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The Murray Ridge Courier

May 2018

REMINDER: Tuesday, May 8 is Election Day!

Mardi Gras at the Murray Ridge School Prom

On May 4, Murray Ridge School held its annual Prom.

This year's theme was Mardi Gras! Prom was attended by almost 250 people, there to celebrate the graduating seniors in this year's class. Five young men and three young women were crowned kings and queens.

Staff spent weeks after school decorating the gymnasium for the big event, and attendees were astonished to see the transformation; Louisiana style Mardi Gras decorations filled the gym; and students and families were treated to party masks, Mardi Gras feather boas, and tons of other décor that turned the gym into a magical New Orleans getaway!

A delicious catered dinner was provided to all attendees. Additionally, a professional photographer was on-hand to take photos to mark the occasion, and a DJ provided music and entertainment! These professionals donated their services to the school, and all funds for the Prom were raised through donations, and by staff through bake sales, t-shirt sales, and various raffles and dining events held throughout the school year.

Thank you to all who helped make this year's Prom a huge success!



Above, MRS student Christian Martin and teacher Ryanne Gelp pose in their Mardi Gras gear!



Left: Paulina Lilly, Maison Mastellone (student teacher), Kyle Porter, Stephanie Jackson, Laurie Davis (teacher), Taysha Schultz, Virginia Schwin (personal aide), Alyssa Maraldo, and Annette Smith (personal aide) pose at the Prom. Above: The stage of Murray Ridge School is decked out; a special thanks to our amazing Murray Ridge Staff members Lilly Tapia, Barb Kidney, Peggy Smith, and Sue Sands for the incredible décor.



Exceptional Service at Murray Ridge Center



On April 24, the Lorain County Board of DD honored Russell Moye (left, with Board Member Dan White), with the Exceptional Service Award for the first quarter of 2018.

Russ is an Adult Program Instructor with the Supported Employment Department; and basketball, soccer, and softball coach for the Murray Ridge Raiders Special Olympics.

In his nomination letter, submitted by parent of Elyria Opportunity/Vocational Center attendee Daniel Montgomery, it was stated that "Russ is a great man, coach, and friend. He is an asset to the Murray Ridge faculty. His guys respect and love the coach and man that he is."

Thank you Russ, for your exceptional service! And congratulations on receiving this prestigious award.

If you are interested in nominating a Murray Ridge employee for an Exceptional Service Award, contact Jenn Judkins at 440-329-3734 or jjudkins@murrayridgecenter.org.

Annual Spaghetti Dinner a Huge Success!

On April 28, the Murray Ridge Support Group (MRSRG) held its annual Spaghetti Dinner at the AmVets Post 55 in Sheffield Lake. The Murray Ridge Support Group is a not for profit organization that exists to support the mission of Murray Ridge Center and local residents with developmental disabilities and their families.

In total, the MRSRG raised more than \$4,000 through the event, and all proceeds will benefit Lorain County citizens impacted by developmental disabilities.

Thank you to the AmVets for their continued generosity towards the MRSRG by once again providing the venue and the food for this event!

And thank you to all who came out for great food, great company, and a worthy cause!



Left: Heather Knoble, Early Intervention Supervisor, buys tickets for the many baskets up for raffle from Misty Spriggs, Secretary of Service and Support Administration. Right: Sherry Lacko-Chutes, Noreen Romano, Jen Doseck, and John Gintonio provide spaghetti to hungry attendees!

Modified Volleyball Takes Tournament Championship!



Murray Ridge Special Olympics Volleyball teams were in action at Oberlin College on April 21 for the State Qualifying Tournament.

Murray Ridge Raiders Modified Volleyball Team members walked away as the tournament champions, while the Murray Ridge Traditional Team finished in 4th place! Congratulations to both of our teams for their amazing performances!

Pictured (front l-r): Coach Rick Rovere, #26 Ryan Brown, #17 Chad Kothe, #2 Megan Craig, #32 Noah Griffiths, #1 Michele Lott, #20 Elena Reinhold. #21 Kim Herman, #6 Joe Bellottie, and Assistant Coach Nikki McConnell. Pictured (back, numbers not visible l-r): Kurt Caris, Shari Reitenbach, and Sean McCaffrey.

