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The Murray Ridge Courier

April 2017

Murray Ridge School Student Receives New Bike From North Ridgeville Kiwanis

Murray Ridge School first grader Lana Ayala was the ecstatic recipient of a new Amtryke therapeutic tricycle, courtesy of the North Ridgeville Kiwanis, at a donation ceremony at the school on March 28.

An Amtryke is a tricycle that is modified to meet the individual needs of children and adults with disabilities. As a child grows, the Amtryke can be modified. It is primarily used for therapy, but the tricycles also provide a sense of freedom and mobility, two things that Lana discovered immediately upon receiving the gift!

Lana was nominated by her Physical Therapist, Rebecca Farmer, to receive this amazing gift through the Amtryke Project, which has the mission of helping children with disabilities become more active while

having fun. This Project was in line with the mission of the North Ridgeville Kiwanis Club, which serves both the community and children through activities such as service projects, collecting children's shoes and socks for donations, and providing Christmas gifts to North Ridgeville Community Care for children in need. As the national Kiwanis motto states, the club is committed to "helping to change the world, one child at a time."

Pictured below is Lana and members of the North Ridgeville Kiwanis Club. To learn more about the Club and how you can make a difference in the lives of children in the community, please contact its President Toni Krone at 440-327-0111.



April is Autism Awareness Month



Join Murray Ridge Center as we observe April as National Autism Awareness Month.

Murray Ridge School (MRS) and the Adult Opportunity/Vocational Centers will spend the month raising awareness through activities and events; MRS kicked off the month with "Light it up Blue" by hanging blue lights in the lobby of the school and decorating the bulletin board with the month's theme (left).

Autism is treatable, and early diagnosis and intervention can lead to significantly improved outcomes. Visit <http://nationalautismassociation.org> for more information or, to learn about programs and services offered by Murray Ridge School, contact Director of Educational Services Dann Swift, or Supervisors Stacie Starr or Linda Lapp at 329-3760. Take time throughout the month of April to learn more about Autism Spectrum Disorders!

March Declared Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month by County Commissioners

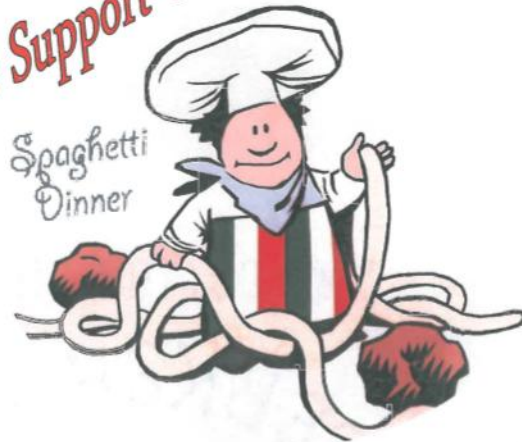
The Lorain County Commissioners adopted a resolution on March 8, 2017, declaring the month of March as "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" in Lorain County.

Three program participants accompanied Superintendent Amber Fisher to share their stories and to thank the Commissioners for their support of the Lorain County Board of Developmental Disabilities (LCBDD), more commonly known as Murray Ridge Center. During the meeting, Dr. Fisher also highlighted the services that more than 2,000 Lorain county citizens with developmental disabilities receive from Murray Ridge Center.

Pictured (top, l-r) are Murray Ridge adult program participants Lutz Fazekas and Eli Fisher, Commissioner Lori Kokoski, Superintendent Amber Fisher, Commissioners Ted Kalo and Matt Lundy, and Murray Ridge School student Sariah Lugo. Below left, Director of Education Dann Swift helps Sariah use her talker to address the Commissioners. Below right, Eli details his experiences with Murray Ridge Center.



Murray Ridge Support Group



Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser

Saturday, April 29, 2017

3 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

AMVETS Post 55 – 530 Abbe Rd.

Sheffield Lake, Ohio



Dinner Includes:

Meatballs, **Sausage**, Pasta, **Salad**, Roll,
Beverage & Dessert

Tickets - \$8

(kids 5 and under eat free)

Chinese Auction

Tickets available at the door or prepay by
calling 440-329-3734

Take outs are also available.

