

The Woodland WORD

THE NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT WOODLAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

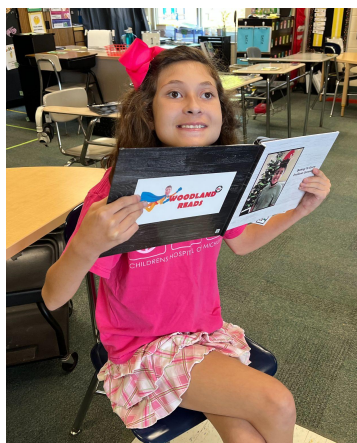
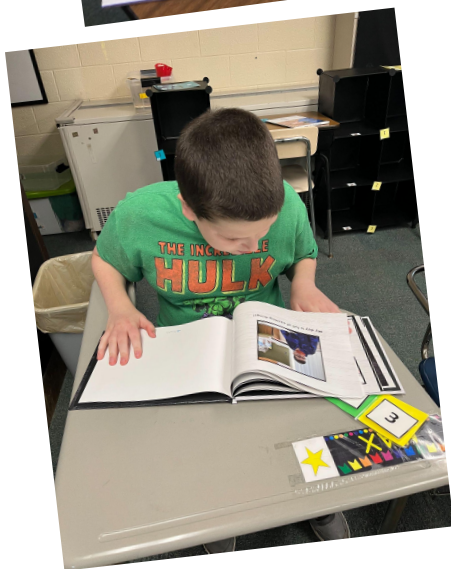
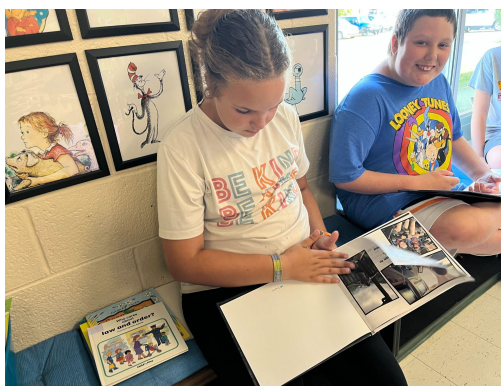
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From Principal Natalie Adair

2022-23 school year

Our literacy progress!



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

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,

Seems like we just started school and welcomed everyone back to a new year. I hope that this newsletter finds you, your child, and your family doing well and that the beginning of the year has been a positive experience. We appreciate all you do for your child and we want to support in any way we can. We also hope you can support our efforts by becoming involved in school activities, family events and our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). We are still in need of members to join the Woodland PTO. An active PTO provides wonderful opportunities for our students to expand their educational experiences. Please consider joining the PTO! See more information below on how to join the PTO. Lastly, we hope you have been enjoying our literacy project. Many of our students have already received their reading identity books about themselves and have brought them home. The project continues and more books come in on a regular basis and students continue to receive their books as they come in from the company. Happy Fall ~ Natalie Adair - Principal

October Happenings at Woodland School

Monday, October 10, 2022 - Friday, October 14, 2022 October Fall Break - No School

Thursday, October 20, 2022 - School Picture Day

Monday, October 24 - Friday, October 28, 2022 - Spirit Week (See below for more details)

Friday, October 28, 2022 - Halloween Celebration (See below for more details)

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

Spooktacular Spirit Week ~ October 24- October 29, 2022

Monday, October 24, 2022 - Orange and Black Day

Tuesday, October 25, 2022 - Spooky Hair Day

Wednesday, October 26, 2022 - Witchy Wednesday

Thursday, October 27, 2022 - Michigan vs. Michigan State

Friday, October 28, 2022 - Costume/Character Day



School Picture Day - October 20, 2022

Woodland school picture day is Thursday, October 20, 2022. Information was sent home on Thursday, October 6, 2022. Official picture flyers/envelopes will be sent home on Monday, October 17, 2022.

Halloween Celebration - October 28, 2022

Halloween will soon be upon us and there are a few details that we want you to be aware of. Woodland school will be celebrating Halloween on Friday, October 28, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

- Halloween celebration will take place on Friday October 28, 2022 at 1:00 pm
- Students are invited to dress up in Halloween costumes. Please make sure students are not wearing masks that cover their entire face or have any weapons as part of their costume. Please do not have very scary costumes as we do have young children at Woodland. If you prefer to send in costumes as the parade is in the afternoon, staff will assist in getting your student into costume.



