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The Murray Ridge Courier

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MRC Attends 47th Annual Special Olympics Games!

This June, Murray Ridge Center (MRC) sent 43 athletes to the 2018 Special Olympics Ohio State Summer Games.

The Murray Ridge athletes competed in a variety of sporting events, including volleyball (modified and traditional), track, bocce, soccer, and tennis.

The Ohio State Summer Games is a year-round training and competition program for children and adults with developmental disabilities.

The Games, which were held June 22-24 at The Ohio State University in Columbus, featured more than 2,600 competitors from 99 different local organizations in eleven sports, and included movies and recreational clinics. Athletes and chaperones were housed in the Ohio State University dormitories and were provided five meals through the University's Student Union Services.

The weekend was kicked off with opening ceremonies on Friday evening, June 22, at Jesse Owens Track and Field Stadium. The symbolic lighting of the Olympic Flame of Hope officially opened the Games, and was followed by a dance and fair provided by hundreds of volunteers.

Murray Ridge proudly supports the Special Olympics throughout the year. Additional volunteers are needed to continue to strengthen the MRC Program, and it is hoped that in 2019 the Murray Ridge Center Special Olympics Program will be better than ever!

Congratulations to the athletes who represented Lorain County at this year's Ohio State Summer Games.

For more information on Special Olympics, contact Shawn Hatcher at 284-2720.



MURRAY RIDGE PRESCHOOL

A PRESCHOOL OPTION

The Murray Ridge Preschool Program offers students with a variety of developmental disabilities the advantages of in-room therapies, an array of state-of-the-art equipment, outstanding staff, and an opportunity to learn alongside typically-developing peers. The Preschool Program runs Tuesday through Friday. Children with disabilities must be referred to the Murray Ridge Preschool Program by their local school districts. Applications for typically-developing children are available through Murray Ridge School.

WE OFFER:

- Individualized Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapy in the classroom
- An extensive collection of early childhood educational equipment
- Full-time nurse on site
- Door-to-door transportation services
- A well-rounded curriculum based on the Ohio Early Learning Content Standards
- Dynamic, ODE-certified staff
- Physical development through indoor/outdoor physical education classes
- Music classes



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2018-2019 Murray Ridge Center Calendars


Adult Services Early Intervention Residential


School Preschool


2018


 July 4 – Independence Day


 September 3 – Labor Day


 October 8 – Columbus Day


 October 12 – Agency Inservice

 November 12 – Veterans Day

 November 22 – Thanksgiving Day


 November 23 – Day after Thanksgiving


 December 24 – Christmas Eve


 December 25 – Christmas Day


December 26, 27, 28, and 31 – Program Closing Days

2019

 January 1 – New Year's Day


 January 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday


 February 18 – Presidents' Day


 April 19 – Good Friday

 May 27 Memorial Day


2018


 August 21 – Orientation/Open House


 August 22 – First Day for Students (school-age)

 September 3 – Labor Day


 September 4 – First Day of Preschool Classes


 October 8 – Columbus Day


 October 12 – Agency Inservice


 November 12 – Veterans Day

 November 13 – Parent/Teacher Conferences


 November 21 – Day before Thanksgiving

 November 22 – Thanksgiving Day


 November 23 – Day after Thanksgiving

 December 24 – Winter Break Begins

 December 25 – Christmas Day


 December 26, 27, 28, 31 – School Closed

2019


 January 1 – New Year's Day


 January 2 – Winter Break Ends/Classes Resume


 January 21 – Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday


 February 18 – Presidents Day

 April 19 – Spring Break Begins

 April 29 – Classes Resume/
Parent/Teacher Conferences


 May 27 – Memorial Day


 May 30 – Last Day of Classes for Students

 Make Up Days, if needed, due to school closing
May 31, June 3, 4, 5, 6

Key

 Holidays


 Program Closing Day

 Agency Inservice/
Orientation/Open
House


 Open House


 First Day for Students/Classes Resume


 Make Up Days, if needed, for school closing

 First Day for Preschool

 Parent/Teacher Conference

 Last Day for Students

 First Day for School Staff

 Last Day for School Staff



Elyria Rotary Club



**JOIN US FOR THE DEDICATION AND GRAND OPENING OF THE
ELYRIA ROTARY CENTENNIAL PLAYGROUND AT CASCADE PARK**

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 2018

2:00 PM DEDICATION CEREMONY **PLAYGROUND OPENS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING**

The playground is designed for inclusive and enriching
experiences for children of all abilities

Free Family Fun Activities

**Cascade Park
Lorain County Metro Parks
170 Cascade Drive
Elyria, Ohio 44035**

Congratulations to our Preschool Graduates!

The Murray Ridge Preschool class of 2018 graduated on June 7 (afternoon class) and June 8 (morning class). We are so proud of our young graduates! Pictured, right, 2017-2018 P.M. preschool class Miss Vanessa, Darnell Rivera, Christopher Ridenour, Miss Ashley, Rayen Seagers, Ava Rollin, and Amelia Kozyk. Below, left, Amelia, Ava's brother A.J. Rollin, and Ava Rollin! Below, right, Sophia Hicks receives her preschool certificate of completion. Sophia has been with Miss Ashley for her preschool years and is ready to move on to kindergarten next year at Murray ridge school!

Best of luck to all our graduates as they take the next steps in their education!



Thank You Mega Championship Wrestling!