Tickets can be purchased at the door or in advance from Joaquin Page or Shawn Silvis at EOVC, Tina Tucker at OOVC, Cindy White at LOVC, Jennifer Judkins at the Admin. Bldg., Kristin Dickerhoff at Murray Ridge School, and Sherry Lacko at the SSA Building.



Proceeds to benefit the developmentally disabled
residents of Lorain County served by

The Murray Ridge Support Group



HEROES UNITED PRESENTS:
SENSORY FRIENDLY

SUPER HERO MOVIE NIGHT

April
28th



Face Painting,
Super Hero
Photo Booth,
and MORE!

Where? Murray Ridge School
9750 Murray Ridge Rd, Elyria

When? April 28, 2017
5:30 - 7:30 pm

How Much? \$5 per person
\$10 per family (3 or more)
Pizza, pop, and a movie

Proceeds benefit Murray Ridge Center!



Travelling Art Show Moves to Sheffield Lake Public Library

Check out the Travelling Art Show in April! Adult Program participants' and Murray Ridge School students' artwork is on exhibit at the Domonkas Branch of the Lorain County Public Libraries.

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



Students Showcase Talents at Murray Ridge School

More than 40 students from Murray Ridge School wowed the crowd with talents such as singing, dancing, playing an instrument, and telling jokes at the 6th Annual Talent Show on March 29.

Teacher Cheryl Swierz spearheaded the show, with help from primary teacher Amy Daniels and music teacher Lissa Lopes. "Students look forward to the talent show all year," said Swierz. "I love the positive impact the Talent Show makes on our students by building their self-esteem and giving them a chance to showcase their abilities."

Each teacher was responsible for signing up the students in his or her class and coming up with the basics for an act. Rehearsals took place every Tuesday during the month of March.

Congratulations to all of our talented students who participated in this year's show!

Above, right, Danny Bader sings a Murray Ridge School version of the 12 Days of Christmas! Below, left, Brandon Rivera played guitar and sang a Boy Scouts song next to a roaring fire! Below, right, Alana Smale sang "Let It Go" dressed as her favorite Frozen character!



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Many Medals for the Murray Ridge 2017 Basketball Skills Team

Congratulations to the Murray Ridge 2017 Basketball Skills Team that participated in the 2017 State Special Olympic Basketball Skills competition on March 25!!

Gold Medal:

Jesse Kimbro, Chelsie Jenkins, Grant Holbrook, Chad Kothe

Silver Medal:

Ryan McCoy, Kevin Johnson

Bronze Medal:

Sean McCaffery, Kenny Martin

5th Place finishers:

Mark Vanek, Tim Stewart



MRC Celebrates St. Patrick's Day

Murray Ridge Center's School and OVCs celebrated St. Patrick's Day with treasure hunts, dances, green-themed parties, and a bit of the luck 'o the Irish!

Below, left, Murray Ridge School student Nailah Rivera from Kristen Dickerhoff's class enjoyed a St. Patrick's Day scavenger hunt! Students from her class returned to a room full of treasures! Below, right,

Amber Tomsco and David Dukate checking out the pot 'o gold at the OOVV!





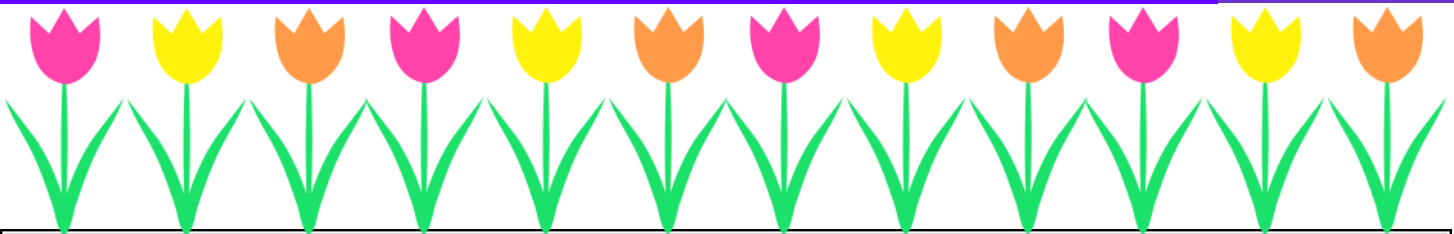
April 2017

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Spring Break - Murray Ridge School