- Parents will be able to attend the Halloween trick or treat parade at 1:00 pm.
 - Weather pending the parade will be outside on the playground, if the weather does not cooperate, families will be able to sit in the gym and watch the Halloween parade.
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Transportation:

Transportation routes are continuing for the 2022 - 2023 school year. Revisions can occur due to changes in student enrollment and population throughout the school year. 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.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

The Woodland PTO is working hard to re-establish its membership. Our first meeting for the 2022-2023 school year will be on Thursday, October 27, 2022 at 12:00 noon. The meeting will be held in person at Woodland and a virtual option for those that are unable to be in person is available. The zoom link is:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://sccresa-org.zoom.us/j/84718380221?pwd=bVJwbDczMVpTYmJqd0s4R2pmbEtEUT09>

Meeting ID: 847 1838 0221

Passcode: 196185

Students Leaving During the Day or Coming in Late

Now that we have progressed with the COVID pandemic and we are moving forward in restoring our pre-COVID practices, we will again begin asking families to sign their students in and out of the building when coming in late and/or leaving early from school.

Students Leaving During the Day: If a parent is picking up their child during the school day, the parent must sign the child out in the vestibule. When you arrive, the school secretary will call your child from their room to meet you in the vestibule. It is always a good idea to send a note with your child in advance so the teacher can plan appropriately for your child leaving early. Should your child return before the day is over, he/she must be signed in at the vestibule and a secretary will call the classroom to let them know your student has returned.

Students Coming in Late/Drop off procedures: For parents that are transporting their student to school, or dropping them off at school late, please call the office before entering the building at (810) 455-1011. If calling is not an option, please walk your 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. Also, anyone picking up your child must be on your emergency card.

For safety reasons, we will only release students to people listed on the emergency card. If someone comes in to pick up a child and they are not on the card we will not be able to release your child to them. Please make sure that adults who may be picking up your student are added to your child's emergency card. If you need to add individuals to your child's emergency card, please call the office and Michelle or Kelley will be happy to assist you in making these changes. Thank you!

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!



OCTOBER 4, 2022 BY MELBA MACIAS

7 Ways to Celebrate Down Syndrome Awareness Month 2022

October is Down Syndrome Awareness Month. It's the perfect time to learn more about the condition; celebrate the individuals who live with it; and discover how medical innovations have enhanced quality of life for the approximately 6,000 babies (one in 700) born with Down syndrome each year.

Down syndrome is the most common chromosomal condition. Named for Dr. John Langdon Down, who identified the disorder in 1862, it is most likely to occur in babies conceived by older mothers. According to [National Today](#), Down syndrome "is associated with delays in physical growth, characteristic facial features and intellectual disability."

As recently as the 1950s and early 1960s, the birth of a child with Down syndrome was viewed as a tragedy and doctors discouraged the parents of children with Down syndrome to raise them at home.

Instead, says the [National Association for Down Syndrome](#), they were "'warehoused' in large state institutions – often in deplorable conditions – locked away so that the rest of society could not see the horror of their lives." Parents who defied medical advice and chose to raise their children with Down syndrome at home, received little to no support or services.

The climate began to change when Kay and Marty McGee, whose daughter Tricia was born with Down syndrome, formed the National Association for Down Syndrome (NADS) – "an organization that would always recognize the great value of individuals with Down syndrome and of parents helping parents" in 1960.

Today, we know that children with Down syndrome can be happy and productive members of society who bring great joy to their families and friends.

Here are some ways that you can celebrate Down Syndrome Month.

1. Participate in a Buddy Walk

Raise awareness about Down syndrome by taking part in a Buddy Walk this month. With over 250 walks taking place across the United States and beyond, there is probably one near you.

2. Commit to kindness

The Down Syndrome Information Alliance suggests commemorating Down Syndrome Awareness Month by performing 31 acts of kindness – one act for every day of the month of October.

3. Educate others

Teachers and parents can teach children about their peers with Down syndrome by sharing books that encourage the inclusion of people with the condition. Gigi's Playhouse Inc., which provides free educational and therapeutic services for individuals with Down syndrome and their families, recommends "My Friend Isabelle" by Eliza Woloson and "What's Inside You Is Inside Me Too: My Chromosomes Make Me Unique" by Deslie Webb Quinby and Jeannie Visootsak.

4. Support Special Olympics

Eunice Kennedy Shriver founded the Special Olympics for individuals with intellectual disabilities like her sister Rosemary. Shriver, an athlete, recognized that participation in sports was a wonderful way to bring people together and believed that "given the same opportunities and experiences as everyone else, [people with intellectual disabilities] could accomplish far more than anyone ever thought possible."

5. Post about Down Syndrome Awareness Month

Use #DownSyndromeAwarenessMonth on social media to share information about the disorder and to highlight the contributions of people with Down syndrome to our society.

6. Pledge to spread inclusion

Visit the website [SpreadInclusion.com](https://spreadinclusion.com) to pledge your support for creating a more inclusive society.

7. Volunteer

Lend your time and talent to an organization that supports Down syndrome education or provides services for individuals with Down syndrome and their families. Some options include: [Gigi's Playhouse](https://gigisplayhouse.com), [Down Syndrome Resource Foundation](https://downsyndrome.org), [National Down Syndrome Society](https://nldsociety.org) and [National Down Syndrome Congress](https://ndscongress.org). Or find an organization in your area.

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