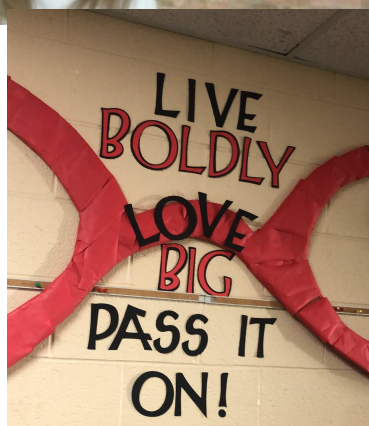


The Woodland **WORD**

THE NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT WOODLAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

2021-22 School Year • Fall Issue 4
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From Principal Natalie Adair
2021-22 school year



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



December Happenings at Woodland School

Friday, December 3, 2021 - Christmas Hat Day

Friday, December 10, 2021 - Candy Cane Day - Wear Red and White

Friday, December 17, 2021 - Crazy Christmas Sock Day

Monday, December 20, 2021 - Ugly Christmas Sweater Day

Tuesday, December 21, 2021 - Warm and Cozy Holiday Pajama Day

Tuesday, December 21, 2021 - Last Day of School Before Break

Wednesday, January 5, 2022 - Back to School - First Day of School for 2022

Friday, January 7, 2022 - Wear Red for Red Glasses Movement

Red Glasses Movement Update

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 January 7, 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, January 7, 2022!

Friday, January 7, 2022

Friday, February 4, 2022

Friday, March 4, 2022

Friday, April 8, 2022 - (No School 4/1/2022 - Due to Spring Break)

Friday, May 6, 2022

Friday, June 3, 2022



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.

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

As many of you are aware, currently St. Clair County is experiencing an increase in COVID-19 cases. We know the test positivity rate is over 21% for known identified cases in St. Clair County. Due to the increase in numbers, Woodland Developmental Center will be taking a pause this week, and evaluating our plans on the Monday of each new week for the month of December. We will be pulling back on things we have loosened up within and around the building. Students will not be attending off site job exploration sites, students will be working on job exploration and IEP goals within their classrooms. We are asking classrooms to stay within their cohort groups while reducing unnecessary traffic within the hallways and office area. We will resume the push in model for gym, art, and music classes when these classes are scheduled to run. 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. All lunches will be eaten in the classroom, not the cafeteria as a cohort group. 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.

School Picture Day - Retakes

Woodland School will schedule a picture retake day in the future. Once pictures are back and families have reviewed their pictures, we will schedule a picture retake day. More information to come.

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 system, School Messenger, has been purchased, and office staff have completed the training process and are now ready to test the system. We will be running a test of the system to ensure that the system is up and working. **You will receive two test messages from the Woodland school messenger system on Thursday, December 2, 2021. One test message will be at 9:00 am and a second test at 10:00 a.m. You will receive a phone call, and an email, test message at 9:00 am telling you we are testing the system. You will receive a text message at 10:00 am alerting you we are testing the system and asking you to opt in to receive messages from school messenger in the future. (*Please see the additional letter for more details on the school messenger system on opting in to receive text messages.) If you do not receive a test message on Thursday, December 2, 2021 by 5:00 pm, please call the office on Friday, December 3, 2021 and speak to Michelle Beeler 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 Wednesday, December 22, 2021 - Tuesday, January 4, 2022 - Holiday Break

Reminder: School begins on Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Here are some links to Holiday Learning Activities that can be done as a family:

1. Christmas Brain Breaks and Gross Motor Ideas - <https://www.pinkoatmeal.com/christmas-brain-breaks-and-gross-motor-ideas/>
2. Christmas Sensory Play Activities and Fine Motor Crafts - <https://heartandsoulhomeschooling.com/christmas-sensory-play-activities/>
3. Christmas Skip Counting Games For Kids - <https://www.howweelearn.com/christmas-skip-counting-games-kids/>
4. Christmas Candy Chemistry Science Experiments <https://leftbraincraftbrain.com/christmas-candy-science-chemistry-experiments/>
5. Christmas Emergent Reading Book - Santa Clause, Santa Clause, What Do You See <https://www.totschooling.net/2016/11/christmas-emergent-reader.html>
6. 25 Days of Fine Motor Activities - Occupational Therapy <https://www.theottoolbox.com/25-days-of-christmas-play/>

Enjoy the Holiday Season!

Have a Healthy, Happy, and Safe Holiday!

From the Staff at Woodland Developmental Center

