

THE NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT WOODLAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

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From Principal, Natalie Adair
2022 - 2023 School Year

A Note From the Principal:

Greetings Woodland Families-

Well, March definitely showed up like a lion! Will it go out like a lamb is the question? I am hoping so as I am looking forward to sunshine, brighter days, and warmer temperatures ahead. We have kicked off March is Reading Month at Woodland and hope your family is enjoying the adventures of Sophie and the Big Friendly Giant. We have an exciting eventful calendar full of opportunities to engage our student's love of reading. Our goal this month is to increase student's stamina and love of reading. If they haven't caught the reading bug yet, we hope they will in March!

This month is a special month because March is recognized nationally as reading month. If you walk into Woodland, you will notice the classroom doors have been decorated to celebrate reading. Votes are being taken for the best liked decorated door (pictures are on the Woodland Facebook page). Woodland staff and students are taking the time to read their favorite books and are learning about different authors. I want to personally invite you to attend Woodland Literacy Night on Wednesday, March 15, 2023 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m. at Woodland Developmental Center. Bring the whole family and join us for a night full of fun focused around our March is Reading Month book, The Big Friendly Giant (The BFG). Flyers were sent home and are asked to be returned by March 9, 2023 so we can have enough supplies for families that attend. I hope that you will make plans to attend this exciting event.

Thank you for your continued support! ~ 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: Rose Paterson

Dean Transportation Phone Number: 810-364-7757

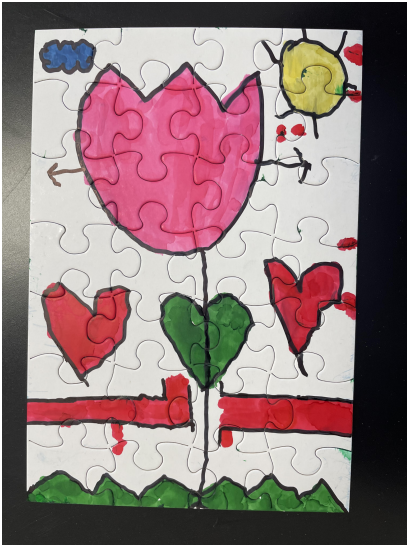


Woodland Developmental Center is operated by the St. Clair County Regional Educational Service Agency

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Room 101 ABC Exchange

Room 101 has been participating in an ABC Exchange with other classrooms across the country. They have collected alphabet crafts and letters from classrooms all over the country. The letter "Y" was sent internationally, from our neighbors in Canada.



March at Woodland

Wednesday, March 1, 2023 - Kick-Off to March is Reading Month - One Book One School

Thursday, March 9, 2023 - Woodland School Field Trip - Frozen Junior - McMorran Auditorium

Thursday, March 9, 2023 - Woodland PTO Meeting via Zoom - 6:00 pm (see below for details)

Wednesday, March 15, 2023 - Family Literacy Night - 5:30 - 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 16, 2023 - Worker of the Month PBIS Assembly - 2:00 pm

Thursday, March 23, 2023 - Student of the Month PBIS Assembly - 2:00 pm

Friday, March 24, 2023 - Last Day for Students - No School 3/27/23 to 4/7/23

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.

We are trying something new for the next PTO meeting. The next meeting is on Thursday, March 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm. This meeting is a virtual meeting, where everyone will be attending from their own home on the zoom meeting link below. Please come give PTO a try and join us. Everyone is welcome!

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://sccresa-org.zoom.us/j/87838619734?pwd=T05TYkpCWW5wdzBER2VXZURsU1R2Zz09>

Meeting ID: 878 3861 9734

Passcode: 801726

We hope to see many of you there with the time of day and location change!

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. 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!

Look for Additional Woodland News on the St. Clair County RESA Facebook Page



St. Clair RESA is on social media! If you haven't already, please search for "St. Clair County RESA" on Facebook and like the page. Many important things can be found on the page. Go check it out, currently you can find the Woodland Staff Spotlight on teacher Tricia Smith there!

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

My favorite part of working at RESA is the students and how the staff comes together as a family to support them.

DESCRIBE YOUR JOB:
I teach the most amazing kids to connect with their peers and become independent. My classroom includes students ages 6-12 who are eager to learn, learn how to work with each other to reach their full potential.

WHAT'S SOMETHING ABOUT YOU THAT PEOPLE MAY NOT KNOW?
I am the St. Clair County special Olympics coordinator. My partner and I are in our third year with the county team, Blue Water Connection.

HOW HAS YOUR ROLE EVOLVED?
I started in a severely multiply impaired classroom. I then moved to the room I remain in today, severely cognitively impaired. I have teaching and learning. If you are ever in my room as a student, staff, or adult, I promise you will learn something.

WHAT'S ONE THING YOU WISH PEOPLE KNEW ABOUT YOUR JOB?
It is not as hard as many people think it might be. Yes, there is paperwork, meetings, and ever-changing practices, but nothing is too difficult or impossible when you love your job and students. My students' smiles, laughs, and successes make it all worth it.

TRICIA SMITH
Special Education Teacher
Woodland Developmental Center

14 years with RESA

St. Clair County RESA #WeAreSCCRESA

Reminder: March Break

No School Monday, March 27, 2023 - Friday, April 4, 2023

Students Return to School on Monday, April 10, 2023



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