

THE NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT WOODLAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

2022-23 School Year • Winter Issue 1
January, 2023

From Principal, Natalie Adair
2022 - 2023 School Year

A Note From the Principal:

I hope everyone had a wonderful and restful Holiday Break! It was exciting to welcome our amazing students back to school! I hope your first week of the New Year was as successful as it was here at school. It's great to be back in school and see the students getting back into the swing of things. Students returned to us rested and ready to learn! Our Woodland Lions continue to strive to be their very best at whatever they do.

The New Year brings new ideas, goals, and our hope for the future! As we embrace the spirit of the New Year, we will be working with our students each day to develop a positive attitude not only toward others, but toward themselves as well. We will be focusing on our School-Wide Positive Behavioral Intervention Support Program (PBIS) expectations. School-wide PBIS is a proactive approach to establishing the behavioral supports and social culture needed for all students at Woodland to achieve social, emotional and academic success. At Woodland, our PBIS expectations are identified through the acronym "ROAR." ROAR stands for **R - Respect, O - Own your Choices, A - Always be Safe, and R - Responsibility.**

On Friday, January 6, 2023, "Rory", our new Woodland Lion Mascot, came to say "hi and kick off" our PBIS focus with a short school dance at the end of the day. With the focus of the PBIS program returning, we will also be bringing back our two PBIS monthly assemblies. At our monthly PBIS assemblies, we will honor and reward those students who have done an outstanding job maintaining positive behavior throughout the building and in our community. We will honor these individuals and their families at a Student of the Month and a Worker of the Month assembly. Families will receive an invitation to attend if their student is receiving an award for the month.

Thank you to those families that provided feedback to the parent survey this fall. The feedback was appreciated and came back with mixed results regarding the school calendar. At this time the school calendar for the 2023 - 2024 school year will be very similar to the school calendar for this past year. The calendar is attached to this newsletter and will be available online very soon.

Lastly, with the winter weather upon us, we know students get sick with the many viruses and illnesses that accompany the winter months. We appreciate all parents who follow the district procedure and keep their children home until they are fever free for 24 hours.

As always, I thank you for sharing your children with us. ~ Natalie Adair - Principal



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 - 4:30pm 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

Dean Transportation Phone Number: 810-364-7757

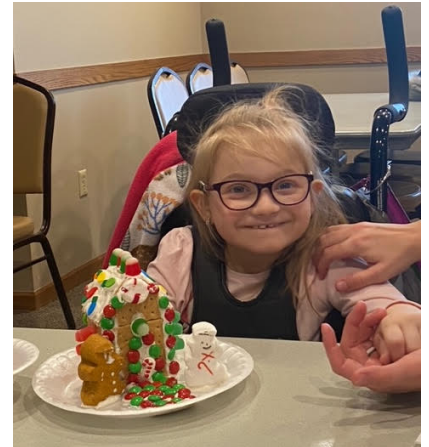


December 2022 Highlights!



Room 105 Learns About Gingerbread Houses:

Students from Room 105 learned about the history and timelines of gingerbread in celebration of national gingerbread day. They learned about things like where the spice ginger comes from, when the story Hansel and Gretel was created, and where the world's largest gingerbread house is located. They followed this activity up with an additional activity at the living learning center where they worked on their choice making skills and occupational therapy skills to create their own gingerbread houses. Thanks for sharing this fun with us Room 105!



January

January Happenings at Woodland

Thursday, January 19, 2023 - Glow Dance - Glow Crazy for 2023 Dance Party 5:30 - 7:00 pm (See Below)

Friday, January 20, 2023 - No School for Students - Professional Development Day for Staff

Wednesday, January 25, 2023 - Worker of the Month PBIS Assembly - 2:00 pm

Thursday, January 26, 2023 - Student of the Month PBIS Assembly - 2:00 pm

Glow Crazy for 2023 Dance Party

Please join us for an evening of fun and dancing with your Woodland student. The dance is open to current Woodland students and their families, The dance will be held in the Woodland gym, doors will open at 5:30 pm. Everyone attending is encouraged to wear your favorite neon attire or light color clothing so you can glow crazy! We look forward to seeing you there!

Woodland PBIS ROAR Program Update:

We are excited about continuing our efforts in implementing our PBIS framework for supporting the academic and behavioral growth of our students. **PBIS** is short for **P**ositive **B**ehavioral **I**ntervention and **S**upports and reflects an approach to student behavior that focuses on prevention and values of positive behavior support. **PBIS** is not a program or a curriculum; it is a team based process for systemic problem solving, planning and evaluation. This proactive approach creates and maintains a safe and effective learning environment for Woodland students and staff. It ensures students have social and emotional skills needed to be successful at school. We know that students achieve at a higher level when they know the expectations and feel safe.



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Worker of the Month Assemblies:

January 25, 2023 - 2:00 - 2:30 pm
February 15, 2023 - 2:00 - 2:30 pm
March 16, 2023 - 2:00 - 2:30 pm
April 20, 2023 - 2:00 - 2:30 pm
May 18, 2023 - 2:00 - 2:30 pm
June 14, 2023 - 2:00 - 2:30 pm



Student of the Month Assemblies:

January 26, 2023 - 2:00 - 2:30 pm
February 28, 2023 - 2:00 - 2:30 pm
March 23, 2023 - 2:00 - 2:30 pm
April 27, 2023 - 2:00 - 2:30 pm
May 25, 2023 - 2:00 - 2:30 pm
June 20, 2023 - 2:00 - 2:30 pm

*Reminder of Current Student Guidance for COVID-19:

Should your student test positive for COVID -19 the following guidelines are currently in place at Woodland Developmental Center for students:

Isolation: When your students tests positive for COVID-19

Regardless of vaccination status

- Student stays home for 5 days (Days 1-5)

- If your student does not have symptoms or your student's symptoms are resolving after 5 days, your student may return to school (If the student has a fever or symptoms persist, continue to stay home until resolved)
- Upon return, your student must continue to wear a mask for 5 additional days (Days 6-10)
- If your student is unable to mask, they are out for 10 days

Exposure: If your student is exposed to someone with COVID-19

Regardless of vaccination status

- Student can remain in school and symptoms are monitored for 10 days after the exposure (Days 1-10)
- If your student develops symptoms, isolate and test for COVID
 - If test is negative, student returns to school
 - If test is positive, student follows the isolation protocols detailed above

Join the Woodland PTO:

The Woodland PTO plays a vital role in the education of our students. We feel extremely fortunate to have a caring, energetic group of parents that volunteer their time and efforts to give our students the best experience possible. Please consider joining the PTO. The next meeting is on Wednesday, January 18, 2023 at 12:00 noon - You can attend in person or via the zoom link below.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://sccresa-org.zoom.us/j/88050203248>

Meeting ID: 880 5020 3248

Hope to see you there!

Parent Representatives Needed for Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)

Woodland is in need of an additional parent advisory committee member. 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

Winter is here, 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 at (810) 455-1011.

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, January 20, 2023

Staff Professional Development Day

Woodland Developmental Center

2023 - 2024 School Calendar

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School Closed/ Holidays



Teacher in-Service Day (no school for students)



Students in session



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