

THE NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT WOODLAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

2024-2025 School Year • Fall Issue 1
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From Principal Natalie Adair
2024-2025 School Year

A Word From the Principal

As we transition into a new season, we want to take a moment to reflect on the wonderful summer we've had. Our summer schedule was filled with exciting activities, and we hope your child had as much fun participating as we did organizing these events!

We are thrilled to highlight a special opportunity coming up this fall. Our students have been working hard on their art projects, and we are proud to announce that their artwork will be featured in a new exhibit at the Port Huron Museum! This is a fantastic chance for our students to showcase their creativity and talent.

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Mr. Alan Demski for making this opportunity possible. To celebrate this achievement, we invite you to the opening reception on **Friday, September 6, 2024, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM** at the Port Huron Museum. Every student will have a piece of art on display unless your family has opted out.

We look forward to seeing you there and celebrating the incredible work of our students!

We would like to remind you to keep an eye on the school calendar. If we exceed the allotted number of snow days or any other unforeseen closures, we may need to make up these days. Please plan accordingly, and we will keep you informed of any changes as they arise.

- **First Make-up Day, Friday, May 23, 2025 (if needed)**
- **Second Make-up Day, Friday, May 30, 2025 (if needed)**

Thank you for your continued support and involvement. We look forward to a fantastic year ahead filled with learning, exploration, and fun.

Educationally Yours,

Natalie Adair - Principal



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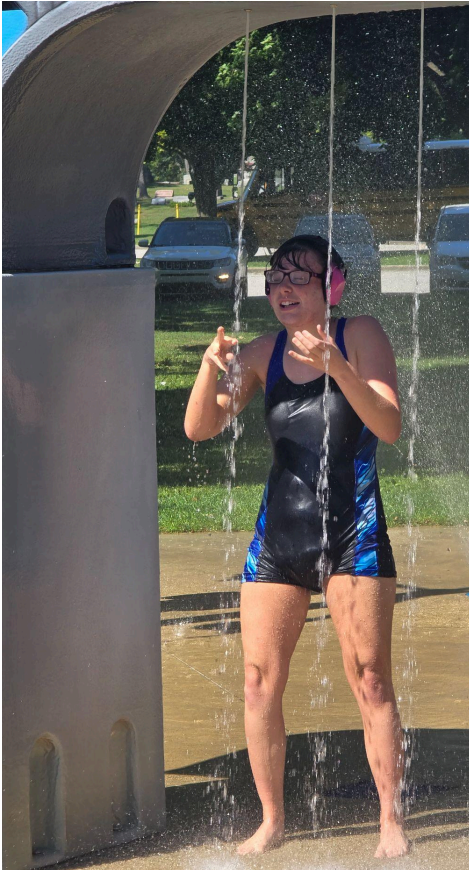
Woodland School Office Hours and Contact Information:

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**

Woodland Main Office Phone Number: 810-455-1011

Dean Transportation Phone Number: 810-364-7757

Beach Days - Summer, 2024



September Happenings at Woodland School

Wednesday, September 4, 2024 - School Starts

Friday, September 6, 2024 - January 3, 2025 - Outside the Lines Art Show - Port Huron Museum

Friday, September 6, 2024 - Opening Reception - Outside the Lines Art Show at Port Huron Museum

6:00-8:00 pm - See Details Below

Tuesday, September 10, 2024 - School Picture Day

Friday, September 27, 2024 - Professional Staff Development Day - No School for students

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. **Picture Retake day is Thursday, October 24, 2024.**



Outside the Lines art Show - Port Huron Museum:

We are excited to announce the **FIRST EVER Woodland Art Show at the Port Huron Museum!** Join us for the **Opening Reception on Friday, September 6, 2024 from 6:00-8:00 pm at the Port Huron Museum at 1115 6th Street Port Huron, MI 48060.** Outside The Lines is a new temporary exhibit at the Carnegie Museum that will showcase outsider art from students at Woodland Developmental Center. The art pieces will then be for sale via a digital silent auction platform. The exhibit will open on September 6th, 2024 and run through January 3rd, 2025. Thank you Mr. Alan Demski, art and music teacher, for your vision and creativity. Come join us for the opening reception and be among the first to see this spectacular art exhibit!

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. Please complete the Household Information Report (HIR) that was sent home in the annual packet of forms from Woodland on the first day of school if you have not already done so.

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.

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 Tuesday, September 17 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.

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

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 - Procedure Reminder

For families with students who carry rescue medication and are dropping off or picking up their student from school at any time, 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.

Reporting a Student Absence

Please 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.

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 the school office with questions (810) 445 -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.

