

The Woodland **WORD**

THE NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT WOODLAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

2022-23 School Year • Fall Issue 1
September, 2022

From Principal Natalie Adair
2022-23 school year

What a fun summer it was with the return of our LINK friends!



Woodland School Office Hours and Contact information:

Office Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 3:30 pm - Friday
Woodland Main Office Phone Number: 810-455-1011
Dean Transportation Phone Number: 810-364-7757



A Note From the Principal

Dear Woodland Lions,

As summer comes to a close, I want to thank you for a wonderful start to the school year. It has been an exciting beginning to a new school year! Teachers, staff, and students have worked hard to make the transition back to school. Parents, you have also worked hard to support Woodland staff and students and we are so thankful. I have spoken with many students; they love being back at school and meeting new teachers and friends. We are gearing up for many exciting events and programs this fall and look forward to being partners in your child's education with you. Everything planned is dedicated to creating more opportunities for collaboration and student excellence. As we work toward a healthy year for all students and staff, I would like to remind you to please keep your child home if they are sick. We are starting to see an increase in COVID cases, and want to be mindful of working together to keep everyone as healthy as possible.

September Happenings at Woodland School

Tuesday, September 6, 2022 - School Starts

Monday, September 12, 2022 - Friday, September 16, 2022 - Spirit Week (More Information Below)

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 - Back to School Bash 5:30 - 7:00 pm - More information within the newsletter

Friday, September 16, 2022 - Torch Run for classrooms that are attending

Wednesday, September 21, 2022 - Walk and Roll Club - 3:20 - 4:30 pm - By registration only

Thursday, September 22, 2022 - Walk and Roll Club - 3:20 - 4:30 pm - By registration only

Friday, September 30, 2022 - Professional Development Day for Staff - No School for Students

Join us in the fun and dress up for Spirit Week!

Spirit Week September 12, 2022 - September 16, 2022

“Kick off the fall with us!”

Monday, September 12, 2022 - Rainbow Day - “Wear as many colors of the rainbow as you can”

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 - Woodland Colors - “Wear Maroon and Gold”

Wednesday, September 14, 2022 - Workout Wednesday - “Wear your favorite workout clothes”

Thursday, September 15, 2022 - Tacky Thursday - “Wear the tackiest outfit you can put together”

Friday, September 16, 2022 - Hat Day - “Wear your favorite hat”

Staffing Changes at Woodland for the 2022-2023 Year

Staffing changes continue to happen as we settle in for the 2022-2023 school year.

New staff are as follows:

- Alan Demski - Music/Art Teacher
- Courtney Benavidez - Teacher
- Billie-jo Drouillard - Teacher Room 203
- Jennifer Comstock - Teacher Aide Room 119



Save the Date - Fall Harvest PTO Fundraiser - October 4, 2022

Annual Woodland Fall Harvest will be Tuesday, October 4, 2022 - More details to come



Please plan to stop on by for all your fall and Halloween decor! A wide selection of pumpkins, gourds, table decorations, corn stalks, honey, jams, syrups, Elephant grass baskets, and much more!

Save the Date - School Picture Day - October 20, 2022

Woodland school picture day is back! More information will come in the near future, and envelopes from the photography company will be sent home soon!

Halloween Celebration - October 28, 2022

Woodland school will be celebrating Halloween on Friday, October 28, 2022. More information will be coming as we get closer to the day.



Transportation Updates:

Transportation bus routes have been updated and rerouted for the 2022 - 2023 school year. These revisions occur annually due to changes in student enrollment and population. Bus routes are created for students to be transported from home (daycare/group home) to school and school to home (daycare/group home) based on the closest, safest, shortest run possible for each student. If you have any questions regarding your approximate pick-up or drop-off time please contact transportation at (810) 364-7757.

COVID-19 Updates:

For the 2022-2023 school year, our students and staff safety and well-being continue to be a primary concern. At this time we continue to function under "normal" operating procedures and are continuing to bring back several of the opportunities we had in place prior to taking a pause during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Woodland Breakfast and Lunch 2022 - 2023

Woodland Developmental Center applied and has been approved for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program for the 2022-2023 school year. This means all students will be provided free breakfast and lunch for the entire 2022 - 2023 school year. Families will complete a Household Information Report (HIR) that was sent home in the annual packet of forms from Woodland.

Student Drop Off Procedures

For parents that are transporting their student to school, or picking them up from school, please call the office before entering the building at (810) 455-1011. If calling is not an option, please walk the student to the school doors and press the silver button on the left wall at the north entrance. A secretary will answer your call or greet you via the door communication system. Michelle and Kelley will call the classroom staff. Classroom staff will direct Michelle or Kelley that the student can walk independently to the room, or if a staff member from the room will meet you in the vestibule and will assist in transitioning the student into the building. **As a reminder, Woodland staff can only release students to individuals who have been listed on the "blue" Woodland Emergency Information card. At times, office staff may ask to see identification of the individual picking up the student.**

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.

Please Join the PTO at Woodland

We invite you to join the Woodland PTO. We want to ensure that your voice is heard in our school. Meeting dates are to be determined (TBD) at this time, however, please call the office at (810) 455-1011 and let Michelle or Kelley know if you are interested in joining the PTO! Once we have a list of families, we will get information out on the first meeting date.



In the Event of a School Closure

School closures are announced using School Messenger and news media sources (ex: Channel 4, WPHM 1380). If you are not registered with the School Messenger system, please call the main office at (810) 455-1011 and Michelle Beeler will assist you in getting signed up.

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.

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!

You are invited to a
BACK TO SCHOOL BASH
 Tuesday, September 13, 2022
 5:30-7:00 pm
 Woodland Developmental Center

This event is open to all Woodland Families. You can stop in and spend as little or as much time as you would like anytime between 5:30-7:00.

- Complete a four/scavenger hunt
- Have a snack
- Play on the Playground
- Dance

Welcome Back Spirit Week!
 September 12-16, 2022

Woodland Spirit Week

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| Monday 12 | Rainbow Day Wear as many colors of the rainbow as you can! |
| Tuesday 13 | Woodland Colors- Maroon & Gold Wear your Woodland school colors- Maroon and Gold. Don't forget to come back to school from 5:30-7 for the Back to School Bash! |
| Wednesday 14 | Workout Wednesday Wear your favorite workout clothes. |
| Thursday 15 | Tacky Thursday Wear the tackiest outfit you can put together! |
| Friday 16 | Hat Day Wear your favorite hat! |

Kick off the fall with us!



Balanced Calendar 2022-2023

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