

The Woodland **WORD**

THE NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT WOODLAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

2021-22 School Year • Winter Issue 1
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From Principal Natalie Adair

2021-22 school year

March 2022,

Dear Woodland Lions Families-

Happy March! We have an exciting eventful calendar full of opportunities to encourage our student's enjoyment of reading. Our goal this month is to increase student's love of reading. If they haven't caught the reading bug yet, we hope they will in March with so many fun-filled activities planned throughout the month! The whole school will be reading the book *How to Eat Fried Worms*. Each student will receive a copy of the book, and a packet of information on Monday, February 28, 2022 containing details for March is Reading Month. Nightly recordings from familiar staff will be available for families to enjoy and listen along to the book, or you can read the book on your own as a family each evening. If 90% of students return their March is Reading Month logs (pink sheet in your February 28, 2022 packet), **Natalie and Brian will have to eat worms!** In addition to one book one school, we will have daily guest readers sharing stories at school, and each classroom is decorating their door to show their love of reading within their classrooms. Lastly, we will also participate in Red Out for the American Heart Association, March 10, 2022 (more details to come). We are looking forward to a fun filled March at Woodland School. Hope you had a restful February break and are ready for warmer spring days ahead, I know I am.

Best,

Natalie

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



March Happenings at Woodland School



Tuesday, March 1, 2022 - Hats off to Reading Month - Wear your favorite hat to school

Friday, March 4, 2022 - Reading is "Paws"itively Wild - Wear animal print to school

Thursday, March 10, 2022 - Red Out Day - American Heart Association - Wear Red to school

Friday, March 11, 2022 - Team up for Reading - Wear your favorite Jersey to school

Thursday, March 17, 2022 - Green Eggs and Ham Day - Wear green to school

Friday, March 18, 2022 - All Characters Welcome - Dress like your favorite book character

Friday, March 25, 2022 - Reading Gives us Superpowers - Superhero Day - Dress like your favorite superhero

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

As many of you are aware, currently, St. Clair County has had a significant reduction in cases of COVID-19. **Due to the decrease in numbers, Woodland Developmental Center will continue to slowly and strategically reintroduce things which had been placed on pause while St. Clair County was experiencing a high number of COVID-19 cases.** Students will begin attending off-site job exploration sites on Monday, February 28, 2022, along with art, gym, music, and swim classes and activities at the Living Learning Center in their respective locations. All lunches will continue to be eaten in the classroom, not the cafeteria as a cohort group. We will monitor this, and hopefully in the next few weeks be able to reintroduce the cafeteria to our students. We are still asking classrooms to stay within their cohort groups while reducing unnecessary traffic within the hallways and office area. In addition, we will continue to require masking for staff and students and will be focusing classroom lessons on continuing to teach masking skills and related mitigation behaviors such as social distancing to our students. Lastly, we will continue to follow our cleaning protocols to reduce the spread and transmission of the COVID-19 virus. 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.

Additional Added Days of Instruction for 2021 - 2022 School Year

On Friday, February 11, 2022 a letter was sent to all Woodland families informing everyone about the changes made to the current 2021-2022 school calendar. Due to the recent closure of the building for two days (January 27, 2022 and January 28, 2022) related to staffing concerns, we will be adding two days of instruction back into the current calendar. This is required to meet the designated required days and hours within a school year.

The two days of missed instruction will be made up on the following days:

Monday, May 9, 2022

and

Monday, June 13, 2022

Students will now come to school on these two days.



It is our intention to get this information to you as quickly as possible so you can make the necessary changes to your schedule. Should you have any questions or concerns, please call the main office and speak to Natalie Adair, Principal, or Brian Jex, Assistant Principal at (810) 455-1011.

2022 - 2023 District School Calendar for Woodland Developmental Center



On Monday, January 31, 2022, a letter was sent home to families communicating the balanced calendar for the 2022 - 2023 school year. The school year will begin on Monday, July 11, 2022 and end on Friday, June 23, 2023. You will find within the calendar, all school breaks, scheduled staff professional development days (where students do not attend school), and the days of scheduled face to face instruction for students. You will notice some changes to the balanced calendar. As a reminder, with a balanced calendar, students attend school the same number of days and receive the same instructional hours as traditional calendar schools. A balanced calendar modifies the traditional calendar to keep the learning process continuous. Students have periodic, shorter breaks (no more than 10 consecutive school days long) rather than one long summer break. **A copy of the 2022 - 2023 school calendar is attached at the end of this newsletter.**

Woodland is Updating Student Files and Records

Over the course of the next several weeks, the Woodland office staff will be working to update 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.

School Picture Day - Retakes

Woodland School will have picture retakes on Monday, March 14, 2022. If you are in need of a picture retake please contact the school office 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 Natalie Adair, Principal 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 Monday, March 28, 2022 - Friday, April 1, 2022 - Spring Break - School resumes on Monday, April 4, 2022

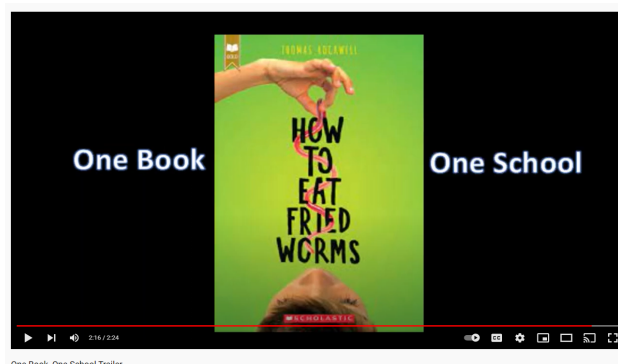
If you have not seen our *How to Eat Fried Worms* video trailer - go check it out . . .

<https://youtu.be/1nXp4Jy4-uw>

Or

go to www.facebook.com

And click on the Woodland Developmental Center page to view the video trailer





Balanced Calendar 2022-2023

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**Professional Development
Staff Only**

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