



**TRUMBULL
COUNTY**

BOARD OF
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Their Journey, Their Needs, Our Support.

SUMMER 2021 NEWSLETTER

Superintendent Update



At Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities, we're excited by the prospect of summer and all the changes the season brings. The clouds are clearing, and every day is a new beginning with new possibilities and new promise.

We have so much to celebrate moving forward, and we are grateful to the staff, individuals, families and stakeholders who have all worked so diligently in providing safe and healthy environments for everyone in the TCBDD community. Recently, Gov. DeWine rescinded the COVID-19 state of emergency, meaning restrictions have also been drastically scaled back. This has meant some changes into how we operate at TCBDD and Fairhaven.

Some changes for visitors, staff, individuals and general public:

- We will no longer limit the number of employees during the day.
- Temperature kiosks will no longer be used at the school or other locations. Visitors will no longer be required to submit to a temperature check.
- Masks will not be required for fully vaccinated visitors, employees, individuals or stakeholders. Those who are fully vaccinated have the option to still wear a mask for protection.
- In-person ISP, IEP and IFSP team meetings may occur as needed or requested.
- Face-to-face or in-person services may also be provided as long as staff administers a health screening of the individual or family prior to the visit.

While the easing of restrictions provides a bit of relief, we must continue practicing healthy habits to ensure we are giving ourselves the best chance to continue providing services.

We also celebrate our very own Lindsey Ison who continues to amaze us all with her passion, drive and enthusiasm.

Lindsey is coordinating a community garden in our very own backyard, has put together dozens of tasty recipes so people can cook delicious meals, and was recently selected as a Grand Prize Finalist for the 2020-21 national Life Changer of the Year award! Not only are we lucky to have Lindsey in our family, but we're so grateful for all she does for our families and community. Lindsey has certainly changed lives!

Lindsey is just one of many in our ranks who go above and beyond. Our very own Mr. Joe acquired two Chromebooks for his classes, integrating technology so his students can learn typing, researching and even playing games on the computers. He's added a whole new dimension to his classroom that is really making an impact for his students.

With the ease of COVID restrictions, we're so excited by the return of some of our favorite events. Journey of Hope will be cycling through Fairhaven in August, we'll be watching a Scrappers game in July and I'm already working on my swing in anticipation of the return of our 23rd Annual Fairhaven Classic golf outing!

I hope you all are as excited as I am by everything we have coming on the horizon. Thank you for your continued support!

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Fairhaven Preschool Brings Back Extended School Year Program

With the summer months upon us, Fairhaven Preschool's Extended School Year program is in full swing, offering 4.5 hours of education, five days a week. Available to all 20 school districts in Trumbull County, this summer's program currently has students from six districts. The five-week program is open to all students, providing an integrated preschool setting. Transportation is provided for those on an IEP, and every student is offered free lunch and a snack each day.

Fairhaven Assistant Principal Corey Stephens said it feels good to have the program return after the pandemic hiatus. "We're really excited to return to our Extended School Year program," he said. "We've missed our students and I know they've missed the program and everything they get out of it. Our teachers are terrific and do a wonderful job of providing opportunities for learning that is both safe and fun. It's so great to have everyone back this summer."

Give to The Foundation

The Foundation seeks to assist the approximately 1,100 individuals eligible for services through the Trumbull County Board of Developmental Disabilities. More than \$30,000 in Foundation funds are distributed annually, with the Fairhaven School also raising tens of thousands of dollars to impact the more than 250 students who attend.

You can give online at: <https://secure.givelively.org/donate/fairhaven-foundation/ways-to-give>

Or mail your donation in to:

Fairhaven Foundation
45 North Road
Niles, Ohio 44446



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Training is available for:

- CPR/First Aid Training
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For dates and times, please visit:
fairhavenpgm.com/training-and-events



COACH'S CORNER

DECEMBER EDITION

Hey gang,

I hope everyone is safe and healthy, and you're enjoying the summer weather. I just wanted to give an update on our upcoming events that we have planned and, hopefully, we will be able to hold. Golf will kick off our sports calendar on August 29 and September 19. I will let you all know when we get our times set.

After golf, we swing into fall with swimming, basketball and (fingers crossed) bowling.

John and I are also in the early stages of planning a fundraiser for Halloween. Right now, we are liking the idea of a costume fun run and will keep you posted on any updates or ideas.

Lastly, THANK YOU to all who have updated their physicals. We need these completed ASAP in order for you to participate in sports, so the quicker you can get those in, the better.

I hope all of you have a great and safe summer. We plan on hitting the ground running come fall, so help yourself by getting in shape so we're not falling behind!

As always, GOOOOOOOO BULLDOGS!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Stay Safe,
Bo Greene

For more information about these and other events, please contact Coach Bo Greene at 330-652-5811.





Giving Week 2021

"The best exercise for the human heart is reaching down and lifting people up." - Tim Russert

We're pleased to announce we exceeded our goal of raising \$10,000 for the week. Giving increased from last year by over \$11,000 bringing our grand total to \$12,799! Thank you to the Community Foundation of Western PA & Eastern OH for partnering with us to make Giving Week possible, providing \$1,080 in matching funds, and a \$570 bonus for increasing our number of donors from last year.