The Breaking Down Barriers 8 event held on May 5 by Mega Championship Wrestling (MCW) brought in huge crowds and a huge donation! MCW wrestler and Murray Ridge staff member Jim "Mad Dog" Nagy presented the Board with a check for \$1,634.01 payable to Friends of Murray Ridge at the May 25th Board meeting.

Breaking Down Barriers is in its eighth year of this fun, family-focused event. It was initiated in 2011 by Nagy, who wrestled for MCW, for the benefit of Lorain County residents with developmental disabilities. Mega Championship Wrestling strives to be active in the community by working with organizations like Friends of Murray Ridge, Toys For Tots, and many others. The organization prides itself on its clean content and family oriented shows for individuals of all ages to enjoy.

Right: Andrew Nagy (son of Jim Nagy), Board member Bob Gajdos, Murray Ridge Program Specialist Jim Nagy (retired wrestler 'Mad Dog Manson'), and Board members Beverly Gedid and Vassie Scott.



Summer Camp!

For the 30th year in a row, Murray Ridge School students were invited to participate in the Murray Ridge Summer Camp, a three-week long day camp where attendees had the opportunity to engage in many enjoyable activities and field trips, to try their hands at a variety of crafts, and to participate in recreational programs and special classes.



Above: campers play with a parachute!
Below: Sariah Lugo paints.

This year, 40 students attended our Summer Camp! Our dedicated team of camp counselors created crafts, snacks, and other projects to engage the campers, providing a fun summer experience in a relaxed setting, and an opportunity for participants to learn and stay connected with their peers. Thank you to all who helped make the 2018 Murray Ridge Summer Camp a huge success!

Developmental Specialist Receives PLAY Certification

Kim Ohl, a Developmental Specialist with Murray Ridge Center's Early Intervention Department, received her official PLAY Project Certification Award at the Annual Advanced Play Project Conference in Columbus on June 20.



The PLAY (acronym for Play and Language for Autistic Youngsters) Project is a community-based, national autism training and early intervention program established in 2001. PLAY Project™ and Teaching PLAY Certification Training fully prepares professionals in community organizations to deliver the evidence-based, intensive early intervention to families of young children with autism.

Congratulations, Kim!

Murray Ridge Center Representing at Lorain County Parades

Murray Ridge Center is once again participating in many summer parades throughout Lorain County.

Please contact Tracey Carroll at 440-329-3734 or tcarroll@murrayridgecenter.org if you are interested in joining us for a remaining event!

Upcoming Parades:

Sheffield Lake Community Days, Thurs. July 26th - 7:00 p.m.

North Ridgeville Corn Festival Parade, Sun. Aug. 13th - 1:30 p.m.

Woolybear Parade, Sun. Sept. 23rd - 1:30 p.m.





July 2018

Activities & Events

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----|-----------------------------------|-----|--|--|-----|-----|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4  | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | School Day Camp No Camp Wednesday | | | | | |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11  | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26  | 27 | 28 |
| 29 | 30 | 31 | | | | |

6/18-7/6 - Murray Ridge School Day Camp (no camp on 7/4)

7/4 - Independence Day observed, Agency closed

7/11 - Family Support Parent Committee meeting , 6:30 p.m., Administration Bldg., 1091 Infirmary Road in Elyria

7/26 - Sheffield Lake Community Days Parade, 7:00 p.m.



BOARD ROOM BRIEFING

The Lorain County Board of DD convened at 6:30 p.m. on June 25, 2018:

Murray Ridge Program Specialist Jim Nagy (retired wrestler 'Mad Dog Manson') and his son Andrew presented a check for the Friends of Murray Ridge in the amount of \$1,634.01, proceeds from Breaking Down Barriers VIII which was held on May 5, 2018; Breaking Down Barriers, an annual family-friendly wrestling event put on by Mega Championship Wrestling (MCW) for the benefit of Lorain County residents with developmental disabilities, was initiated more than eight years ago and, in addition to providing much appreciated financial support to the Friends of Murray Ridge, is eagerly awaited and attended by many members of the Murray Ridge family each year. Superintendent Fisher updated the Board on the Department of Developmental Disabilities accreditation review which will take place in July, and discussed the upcoming strategic planning process. In other news, the Board unanimously passed revisions to the Lorain County Board of DD (LCBDD) Employment First Policy, and the LCBDD Early Intervention policy. There was discussion of the Murray Ridge Golf Classic, to be held Thursday, June 28 at the Elyria County Club.

Lorain County Board of
Developmental Disabilities

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Inclusive Playground

Visit the Lorain County Metro Parks Inclusive Playground! The unique playground incorporates water play, structured play, and natural play environments, all for only \$2 per person! People of all ages and abilities will be able to use the area and enjoy the play features. Stop in and visit today!

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Exceptional Service Award

Do you know a Murray Ridge employee whose work efforts reflect remarkable dedication and have significantly contributed to the well being of people with developmental disabilities? Nominate that employee for an Exceptional Service Award! If you are a community member; consumer; or parent, guardian, sibling or other relative of a Murray Ridge program participant, submit your nomination to Jeff Camp. Include a brief paragraph outlining your reasons for nominating the employee. All nominations will be forwarded to the Board for consideration. The Board presents Exceptional Service Awards on a quarterly basis. If you have any questions, contact at 440-329-3734 or jcamp@murrayridgecenter.org.