's Day" cards for our female veterans. Over 100 cards were made!

A group of Imagine individuals participated in their last Groovy Garfoose music therapy session on May 11. They look forward to the next session in the fall!

The Imagine Program started volunteering at Mentor Headlands Beach clean-up this past month. Volunteers attend once a week to help keep the beach clean of debris.

On May 27, the individuals at the Imagine Program put together calming kits. Everyone got to choose different sensory-related items that they wanted to include into their own kits. They all enjoyed putting these together.

The Recreation Department, Community Integration Specialists, and VGC Habilitation groups have worked together to make the VGC Courtyard a really beautiful place to be!

Department Program Enhancements/Updates

Broadmoor School and Broadmoor Family Network held its first annual Nature Art Walk on May 7. Students created nature-themed artwork that was displayed around Broadmoor School. All who attended enjoyed the artwork, music, and activities. Lunch was generously donated by Chick-Fil-A and the Broadmoor Family Network. The event raised \$4,900! The funds will be used for educational resources and materials that will enhance learning opportunities for our students.

On May 24, Mentor United Methodist Church generously provided 23 families with non-perishable food, dry goods, and an Aldi's gift card as an end of the school year bonus for our families.

A concrete patio that is wheelchair accessible was added to our BA Memorial Garden area so that individuals can enjoy the sights and sounds of nature. Later this month, picnic tables will be added so that individuals can enjoy lunch outside. A very large umbrella was purchased for the multi-handicapped group, so that they could spend more time outside under a shaded area.

Special Events

In May, the following special events took place at Broadmoor School:

- The Preschool held a special celebration for our students who are moving on to Kindergarten next year. The event was held outdoors and families were able to celebrate their students by cheering, clapping, and decorating their cars. Congratulations to our 2021 Preschool graduates!
- Both Super Hero Jeff and Flower the Clown did virtual visits with our Preschool students as a fun activity to celebrate the end of the school year.
- School pictures and class composites were taken by MK Photography on May 3. Once again, working together with their photographer was a joy, and of course, the pictures were priceless!
- Broadmoor Staff Members were “chauffeured” by Director of Transportation, Tracie Levandusky, to the homes of all six graduates in a Graduation Caravan on May 25. It was a wonderful and personalized way to celebrate all of their hard work and accomplishments.

WB celebrated National Hamburger Day by having a cookout. Thank you to the Recreation Department for cooking the burgers on the grill for us! It was a beautiful day and people were able to get outside and enjoy some time in the sun. We are looking forward to warmer weather and more outdoor activities!

BA enjoyed an outdoor presentation of Groovy Garfoose on June 1. It was a great way to start the month! BA will be incorporating outdoor music every Wednesday at 10 a.m. as a new feature to our calendar entitled, “Hump Day Music Wednesday.” A drawing will be done every Wednesday and the lucky person will be able to select their choice of music. Other activities for the month included learning about the Cicada insect through a social story and creating one out of paper, learning about airplanes and flying paper airplanes, planting and watering (the beginning of our sensory garden) coordinated by Community Integration, and listening to our favorite fairy tales outside on Friday with our favorite storyteller, Pete. In addition, our taste buds were stimulated with fun food activities which included: mac & cheese for National Macaroni & Cheese Day and Mc Donald’s hamburgers for National Hamburger Day to commemorate the official start of summer and the Memorial Day weekend. A Friday “end of the week pizza party” luncheon was also enjoyed.

On May 3, CES resumed its summer Group Employment work location with the Lake County Captains, which employs five individuals. Also on this day, one individual returned to work at Lake Metropark’s Painesville Township Park after being laid-off due to COVID.

CES individuals earning commensurate wage completed Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities Annual Career Counseling Training.

Giuseppe’s Pizza was converted from a Group Employment site to an Individual Employment site for two individuals on May 24.

VGC continues to enjoy many virtual activities (according to interest) through 'We Thrive Together,' as well as the crafting in each area to decorate the hallways and rooms throughout the building. With the weather warming up, we have been able to enjoy more activities outdoors, including the Groovy Garfoose performance (socially distanced) under the pavilion. Everyone had fun with the music, dancing, and using various instruments to keep the beat!

Agency Resources

Broadmoor Family Network purchased graduation gifts, a magnetic whiteboard, nature walk wrist bands, and two iPad case covers for our Broadmoor Students.

Early Intervention completed 21 evaluations with all of the children being eligible for Early Intervention Services.

The Early Intervention Staff resumed working from their office and offering in-person home visits after working virtually for 14 months. All Early Intervention families are now offered the option of either in-person or virtual services.

Featured Success Stories

Ross B. and his family recently celebrated his gains as he graduated from Early Intervention and moved on to Preschool. See more about Ross and our Early Intervention Program on our Agency's website at www.lakebdd.org/2021/05/early-intervention-broadmoor-school.