Our mission is to enhance the quality of life of individuals with developmental disabilities eligible for services through the Trumbull County Board of DD. We strive to provide choices, opportunities, and resources that enable children and adults to fully reach their potential as members of the community.

Your donation helps the Fairhaven Foundation continue our mission to help individuals with developmental disabilities in emergency situations, provide grocery funding, support therapeutic and educational camp opportunities, summer enrichment programs, adaptive clothing and equipment, defray medical costs, and for the "above and beyond" events, projects and programs.

We would not be able to continue our essential work without the generosity of so many. On behalf of the individuals and families we serve, thank you for supporting the Fairhaven Foundation during our 2nd Annual Giving Week.

Sincerely,

Stephanie Champlin

Executive Director,
Fairhaven Foundation
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We're proud to announce the addition of Stephanie Champlin to the TCBDD family. Stephanie comes to us with a rich background in marketing and advocacy for individuals with developmental disabilities.

Silver Sponsors \$1,000+

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Summer Enrichment Program Offers Activities and Learning

Students in Trumbull County looking to stay active during the summer months have found a home at SEPTrumbull, a five-week program for students within the county who are on an Individualized Education Program. Hosted at Fairhaven School, the Summer Enrichment Program provides five-days-a-week programming, with a mixture of physical activities, learning opportunities and field trips!

Three days a week, the approximately 40 registered students stay at the school participating in gym, leisure, art and music activities. While at Fairhaven during those days, students can also take part in activities by a plethora of visitors, including therapy dogs, Zumba instructors and the Purple Cat Music Band for an all-camp activity. During the summer, students also celebrate special days like Everybody's Birthday, when campers get to celebrate all the birthdays they miss during the year. They also celebrate Christmas in July, singing Christmas carols and receiving gifts from Santa Claus!

Summer Enrichment Program Lead Teacher Angela Verostko said the campers really love being able to make new friends and share experiences together. "We want to provide opportunities to deepen their experiences and relationships," she said. "The campers really enjoy spending time together and they make friendships that last through the years. Camp gives them the opportunity to experience field trips, activities and down time with their peers. It's incredible

how close our group gets in 5 weeks, we really become a family."

Transportation and lunches are provided for the campers each day, and the school tries to provide two field trip days per week. Some of the favorite places for the students to visit on field trip days include the splash pad, Oh Wow! Science Center and Walnut Grove Park! Being able to get outside and play has made a positive impact on each camper's growth, and Ms. Verostko said the students love the variety of activities.

"They each have their favorite thing to do," Ms. Verostko said. "And they each appreciate being able to share these activities with friends. I think having such a diverse set of places to visit and activities to participate in really allows them to nurture their experiences."

SEPTrumbull also has a program for those individuals who are over 18 years of age or older, called Life Enriching Activities Program. LEAP provides opportunities for two to three monthly social events. These events could include blowing, shopping, movies, sporting events, gardening and going out to dinner.

The application window for SEPTrumbull is February 1 – April 30, and prospective parents can visit SEPTrumbull.org for more information.

Art



Leisure/Free Choice



Music



Gym



Fairhaven Chromebook Program

Students at Fairhaven School have been the beneficiaries of new Chromebooks, thanks to teacher Joe Shewell's initiative to introduce the laptops to his classroom. Mr. Joe said he wanted to go and acquire a couple Chromebooks to see how well they would work, and has been really happy to see the students have access to technology during lessons or projects. He added that it has also been beneficial for the students to be able to adjust the settings to make them more accessible, including increasing the size of the fonts, pictures, etc.

"Having the Chromebooks helps the students learn basic computer skills," Mr. Joe said. "It's usually difficult for our students to type one letter at a time at first. Often, they hold down the keys and get a whole row of the same letter. Using them the way we have been helps them gain the dexterity needed to type effectively. They also learn how to use the backspace button and how to correct their mistakes. We are also able to practice other computer skills, like internet searches using student internet search engines. They also learn how to turn it on, open up internet tabs and how to properly turn off each Chromebook."



Mr. Joe also said the students are gaining independence by using certain tools, apps and websites like Boom Cards for vocabulary, Starfall for writing and typing, and even videos and games on PBS during free time. He said he appreciates that students are able to learn and practice at their pace. "Some students can work on typing their names," he added. "Others can practice typing simple vocabulary words while practicing letter recognition. Others can work on typing full sentences, including capitalization and punctuation."

Mr. Joe said the next step is incorporating various projects that would require working in small groups to learn teamwork. He said this could include creating presentations that could be shown to the class, or even research projects that just require working with students of varying abilities. Either way, Mr. Joe appreciates the potential the Chromebooks bring to the classroom.

"My favorite part about having the Chromebooks in my class is that all of my students are able to have access to technology during our lessons or projects. Having these tools has really added a new and exciting element to these students' learning experience."

