

THE NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT WOODLAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

2023-24 School Year • Summer Issue 1
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From Principal, Natalie Adair
2023 - 2024 School Year

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year!

Congratulations to the Program Completion Class of 2023!



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

A Word From the Principal

Dear Woodland Families ~

On behalf of the staff at Woodland Developmental Center, I am happy to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our students can achieve their best. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our students need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our student's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities

You can expect periodic newsletters from myself, and several of the classroom teachers to keep you up to date as to what is happening around Woodland and in the classrooms. We are excited to begin the 2023-2024 school year. If at any time during the school year you feel the need to contact me, please feel free to call (810) 455-1011, or feel free to contact assistant principal, Rose Paterson at (810) 455-1011.

Looking Forward to a Great Year!

Natalie Adair - Principal

Staffing Changes at Woodland for the 2022-2023 Year

Each new school year brings positive change. This includes a few changes to our staff. We are delighted to welcome new staff to Woodland and some classroom teacher aide changes.

- Madeline Romzek - Speech Therapist (Replacing Ellen Rouleau)
- Jenny Legree-Miller - Teacher Aide in Room 113

We will keep you updated with any additional staffing changes.

July Happenings at Woodland School

Monday, July 10 - Friday, July 21, 2023 - School is in Session

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 - Beach Day for half of the school (Other half will go next month 8/18/23)

Wednesday, July 19, 2023 - Woodland to Handicapable St. Clair County 4-H and Youth Fair

Monday, July 24, - Friday, August 4, 2023 - No School

Monday, August 7, 2023 - School Resumes



Transportation Updates:

Transportation bus routes have been updated and rerouted for the 2023 - 2024 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.

Woodland Breakfast and Lunch 2023 - 2024

Woodland Developmental Center applied and has been approved for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program again for the 2023-2024 school year. This means all students will be provided free breakfast and

lunch for the entire 2023 - 2024 school year. Families will be required to complete a Household Information Report (HIR) that will be sent home in the annual packet of forms from Woodland on the first day of school.

Annual Packet Information and Forms 2023 - 2024 School Year

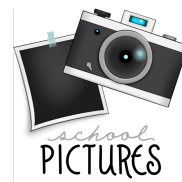
On the first day of school all student forms, 2023-24 Household forms for the CEP lunch program, emergency cards and annual information will be sent home for your child. As a reminder, please complete these forms and return them to your child's teacher promptly. On the student emergency card, critical information is provided; consequently, it is important that information is complete, up to date, and **only individuals identified on the emergency card will be allowed to pick up your child from school.** Please call the office should you have any questions regarding any of the forms (810) 455-1011.

LINKS Return to Woodland for Summer 2023

The start of the 2023-2024 school year brings back our LINK program! We have students in grades 7 - 12 volunteering as peer links throughout the summer. If you hear your student talking about a new friend in their classroom, it may be the LINK that will be in their classroom for the month of July and August. LINKS will participate with students and are here to enhance peer interactions and socialization opportunities. Welcome back LINKS we are excited to have you with us for the summer!

Save the Date - School Picture Day - September 12, 2023

Woodland school picture day is on Tuesday, September 12, 2023. Picture retakes will be on Wednesday, October 25, 2023. Official picture flyers/envelopes will be sent home approximately one week before pictures.



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 to their classroom teacher by calling the school office (810) 455-1011.

St. Clair County RESA Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) 2021 Notification

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires each year, district workers and building occupants receive notification about asbestos activities such as response actions and inspections. The purpose of this correspondence is to meet those requirements and familiarize you with the asbestos-related activities that have been conducted in St. Clair County RESA during the past year.

MANAGEMENT PLANS

In 1988, St. Clair County RESA contracted an environmental consulting firm to conduct inspections and develop asbestos Management Plans for asbestos-containing material (ACM) within all district-owned buildings. These Management Plans are located in the administrative office of each building and are available to the public for review. A copy of each building management plan is also located at the Maintenance Building.

SURVEILLANCE ACTIVITIES

The AHERA regulation requires periodic surveillance of the condition of ACM every six months. The regulation also requires Reinspections conducted every three years by Michigan Accredited Inspectors. St. Clair County RESA has contracted with an independent consulting firm, Nova Environmental, Inc. to conduct the Reinspections. The last Reinspection was on March 22, 2022. Previous Reinspections and six-month periodic inspections can be located in the buildings' Management Plans.

