



THE NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT WOODLAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

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From Principal Natalie Adair

2021-22 school year

April 2022,

Dear Woodland Lions Families-

Happy April! Spring is in the air today. This is the time of year when we get to watch the Earth come back to life with the greens and vibrant colors getting ready to bloom all around us. The warmth of the sun fills us with energy and enthusiasm to be outside. It is my goal to bring all of this color and energy into our work here at Woodland.

We hope you enjoyed our month of “How to Eat Fried Worms” activities. We loved seeing all the fun families had together while learning if Billy was really going to eat 15 worms. I was thrilled to learn that so many students had returned their reading logs! The only concern with this was on Friday morning of the last day of school before Spring Break, Mr. Brian and I took our turn eating worms on a live zoom session for the whole school to watch! I really do not recommend anyone eating worms! Want to give a shout to our staff for all the support and fun they provided in this whole school event, it would not have been possible without all of them. We are already looking forward to planning next year’s March in Reading month!

Best, Mrs. Natalie - Principal

Woodland School Office Hours and Contact Information

Office Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30pm Monday - Thursday

8:00 am - 3:30 pm - Friday

Woodland Main Office Phone Number: 810-455-1011

North Secretary: Michelle Beeler

Secretary to the Principal: Kelley Yeager

Principal: Natalie Adair

Assistant Principal: Brian Jex

Dean Transportation Phone Number: 810-364-7757



Woodland Developmental Center is operated by the St. Clair County Regional Educational Service Agency

April Happenings at Woodland School

Friday, April 8, 2022 - Mobile Dentist - For those who registered

Friday, April 15, 2022 - No School

Monday, April 18, 2022 - No School

Woodland School Spirit Day Fridays:

When we do not have special planned spirit days, on the 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Friday of the month we will be having Woodland School Spirit Day. Wear the school colors of maroon and gold, or wear your Woodland School Spirit Apparel to show your Rory Lion school spirit. On the 1st Friday of the month, wear red for the Red Glasses Movement (see below).

Red Glasses Movement Reminder

It has been fun to see the staff and students at Woodland embrace the Red Glasses Movement! To keep the Red Glasses Movement alive, starting May 6, 2022, the first Friday of the month, we will wear **Red** to remind us to Live Boldly, Love Big, and Pass it on! Looking forward to seeing all the staff and students **wearing red** on Friday, May 6, 2022!

Friday, May 6, 2022

Friday, June 3, 2022

Friday, October 7, 2022

Friday, November 4, 2022

Friday, December 2, 2022



Save the Date:

Program completion is tentatively planned for Wednesday, June 22, 2022 in the evening, with a back up date of June 23, 2022. As more details become available we will share them with you.

Woodland is Updating Student Files and Records

Woodland continues to work on updating all of our student files. We want to ensure that we have the most recent court orders related to custody, guardianship, adoption and place of current residence, as well as any updated emergency contact information and medication or health related plans. If your child has had any recent evaluations or assessments from an outside agency we would appreciate receiving a copy of those records. If you have any updated information, please send in any copies of the records mentioned above, or any other information that would assist us in providing a safe and secure environment for your child. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us in the main office at (810) 455-1011.

COVID-19 Extended Continuity of Learning Plan (E-COL) Update

As many of you are aware, currently St. Clair County is experiencing a decrease in COVID-19 cases. As we shared with you in the parent letter on March 17, 2022, on **Monday, April 4, 2022** Woodland Developmental Center became a mask friendly building. This means daily masking has become optional for students, the majority of the time. If a student has a positive exposure to COVID-19, periods of masking may be requested in order to keep staff and students safe. We expect at times individual students may bounce in and out of the use of masking. These procedures will also pertain to bussing transportation at Woodland.

If your student tests positive for COVID-19:

Students are required to isolate at home for 5 days,

- If symptoms have improved or students have no symptoms, they may return to school on day 6, after onset of symptoms, and wear a mask for 5 additional days in school

- If your student is unable to mask, they will be out for 10 days after the initial onset of symptoms

If you are exposed to a known case of COVID-19:

- Monitor your students health symptoms for 10 days
- We encourage the use of a mask for your student for 10 days following an exposure, if your student is able to wear a mask.

