

Fayette County Board of DD

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Peace

Love

Christmas is forever, not for just one day,
For loving, sharing, giving, are not to put away,
Like bells and lights and tinsel, in some box upon a shelf,
The good you do for others is good you do yourself. ~ Norman Wesley Brooks
Merry Christmas. May we all have a blessed 2014!



Our littlest "angels" at ECFC



Our Early Intervention class taught by Suzie Janasov and Chrissy Daniels enjoyed Halloween at FPS.

The staff dressed-up in their finest apparel for the holiday. I believe they had more fun than the children.

In Erin and Kristen's class, the children adopted a soldier named Josh for the holidays. They packaged-up some goodies to send to him in a care package along with Christmas cards.

Jamie and Linda's class celebrated Thanksgiving with a feast. They sure have a bunch of cute little Indians.

In Trish and Nicki's class, they read the book "Who Will Guide My Sleigh Tonight?" and made reindeer antlers. The day after planting candy cane seeds, the seeds turned into candy canes. Santa came to visit and brought a toy for every child at FPS at the Christmas party.

Joel, relaxing and getting some sensory input in the ball pit during therapy with Jill.





Over the river and through the woods, to Fayette Progressive Industries we go...So far, we've had 3 days where we have had to close due to white and drifted snow. It looks as though it's going to be a rough winter. Thanks to Sandy Kelley, Operations Manager; Chris Arbogast, Sue Kunie, Teresa Leeth (bus drivers) and our van driver, Scott Bolender for getting our individuals to and from their homes safely.

In this last quarter of the year, the transportation dept. has shown a tremendous amount of team work. I would like to commend all the drivers and bus captains for their hard work. I would also like to send out a special thank you to Amber P. and Bethany S. for the team work they provided to me while driving the noon and pm routes. They were invaluable bus captains as they put faces to the children that I only knew as names and addresses, while driving for 2 weeks. This helped the experience become very enjoyable as I was able to learn who the children were and then put the faces to the names.

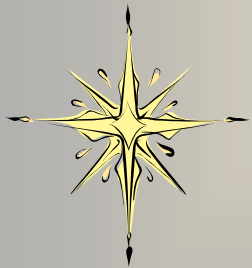
Thanks to some stars:

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the Fayette Progressive Preschool's PTO for the new jackets they provided to the drivers. I appreciate this recognition to FCBDD's vehicle operators. The jackets are truly appreciated!

In our community, I would like to thank several individuals. To Brian Hottinger from the Police department and Tom Youtz from the Fire Department for their support of our improved security at the Starting Gate. To Vernon Stanforth from the Sheriff's department for his support in our improved security. Vernon was willing to go that extra mile to help with improving how the FCBDD can handle a threatening person. I would also like to thank Tim Downing from the Fire department for everything he has done to help us. He is a generous person with his time. To Ronnie Longberry from the County Engineers office for helping when called upon. I appreciate all of you for being supportive of the Fayette County Board of DD. It sure makes my job easier knowing that you are part of our community. I thank all of you very much!

This year we have had a lot of changes to the Starting Gate and Progressive Industries entry procedures which involved improving safety of the individuals we serve. The entire year was spent tweaking the procedure to make sure it worked for everybody and still provided our goal of safety. This took a great deal of support from both the staff and the community. Thanks to all of you for your patience.

Merry Christmas to All!! from the Operations Dept.



Also a huge thanks goes to The Knights of Columbus Council 5386 of St. Colman's Catholic Church. The Knights have contributed many dollars locally over the years; along with countless service projects of time, talent and treasure to this community and worldwide. Grand Knight John Elrich presented a check to Suzie Janasov for the Fayette County Board of DD. This "Measure Up Campaign" is an annual fundraiser for the Knights of Columbus in Ohio to benefit persons with disa-



Christmas friends

Blessings



The Fayette County Preschool PTO recently had a fundraiser from BRAX selling Spirit Cups. They raised approximately \$900.00 which will go towards future playground equipment.

Our Preschool Teachers, Assistants and other Staff at Fayette Progressive Schools have begun the process to gather information needed for our Star Rating for Step Up To Quality. If you would like additional information in regards to this, please feel free to call the school at (740) 335-1391 and talk with Dawn Stallard, Education Service Director. You can also find information at this website: <http://www.earlychildhoodohio.org/>

Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer



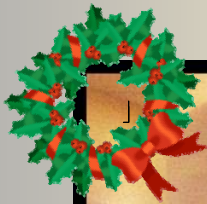
New Employees



Welcome to Yolande Robinson and Cathy Jones to staff at FCBDD. They have been hired as substitute staff at both Fayette Progressive Industries and Fayette Progressive Preschool.

Congratulations to Christina Shephard in her new position as Community Services Specialist. Christina is enjoying this new venture in employment at FCBDD.

If interested in applying for a position at FCBDD, check our website at fayettetdd.com. An application as well as positions available will be posted there as well as on our facebook page. Please "like" us at facebook.com/fayettecountyydd



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Joy

 Merry Christmas
from the SSA Dept.

