

THE NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT WOODLAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

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From Principal, Natalie Adair  
2023 - 2024 School Year

## Happy September!

### A Word From the Principal

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students:

Welcome back to school! We hope you had a fun-filled break with your friends and/or family. As the school year continues, our teachers are excited about returning to the building to create engaging learning environments for all students. Our goal is helping every student become the best version of themselves. As the school-year progresses, we wanted to share a few items that may assist you in preparing for the rest of the year. We encourage you to review the resources in this newsletter to learn more about our school hours, food service programs, communication tools, and more. We look forward to another school year full of learning and adventure! Everybody at Woodland feels privileged to be a part of this school family and are looking forward to meeting all of the parents/guardians/students at our Back-To-School Night on Thursday, September 14th from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. There will be several activities in place such as a dance for students, parent round tables, a chance to meet the administration, snacks, prizes, and more. Hope to see you there!

Thanks for your time ~  
Natalie Adair  
Principal

### 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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## September Happenings at Woodland School

### Wednesday, September 6, 2023 - School is back in Session

Tuesday, September 12, 2023 - Picture Day

Thursday, September 14, 2023 - Back to School Family Night - 5:00 - 6:30 pm

Tuesday, September 19, 2023 - Worker of the Month - 2:00 pm - cafeteria

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 - Woodland PTO - 12:00 - Noon Large Conference Room

Tuesday, September 26, 2023 - Student of the Month - 2:00 pm - cafeteria

**Thursday, October 5 2023 - No School - Staff Professional Development**

**Friday, October 6, 2023 - Friday, October 13, 2023 - October Break - No School**

**Monday, October 16, 2023 - School Resumes**

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### Transportation Updates

Transportation bus routes have been updated and rerouted for the 2023 - 2024 school year. These revisions occur as needed 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. **For questions regarding bus transportation or to report an absence concerning transportation, call the transportation department at (810) 364-7757.**

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### Parent Drop off/Pick up

Student safety is very important! Students may only be dropped off at the North Door, by Michelle Beeler's desk. Student school hours are from 8:45 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. If you are driving your student to school, please walk with them into the school vestibule, push the button to let school staff know your student has arrived, and sign them in on the clipboard. This is our record of attendance that your student has arrived at school for the day. Please follow the same process for dismissal **if you are picking your student up early from school.** Come to the school vestibule, push the button to let school staff know you are here to pick up your student, sign them out on the clipboard. This is our record of attendance that your student has been picked up and left school early for the day. Thank you for your help and understanding in this process!

### Parent Drop off/Pick up - Rescue Medication - New Procedure

For families with students who carry rescue medication and are dropping off or picking up their student from school at any time, we will begin having both the parent/guardian and the school staff sign that the rescue medication has been delivered from home to school and has been returned from school back to home in our medication sign out binder. When you arrive at Woodland to drop off or pick up your student, push the button, and school office staff will call the classroom staff to come down to the North Door vestibule and exchange the rescue medication and both parties will sign in the book that the exchange has been completed. This process will allow us to be in alignment using the same process as Dean transportation when students are transported on Woodland buses.

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### Attendance Updates

A missed school day is a lost opportunity for students to learn. There are many learning activities that happen during the school day that cannot be made up. These include direct instruction from the teacher, guided practice on new material, the class read-a-loud, individual support from the teacher and more. Research shows

a correlation between attendance and student success. Woodland will be working with families to ensure students are attending school on a regular basis.

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## 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 was sent home in the annual packet of forms from Woodland on the first day of school.

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## Annual Packet Information and Forms 2023 - 2024 School Year

As a reminder, annual school packets were sent home on July 10, 2023 for the new 2023-2024 school year.

**Thank you to the families that have completed their packets and returned them to school!** We appreciate your assistance in getting these returned to us. We are still waiting on some packets to be returned. It is essential for your students' safety that we have current information and records on file. **Please complete these forms and return them to your child's teacher promptly, if you have not already done so.** 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.** Should changes need to be made on your students' emergency card, these changes need to be made in person for safety and security. If you are unable to make these changes in person, please call the main office and we can send new cards home to be filled out. Please call the office should you have any questions regarding any of the forms (810) 455-1011.

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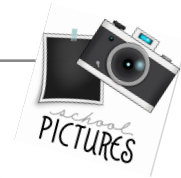
## Back to School Night - Thursday, September 14, 2023 - 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Back To School Night is quickly approaching. Please plan to take time to come to Woodland School and meet several of the staff and learn about the exciting school year ahead. This is an informal opportunity to meet other students and families and take a look around the school. We will have a dance for students, parent round tables, snacks and prizes. Looking Forward to seeing you there!

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## 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 on Wednesday, September 6, 2023.



## Communication and Information for Contacting Woodland:

Our staff does an excellent job of communicating information regarding Woodland and your student's daily school happenings. If you have general questions please call the school office directly at (810) 455-1011.

Here are additional ways you can stay informed proactively:

- Sky Messenger Alerts - If you are not signed up - contact Michelle Beeler in the office (810) 455-1011
- Woodland and St. Clair County RESA Facebook Pages
- Woodland Word Newsletters sent from the school
- Additional School wide Informational Flyers and Notes sent home from the school

A phone call or an email is an efficient way to communicate with your child's teacher. Please remember that our teachers are with students throughout the day from 8:45 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. and will return the call/email as soon as they are able. At times, this may be the next school day. Feel free to call the Woodland main office

line and the staff will assist you as well (810) 455-1011.

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## **Reporting a Student Absence**

**Please ensure to monitor your children daily to ensure that they are not sent to school ill. If your child is going to be absent for the day please report the students' absence by calling the school office (810) 455-1011. In addition, please remember to call Dean transportation and let them know your student will be absent for the day as well. (810) 364-7757.**

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## **Emergency Drills**

Throughout the school year, we will be practicing various emergency procedures as required by the state for fire, tornado, and lock down drills. If you hear your child or school staff talking about these events, please remember they are only drills. Should a real emergency situation occur, parents will be notified as soon as possible. Contact Assistant Principal Rose Paterson at (810) 455-1011 or [paterson.rose@sccresa.org](mailto:paterson.rose@sccresa.org) with questions.

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## **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.

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## **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](mailto:witherspoon.russ@sccresa.org)

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## **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.

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### **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. We are looking to add some volunteers who have Time, Talent and Treasures to share. Please consider joining the PTO. **The next meeting is on Wednesday, September 20 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

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### **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.

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### **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!