Murray Ridge School & Preschool Launch New Facebook Page!



Murray Ridge School and Preschool have launched a new Facebook page so that parents, caregivers, students, and staff can follow along on what is happening each day!

You can find the new page by searching "Murray Ridge School and Preschool" on Facebook. Please "Like" the page and stay up-to-date all on the amazing things our Murray Ridge staff does for our students! Continue to follow the Murray Ridge Center Facebook page for updates on Agency news!



Last Month for 2017-2018 Travelling Art Show

May is your last chance to check out our Murray Ridge Travelling Art Show! Consumer artwork is on exhibit at the Columbia Station Branch of the Lorain County Public Libraries throughout the month, then we will take the summer off and resume our creative show in September!

Please stop by and see the amazing works of art created by consumers from our Adult Services Program and students from Murray Ridge School.

If you are interested in submitting art work for future displays, please contact Jenn Judkins at 329-3734 or jjudkins@murrayridgecenter.org.



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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Activities & Events

- 5/4 - Murray Ridge School Senior Prom; 6:30—9:00 p.m., Murray Ridge School, 9750 Murray Ridge Road in Elyria
- 5/5 - Breaking Down Barriers VIII at St. John's Lutheran Church, 6:00 p.m.
- 5/9 - LCBDD Finance Committee meeting, 12:00 p.m., Administration Bldg., 1091 Infirmary Road, Elyria
- 5/9 - Murray Ridge Support Group meeting, 4:15 p.m., Elyria Opportunity/Vocational Center, 1095 Infirmary Road in Elyria
- 5/9 - Family Support Parent Committee meeting, 6:30 p.m., Administration Bldg., 1091 Infirmary Road in Elyria
- 5/11 - Murray Ridge Support Group Dance, 7:00 p.m., Murray Ridge School, 9750 Murray Ridge Road in Elyria
- 5/21 - Regular Meeting of the Board and Ethics Council, 6:30 p.m., Administration Bldg., 1091 Infirmary Road, Elyria
- 5/28 - **Agency Closed in Observance of Memorial Day**
- 5/30 - Murray Ridge School Commencement Ceremony, 11:00 a.m., Murray Ridge School, 9750 Murray Ridge Road in Elyria

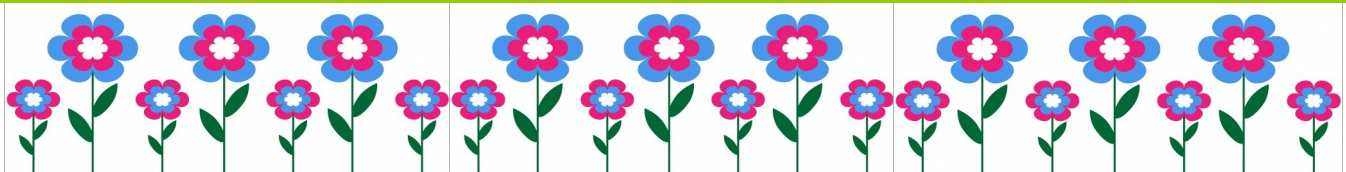


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2018-2019 Agency Calendars

The 2017-2018 agency calendars are now available at www.murrayridgecenter.org under Agency Calendar. Visit the website to see the schedules of our programs for the coming year!



BOARD ROOM BRIEFING

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

Superintendent Fisher provided an overview of 2017 agency spending, as compared to the 2017 budget and 2016 spending. Dr. Fisher also updated the Board on the sale of two properties that were previously used as Board-operated group homes. Director of Business, Greg Westgate, reviewed the 2019 Tax Budget, and it was approved by the Board. The Board unanimously approved Agency calendars for 2018/2019. There was discussion about Board member training, and the strategic planning process to occur this fall; financial projections and waiting list management will be important topics. **Dr. Fisher updated the Board on the campaign for Issue 5, a renewal levy that will appear on the May 8 ballot; this levy brings in one third of the agency's funding, and will not increase taxes.**

Lorain County Board of
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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 Jennifer Judkins, Community Education/Volunteer Director. 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 at regular scheduled meetings. If you have any questions, contact Jenn Judkins at 440-329-3734 or jjudkins@murrayridgecenter.org.