Activities & Events

- 4/12 - Murray Ridge Support Group meeting, 4:15 p.m., Elyria Opportunity/Vocational Center, 1095 Infirmary Road in Elyria
- 4/12 - LCBDD Finance Committee meeting, 12:00 p.m., Administration Bldg., 1091 Infirmary Road, Elyria
- 4/14 - Agency closed for Good Friday
- 4/17 - 3/21 - Murray Ridge Preschool and School Closed for Spring Break
- 4/21 - Murray Ridge Support Group Dance, 7:00 p.m., Murray Ridge School, 9750 Murray Ridge Road in Elyria
- 4/24 - Regular Meeting of the Board and Ethics Council, 6:30 p.m., Administration Building, 1091 Infirmary Rd in Elyria
- 4/28 - Super Hero Movie Night, 6:00 p.m., Murray Ridge School, 9750 Murray Ridge Road in Elyria



BOARD ROOM BRIEFING

The Lorain County Board of DD convened at 6:30 p.m. on March 27, 2017

Board member Keith Boey announced that the Board Award Committee had selected a nominated Murray Ridge employee to receive the next quarterly Exceptional Service Award. The Board approved the proposed Strategic Plan Progress Report/Annual Action Plan Programs and Expenditures – 2017, contingent upon no substantive feedback as a result of a public forum to be held on April 10, 2017 at 10:00 am at the Agency administration building. Superintendent Fisher explained anticipated revenues and variable expenses of the Agency's preschool program for the 2016/2017 school year; the Board voted unanimously to retain the current rate structure for both school districts and parents of typically developing peers that place students in the Murray Ridge Preschool Program for the 2017/2018 school year. The Board unanimously approved revisions to a policy identifying the rate structure for certain Medicaid-covered services provided by the Agency. Board member training requirements/options for 2017 were discussed; interest in learning about Agency enclaves (group employment services) was expressed. The Board authorized the execution of a Mortgage Satisfaction to enable Murray Ridge Housing Corporation to sell a property, as the previous tenants of that property re-located. The new Director of Business, Greg Westgate, was introduced.

Lorain County Board of
Developmental Disabilities

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Thank You to all our Murray Ridge Center Volunteers!

National Volunteer Week is April 23-29, 2017. Throughout this week and throughout the entire year, Murray Ridge Center would like to recognize the individuals who give their time as volunteers at Murray Ridge School, in our Opportunity/Vocational Centers, within our Special Olympic Program, and in many other facets of the Agency. Murray Ridge Center extends its sincerest thanks to these community volunteers for making a considerable and lasting difference in the lives of the individuals we serve. In addition to the many staff volunteers, thank you to the following community volunteers:

Pete Barth	Gerry Findlan	Tim McLaughlin	Stephen J. Ross	Abby Turnwald
Jim Berarducci	Ann Findlan	Andrea Hall-Miller	Kristina Schuman	Tim Turnwald
Keith Boey	Robert Gajdos	James Miller	Kristine Schuman	Jim Uldrich
Bob Burkhardt	Beverly Gedid	Dan Muschitz	Terry (Pete) Shilling	Jerry Vessalo
Greg Butchko	Betty Hanson	Molly Oliver	Vassie Scott	Tina Woskobunik
Larry Cooper	Bill Harrison	Henry Patterson	Charles Sherry	Daniel White
Pam Cooper	Charlene Hartman	Joan Peterson	Olivia Sliman	Denis Wright
Rebecca Cornman	Linda Herman	Yolanda Ramos	Les Spike	
Matt Dailey	Michelle Hunt	Renee Reitenbach	Kayla Syrowski	
Dave Eliason	Sandi Johnson	Isabel Rivera	Phil Tollett	
Laura Eliason	James (Kurt) Koepf	Debbie Roberts	Heather Torres	

For more information on how you can volunteer with Murray Ridge Center, contact Jennifer Judkins at 440.329.3734 or jjudkins@murrayridgecenter.org.