Center for Disease Control Resource:

Tips for an Emotionally Healthy Start to the School Year

Tips for a positive start to the school year!

Here are some tips to help children under 12 kick off the school year feeling emotionally ready.

TIP #1

DAILY ROUTINES HELP KIDS FEEL SAFE AND CONFIDENT

- Plan regular times for healthy meals, play, and homework every day.
- Kids need 9-12 hours of sleep every night to help them learn.
- Get clothes and backpacks ready for school the night before.
- Set aside regular one-on-one time, without screens, to do something relaxing and fun with your child.

Put away electronics one hour before bedtime to relax together and get ready for a good night's sleep.

TIP #2

BUILDING CONNECTION BOOSTS CONFIDENCE

- Visit the school together to meet teachers and see where your child will be spending their day.
- Talk to your child about what they can expect before the school year starts. If they are nervous, let them know it's normal.
- Have a buddy for bus rides or carpools to make going to school easier.
- Reduce bullying by forming positive connections in after-school and mentoring programs.

Praise your child.

"Thank you for helping set out your school clothes for tomorrow!" or "Great job packing your backpack!"

Practice positive self-talk.

Say "I can try this" instead of "I can't do this."

TIP #3

TALKING ABOUT THEIR FEELINGS BUILDS TRUST

- Ask your child: what was the best thing about your school day?
- Acknowledge their feelings, even when emotions are tough because of conflict or disappointment.
- Practice coping skills such as belly breathing.

Talk about their feelings

"It's okay to feel..." & "I'm so glad you told me about..."

Try belly breathing together!

Put both hands on your belly, breathe in slowly through your nose, then breathe out slowly through your mouth.

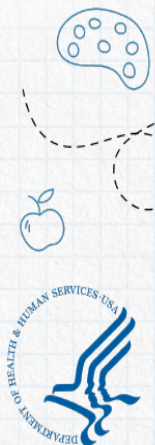
TIP #4

YOU KNOW YOUR CHILD BEST. IF YOU THINK YOUR CHILD NEEDS MORE HELP:

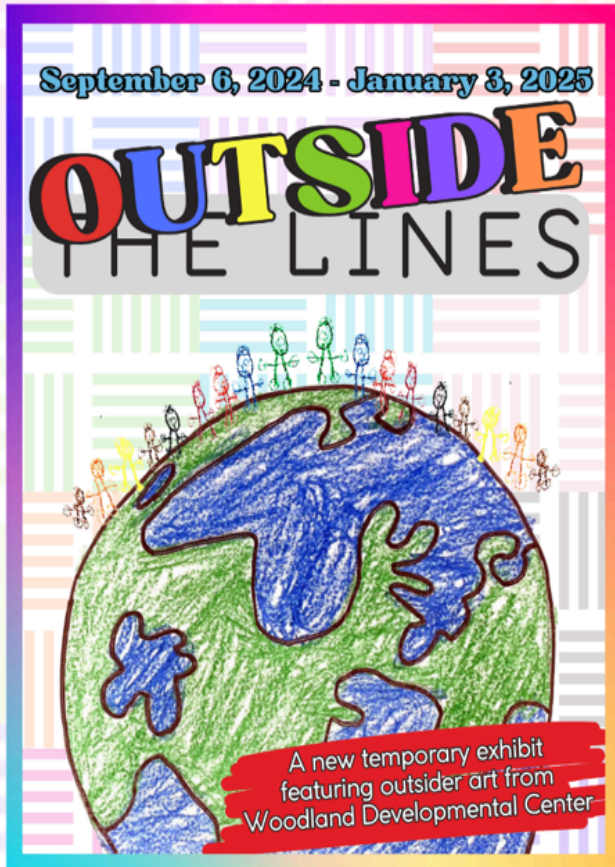
- Talk to your child's teachers about how you can support their needs at school.
- If your child's feelings are affecting their sleep or school, talk to school behavioral health staff or their doctor about ways to help.
- Consider a health check-up to stay up to date on your child's routine health care.



SCAN THE QR CODE for more information.



A NEW EXHIBIT ON THE MEZZANINE AT THE CARNEGIE MUSEUM
RUNNING FROM SEPTEMBER 6TH - JANUARY 3RD



Opening Reception
(OPEN HOUSE STYLE)

September 6th
6-8 PM

Tickets:
\$10 General
\$5 Members

more info at phmuseum.org

1115 6th St. Port Huron, MI 48060

Woodland Development Center is a protective, nurturing environment where students with special needs, ages 3 to 26, learn the life skills they will use in their community.

September 6, 2024 - January 3, 2025

OUTSIDE THE LINES



A new temporary exhibit
featuring outsider art from
Woodland Developmental Center

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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