Gifts of time and love are surely the basic ingredients of a truly merry Christmas ~ Peg Bracken



Thank you, Gina Strayer!! Gina was touched when she heard about the opportunity granted to two of our young men. Josh and Robbie will be traveling to New Jersey this coming summer to participate in the USA games for Special Olympics softball. A softball enthusiast herself; Gina decided to donate 10% of her Saturday sales at her primitives shop to help cover the expenses of Josh and Robbie. I am pleased to announce that through this fundraiser, \$314 was raised!! Simply Home is located at 118 W. Court St., Washington Court House, OH. Thank you so much for your generosity, Gina.



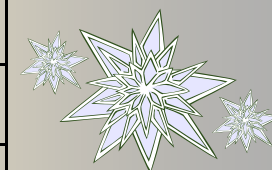
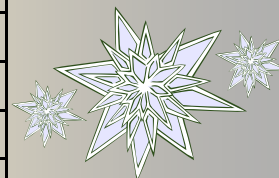
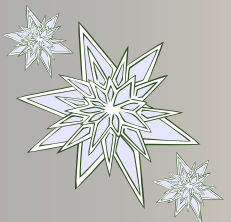
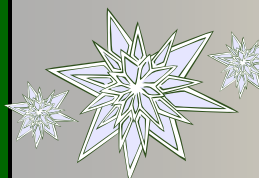
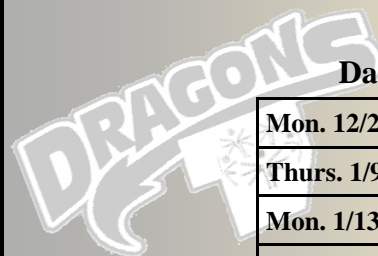
Simply Home
Fundraiser



Special Olympics Basketball

Date: Opponent Time Location

Mon. 12/23/13	Madison Co.	6:00	London, OH
Thurs. 1/9/14	Licking Co.	6:00	HOME
Mon. 1/13/14	Goodwill Industries	7:00	HOME
Thurs. 1/16/14	Pickaway County	6:00	HOME
Thurs. 1/23/14	The Legends	6:00	HOME
Wed. 1/29/14	Madison Co.	7:00	HOME
Mon. 2/3/14	Fairfield Co.	6:30	Lancaster, OH
Tues. 2/11/14	Northwestern	6:45	Hilliard, OH
Thurs. 2/13/14	Pickaway Co.	6:00	Circleville, OH
Mon. 2/17/14	Montgomery Co.	6:30	HOME
Wed. 2/19/14	Deputy Dawgs	6:30	Washington High School
Thurs. 2/20/14	Columbus Public	6:30	Columbus, OH
Sat. 2/22/14	Area 6 Tournament	TBD	Columbus, OH Northland HS
Sun. 2/23/14	Area 6 Tournament (If win Feb 22)	TBD	Columbus, OH Northland HS
Mon. 2/24/14	Fairfield Co.	6:30	HOME
Wed. 2/26/14	Montgomery Co.	6:30	Kettering, OH
Sat. 3/1/14	Area Sectional Tournament (If win Feb. 23)	TBD	Columbus, OH Eastmoor Academy
Sun. 3/2/14	Area Sectional Tournament (If win March 1)	TBD	Columbus, OH Eastmoor Academy
Sat. 3/8/14	Sectional Tournament (If win March 2)	TBD	New Philadelphia, OH
Sun. 3/9/14	Sectional Tournament (If win March 8)	TBD	New Philadelphia, OH
Fri-Sat. 3/21-22/14	State Tournament (If win March 9)	TBD	Bowling Green





Thoughts from our Superintendent:

This past September the Ohio Department of Developmental Disabilities conducted a review of all the programs and services the Fayette County Board of DD offers. The review included the following areas: Early Intervention, Adult Services, Service and Support Administration, Self Advocacy, Transportation and Personnel. It gives me great pride to report that out of a possible score of 100%, Fayette County scored 96.4%. As a result, the County Board was awarded a 4 Year Accreditation and can petition the DODD for a 5 year award. Currently, Renee Guess is coordinating those efforts for the agency.

The Accreditation Award has special significance because it demonstrates substantial improvement in program services from three years ago when the County Board received a 3 year award.

I want to take this time to congratulate all of the staff who work day after day to assist people to become the best version of themselves. Secondly, I want to thank The Board, elected officials, and all members of the community who support the work we do. And finally, I want to thank families who trust us to provide quality services to their loved ones.

Our Staff Christmas/Inservice Party was held on Friday, Dec. 13th. I would like to mention 4 women who have contributed greatly to the programs we offer at FCBDD. Congratulations to the following:

Sandy Kelley - Community Service Award

Cathie Rippeth - Program Service Award

Renee Guess - Leadership Service Award

Jan Cobb - Staff Service Award

Merry AND Bright



I would also like to recognize Melissa Johnson and Cheryl Binegar for 10 years of service and Betsy Miller with 20 years of service. You ladies help to make FCBDD the best it can be. Thanks for your years of dedication and service to the individuals we serve.



"Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas perhaps ... means a little bit more!" ~ [Dr. Seuss, How the Grinch Stole Christmas!](#)

FYI: FCBDD will be closing at noon on Dec. 24th and all day on the 25th and Jan. 1st.

"May the spirit of Christmas bring you peace,
The gladness of Christmas give you hope,
The warmth of Christmas grant you love. "
~ Author Unknown

Believe

Merry Christmas and Happy New year!!
From the Fayette County Board of DD

Jingle Bells