ASBESTOS ABATEMENT

The last Asbestos Abatement at St. Clair County RESA was done in the TEC building by a certified Abatement Contractor on July 19-23, 2021. Questions regarding asbestos removal projects or any asbestos-related issues can be addressed by Mr. Russ Witherspoon, Supervisor of Maintenance, at (810) 455-4151.

Annual Notification of Pesticide Applications

State of Michigan law requires that schools and daycare centers that may apply pesticides on school or daycare property must provide an annual notification to parents or guardians of students attending the facility.

Please be advised that the St. Clair County RESA school/daycare center utilizes an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach to control pests. IPM is a pest management system that utilizes all suitable techniques in a total pest management system with the intent of preventing pests from reaching unacceptable levels or reduce an existing population to an acceptable level. Pest management techniques emphasize sanitation, pest exclusion, and biological controls. One of the objectives of using an IPM approach is to reduce or eliminate the need for chemical applications of pesticides. However, certain situations may require the need for pesticides to be utilized.

As required by State of Michigan law, the school or daycare will provide advance notice regarding the non-emergency application of a pesticide such as an insecticide, fungicide or herbicide, other than a bait or gel formulation, that is made to the school or daycare buildings or grounds. Advance notice will be provided, even during periods when not in session. Advance notice is not given for the use of sanitizers, germicides, disinfectants or anti-microbial cleaners. In certain emergencies, such as an infestation of stinging insects, pesticides may be applied without advance notice to prevent injury to students, but the school or daycare will provide notice following any such application.

Advance notice of pesticide applications, other than a bait or gel formulation, will be given by at least 2 methods by which advance notice of the applications of a pesticide will be given at least 48 hours before the application. The first method will be by posting at the main entrance to the school / daycare center, which is located at 499 Range Road, Marysville, MI 48040. The second method will be by the method(s) checked below:

- ☒ Posting in a public, common area of the school or day care center, other than an entrance. We will post in the Front Office.
- ☐ E-mail.
- ☐ A telephone call by which direct contact is made with a parent or guardian of a student of the school/day-care center or a message is recorded on an answering machine.
- ☐ Providing the students of the school or children of the day-care center with a written notice to be delivered to their parents or guardian.
- ☒ Posting information on the school or day-care center's web site.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school or *day* care center are entitled to receive the advance notice of a pesticide application, other than a bait or gel formulation, by first class United States mail postmarked *at* least 3 days before the pesticide application, if they so request. If you prefer to receive the notification by first class mail, please contact Michelle or Kelley at the school office by calling (810) 455-1011.

Please be advised that parents or guardians of children attending the school may review the school's Integrated Pest Management program and records of any pesticide application upon request. Contact Russ Witherspoon, Supervisor of Maintenance
P.O. Box 1500, Marysville, MI 48040-1500
(810) 455-4151 or witherspoon.russ@sccresa.org

Safety Drills Required at School

Woodland, like all other public schools, is required to conduct 10 safety drills each year. Public schools are required to conduct five fire safety drills spread throughout the school year, two tornado safety drills, and three lockdown drills. One of the tornado safety drills must take place in March. The drills can't take place on the same day as a state-mandated test. At least one of the drills is required during a lunch or recess period, or at another time when a significant number of the students are gathered outside the classroom. Contact Assistant Principal Rose Paterson at (810) 455-1011 or paterson.rose@sccresa.org with questions.

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 the office at (810) 455-1011 for further information.



Gratiot Park Fun



More Gratiot Park Fun



Woodland is Updating Student Files and Records

As one school year ends and a new one begins, Woodland continues to work on updating 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.

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 staff and students the best experience possible. Please consider joining the PTO. The next meeting is on **Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 12:00 noon. This meeting will be held in the large conference room at Woodland.** Please come give PTO a try and join us. Everyone is welcome, we hope to see many of you there at the large conference room in the office at Woodland. If you can't join us in person, feel free to join us via zoom:

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://sccresa-org.zoom.us/j/82655595580?pwd=T0xjQWVMdm9mSk5Ca0hrWERwVHpNQOT09>

Meeting ID: 826 5559 5580

Passcode: 459251

In The Event of a School Closure & Announcements

School closures and announcements are communicated using **School Messenger**. School closures are also communicated via 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.

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:

School Begins - Monday, July 10, 2023