

The Woodland WORD

THE NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT WOODLAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

2024-25 School Year • Summer Issue 1
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From Principal, Natalie Adair
2024 - 2025 School Year

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year!

Congratulations to the Program Completion Class of 2024!



Woodland School Office Hours and Contact Information:

Office Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30pm Monday - Thursday; 8:00 am - 3:30 pm - Friday
North Secretary: **Michelle Beeler** Secretary to the Principal: **Kendra Rosemeck**
Principal: **Natalie Adair** Assistant Principal: **Rose Paterson**

Woodland Main Office Phone Number: 810-455-1011

Dean Transportation Phone Number: 810-364-7757

A Word From the Principal

Dear Woodland Families ~

Welcome back to the 2024-2025 school year! We hope that you and your family had a restful and enjoyable two week break and a fun 4th of July holiday. As we embark on a new academic year, we are filled with excitement and optimism about the opportunities and experiences that lie ahead.

This year brings several exciting changes and new additions to our school community. We are delighted to introduce new staff members who will be joining our dedicated team of educators. Their diverse experiences and fresh perspectives will undoubtedly enrich our school environment and contribute to our students' growth and learning.

- Alexis Blake - Moving from Room 102 to Room 217
- Kate Harrington - School Social Worker
- Brooke Johnson - Room 113 Teacher
- Katlyn Johnson - Room 104 Teacher
- Sue Likins - Transition and Independent Living Facilitator
- Katelyn Vogel - Room 102 Teacher

In addition to our new staff, we have made several enhancements to our school facilities and curriculum designed to support student engagement and success. These changes include:

- **Playground Enhancement:** New adjustable basketball hoop, two new tetherball poles, and some additional fun things to be used at leisure time - Thanks Woodland PTO for the new additions!
- **Curriculum Update:** Staff will be taking a deeper dive into our mathematics program throughout the year, so you can expect to hear about some new fun math experiences happening at school

In past years, we have exceeded our allotted days of forgiveness for school closures due to unforeseen circumstances. We have made a change to the originally published days that will be used if we need to make up any missed instructional days. The make-up days will now be scheduled as follows:

- **First Make-up Day, Friday, May 23, 2025**

If an additional day is needed

- **Second Make-up Day, Friday, May 30, 2025**

We understand that changes to the school calendar can be inconvenient, and we appreciate your understanding and flexibility as we strive to maintain the highest standards of education for our students. Please mark these dates on your calendars and plan accordingly. We will keep you updated with any further changes or additional information as needed. We appreciate your continued support and cooperation.

Throughout the year, we will be offering various opportunities for families to get involved and stay connected with our school community. We will have whole school family events, after school activities for students and monthly PTO meetings, we welcome and value your participation.

We are committed to providing a safe, inclusive, and stimulating environment where every student can thrive. Together, we will navigate the challenges and celebrate the achievements that this school year will bring. You can expect periodic newsletters from myself, and classroom teachers will keep you up to date as to what is

happening around Woodland and in the classrooms. We are excited to begin the 2024-2025 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

July Happenings at Woodland School

Monday, July 8, 2024 - Friday, July 19, 2024 - School is in Session

Wednesday, July 10, 2024 - Water Works Day - Playground Area at Woodland

Wednesday, July 17, 2024 - Woodland to Handicapable Day at St. Clair County 4-H and Youth Fair

Monday, July 22, 2024 - Friday, August 2, 2024 - No School

Monday, August 5, 2024 - School Resumes



August Happenings at Woodland School

Monday, August 5 - Tuesday, August 20, 2024 - School is in Session

Wednesday, August 7, 2024 - Beach Day - Older Students

Wednesday, August 14, 2024 - Beach Day - Younger Students

Wednesday, August 21, 2024 - Tuesday, September 3, 2024 - No School

Wednesday, September 4, 2024 - School Resumes



Transportation Updates:

Transportation bus routes have been updated and rerouted for the 2024 - 2025 school year. These revisions occur annually and on occasions throughout the school year 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 2024 - 2025

Woodland Developmental Center applied and has been approved for the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) program again for the 2024-2025 school year. This means all students will be provided free breakfast and lunch for the entire 2024 - 2025 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 2024 - 2025 School Year

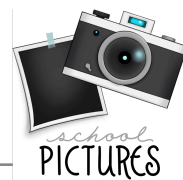
On the first day of school all student forms, the 2024-25 household form for the CEP lunch program, emergency cards and annual information will be sent home for your child. As a reminder, please complete these forms and return them to your child's teacher promptly. On the student emergency card, critical 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 2024

The start of the 2024-2025 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 10, 2024

Woodland school picture day is on Tuesday, September 10, 2024. Picture retakes will be on Thursday, October 24, 2024. 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.

Woodland is Updating Student Files and Records

As one school year ends and a new one begins, Woodland continues to update 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, dedicated 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 **Tuesday, September 17, 2024 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.

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 is in session

Monday, July 8, 2024 through Friday, July 19, 2024

Amended Woodland Developmental Center

2024-2025 School Calendar

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School Closed/ Holidays



School Day



Teacher Inservice (No school for Students)

*Potential makeup days due to weather 1st-23rd , 2nd 30th

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