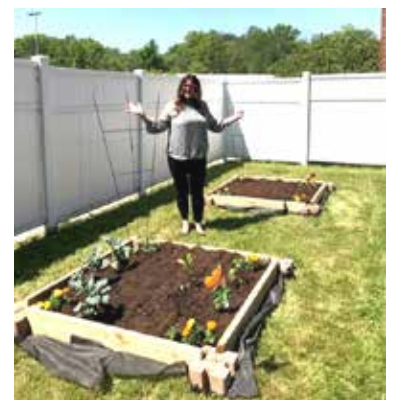
Fairhaven Campus Home to New Garden Beds

New on the Fairhaven Campus is the beginning of our school garden and composting center. Lindsey Ison funded the start-up of the project with her Life Changer of the Year award winnings. The garden will have two wheelchair-accessible raised garden beds that will be installed this summer. Stephanie Canzonetta, Wellness Committee Member, obtained donations from Lowe's to assist with building the garden units.

Lindsey used her Adopt-a-Classroom donations to purchase an indoor greenhouse which will allow students to start the gardening process from their classrooms. The idea came to Lindsey after learning some of our students lack access to fresh produce items that provide key essential nutrients. The harvested produce will be incorporated into the Bulldog Chef cooking class led by Lindsey and Jessica Mazei, Transition Coordinator. The vision is to provide students with a fun, hands-on learning experience, and access to farm-to-table meals.

The composting center will be installed this summer as well. Lindsey teamed up with the Gauga-Trumbull County Green Team, who

will supply two outdoor composting units. Jennifer Jones, Director of Gauga Trumbull SWMD, will provide training presentations in the fall to educate our staff and students on the proper care and benefits of utilizing composters. Lindsey purchased a smaller composting unit that can be shared between classrooms to observe the decomposition process firsthand. The compost will be used to fertilize and enrich the soil in the school garden.



The new garden and composting center will provide our students the opportunity to have a fun time learning about the science, math and nutrition behind it all. Thanks to Lindsey for all of her hard work and to everyone involved for providing such a tremendous opportunity!

Fairhaven Teams with Solid Waste Management on Composting Units

Lindsey Ison, cafeteria supervisor, teamed up with Jennifer Jones, Director of Geauga Trumbull County Solid Waste Management Green Team on implementing an exciting new composting program at Fairhaven.

Ms. Jones supplied the school with two composting bins and provided a presentation on the benefits of composting to Angela Verotsko's summer enrichment program students and staff. The summer program students will get the opportunity to start the composting process, taking advantage of the summer heat. In the fall, Ms. Jones will return to give a presentation on the benefits and proper use of the composting units. Once ready, the nutrient rich compost will be added into the school garden soil. This is such a unique and exciting way to teach the students about recycling, nutrition, gardening, and science!



THE 23RD ANNUAL Fairhaven Classic

AT SQUAW CREEK COUNTRY CLUB
VIENNA, OH

is coming
Monday, September 20!

For sponsorship inquiries, please
contact Stephanie Champlin at
StephanieChamplin@tcbdd.org.

After a hiatus due to the pandemic, we will again be hosting our Annual Fairhaven Classic golf outing this year. Come out for all the golf, fun and prizes!

12 p.m. Shotgun Start

EACH TICKET INCLUDES:

- 18 holes of golf w/ cart
- Luncheon buffet
- Full scramble w/ prizes
- Use of driving range
- Complimentary beverages & snacks on course
- Dinner at the club

At the Petting Zoo



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*Family Night
with the
Scrappers*

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Thursday, July 29th

Mahoning Valley Scrappers vs Williamsport Crosscutters at 7:05pm

Annual Family Night with the Scrappers is back! The Fairhaven Foundation is pleased to provide this meaningful experience for the individuals and families we serve. One lucky individual will be selected to throw out the ceremonial First Pitch before the game. Families are encouraged to show up to the game at 6:30pm so they can be in their seats and ready to watch Fairhaven's own Nikko Cappitte sing the national anthem!

Friends and community members are invited to purchase tickets at the gate and join us at Eastwood Field on July 29th to watch the Mahoning Valley Scrappers take on the Williamsport Crosscutters for a 7:05 p.m. first pitch.

Journey of Hope

AN ABILITY EXPERIENCE



Each year, more than 100 men embark on a cross-country trip to test their limits, spread awareness, and celebrate the abilities of all people. With three routes kicking off on the West Coast, teams spend the summer crossing the country over a combined 12,000 miles with an arrival at the Capitol Lawn in Washington DC to mark the end of a life-changing event.

After riding an average of 75 miles a day, teams enjoy dancing, playing games, and making new friends at a friendship visit. Journey of Hope is a unique program that helps to spread a message of awareness and inclusion everywhere they go.

Pizza & Dance Party

When: Saturday, August 7, 2021
2:00pm - 4:00pm

Where: Fairhaven School Gym
420 Lincoln Way, Niles, OH

Cost: \$1 per person at the door

Any questions contact Stephanie Champlin: stephaniechamplinetcbdd.org or 330.652.9800