Please note that contact tracing and quarantining at home are no longer required. We will continue to communicate cases in the same manner that we report typical communicable disease notification protocols. (Generic letter to families)

Thank you for your understanding as we respond to the ever-changing COVID case rates. Our first priority is always the safety and well-being of our students. As we begin to slowly return to more normal operations, we will continue to assess the situation and communicate with you.

We will continue to slowly lift the restrictions put in place throughout COVID-19. Our goal at Woodland is to reduce the transmission of the COVID-19 virus within the building and get through each week as healthy and safely as possible for all staff and students. Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to call the main office and ask to speak with Natalie Adair, principal, or Brian Jex, assistant principal at (810) 455-1011.

Parent Representatives Needed for Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

The parent advisory committee of St. Clair County, is a group of parents of students with disabilities who come together for the purpose of representing individual school districts within St. Clair County. As parents of the advisory committee, they stay informed of the current county plan changes and current trends in special education within the county and state. Parents connect and support each other, encourage empowerment, and provide opportunities to educate through sharing innovative and creative ideas. Parents serve as a resource and assist other parents in understanding special education rules and regulations, the IEP process and procedural safeguards. PAC meetings are held monthly on Tuesdays from 9:30 am to 12:00 pm. If you are interested in becoming one of the advisory parents for Woodland, please contact Natalie Adair, Principal. Parents are also encouraged to attend the monthly meeting without becoming the school representative. Any questions please feel free to contact Natalie Adair, Principal (810-455-1011).

In The Event of a School Closure - New School Messenger

Our new communication system, School Messenger, has been purchased, and is up and running. Thank you for your participation and patience during the initial set up phase of the system. Future school announcements will be delivered via the School Messenger system. If you have any question regarding School Messenger, call Michelle Beeler in the office at 810-455-1011.

Contacting Woodland and Reporting an Absence

If you have general questions, please call the school office directly at (810) 455-1011. For questions regarding bus transportation or to report an absence concerning transportation, call the transportation department at (810) 364-7757. If your child is not transported to school via bus transportation please report the student absence by calling the school office.

Parent Mentors Available

If you are a new Woodland parent or a parent just wanting more information or guidance, we would be happy to connect you with a "parent mentor" who can help answer your questions and share their experiences and knowledge with you. Please call principal Natalie Adair at (810) 455-1011 for further information.

Look for Woodland News on our Facebook Page



Woodland is on social media! If you haven't already, please search for "Woodland Developmental Center" on Facebook and like our page. We post pictures, reminders, notifications, and share other important information on this page. We would love it if you would "like" and "share" our posts so more people in our community can see how truly amazing our students and staff are. Many Woodland items are also posted on the "St. Clair County RESA" Facebook page, so please look for that, too!

**Reminder: NO SCHOOL Friday, April 15, 2022 and Monday, April 18, 2022.
School resumes on Tuesday, April 19, 2022**

April is Autism Acceptance Month

From the State of Michigan Statewide Autism Resources and Training (START) Grant at Grand Valley State University (GVSU)

Inclusion and Advocacy Resources for April and Beyond

April is Autism month when we focus on Acceptance, Advocacy, and Action. In anticipation of April and the various activities acknowledging autism, we asked colleagues, friends, and community partners from across the state to share their favorite books, podcasts, websites, and videos about autism, specifically by, about, and for people with autism. We invited submissions emphasizing inclusion, advocacy, acceptance, and respect for all autistic individuals.

You may find that some of the submissions are well-established resources that you are already familiar with, while others are new discoveries for you. We hope these resources will inspire you to find new ways to engage with others to expand their understanding and broaden their perspective about the experiences of people on the spectrum.

As we continue to build our library of resources, we invite you to explore actionable ways to engage in autism acceptance and advocacy. While it is important to reflect on autism in April, autism acceptance is a 365-day commitment and is part of our communities and lives year-round. We encourage you to discover actions and practices focused on equity and inclusiveness that value the voices and perspectives of the autistic community in April and the months after.

<https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/autism-acceptance-advocacy-and-action-460.htm>

<https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/>

<https://www.gvsu.edu/autismcenter/families-and-self-advocates-229.htm>