



THE NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT WOODLAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

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From Principal Natalie Adair
2024-25 School Year

A Word From the Principal

What amazing fall weather we have been having, hope you have been able to get outside and enjoy it. We are excited to announce that Mr. Ethan Barden has joined our team as the new Assistant Principal. Mr. Barden comes to us with a wealth of experience, having served as a long-time administrator with Port Huron Schools. His dedication to student success and community engagement makes him a fantastic addition to our school, and we are thrilled to welcome him aboard! Mr. Barden will begin with us on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, please introduce yourself when you see him!

In addition to this exciting news, we have some fun events coming up that you won't want to miss this month!

- **Family Boo Bash:** Join us for a spooky evening of family-friendly fun! Friday, October 25, 2024 from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Wear your Halloween shirt or costume. All students must be accompanied by an adult for the duration of the event. Please enter through the south end double doors when you arrive for the event, the north end double doors will be locked.
- **Halloween Parade:** Our annual parade will be a fantastic celebration of costumes and creativity. The parade will begin at 1:00 pm. Parents and guests may arrive beginning at 12:45 pm. Guests will sign in and wear a visitors badge, and will be shown to the gym, where they will enjoy the parade.

We look forward to seeing you at these events and celebrating the season together!

Happy Fall,

Natalie Adair - Principal



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

Woodland School Office Hours and Contact information:

Office Hours: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm Monday - Thursday

8:00 am - 3:30 pm - Friday

Woodland Main Office Phone Number: 810-455-1011

Dean Transportation Phone Number: 810-364-7757



October Happenings at Woodland School

Monday, October 14, 2024 - Back to School After Fall Break

Thursday, October 24, 2024 - School Picture Retake Day

Friday, October 25 - Thursday, October 31, 2024 - Spirit Week (See below for more details)

Thursday, October 31, 2024 - Halloween Celebration (See below for more details)

Tuesday, November 5, 2024 - No School for Students - Staff Professional Development Day

Join us in the fun and dress up for Spirit Week!

Spooktacular Spirit Week ~ October 25- October 31, 2024

Friday, October 25, 2024 - Halloween Shirt

Monday, October 28, 2024 - Monster Monday

Tuesday, October 29, 2024 - Troll Tuesday (Wacky Hair)

Wednesday, October 30, 2024 - Spooky Socks

Thursday, October 31, 2024 - Costume/Character Day



School Picture Day - Thursday, October 24, 2024

Woodland school picture retake day is Thursday, October 24, 2024. **Should you need a picture form, please call the office and we will send you one home.** (810) 455 - 1011.

Halloween Celebration - October 31, 2024

Halloween will soon be upon us and there are a few details that we want you to be aware of. Woodland school will be celebrating Halloween on Friday, October 31, 2024 at 1:00 p.m.

- Halloween celebration will take place on Friday October 31, 2024 at 1:00 pm
- Students are invited to dress up in Halloween costumes. Please make sure students are not wearing masks that cover their entire face or have any weapons as part of their costume. Please do not have very scary costumes as we do have young children at Woodland. If you prefer to send in costumes as the parade is in the afternoon, staff will assist in getting your student into costume.
- Parents will be able to attend the Halloween trick or treat parade at 1:00 pm. Guests may arrive starting at 12:45 pm. Guests will watch the parade from the gym.



Outside the Lines art Show - Port Huron Museum:

We are excited to announce the continuation of the FIRST EVER Woodland Art Show at the Port Huron Museum! Please continue to go look at the exhibit and place your bids 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 opened on September 6th, 2024 and will run through January 3rd, 2025. Thank you Mr. Alan Demski, art and music teacher, for your vision and creativity.

Transportation:

Transportation routes are continuing for the 2024 - 2025 school year. Revisions can occur due to changes in student enrollment and population throughout the school year. 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.

Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)

The Woodland PTO is working hard to re-establish its membership. The next meeting for the 2024-2025 school year will be on Wednesday, October 23, 2024 at 12:00 noon. The meeting will be held in person at Woodland in the large conference room. Come join us!

Students Leaving During the Day or Coming in Late

Students Leaving During the Day: If a parent is picking up their child during the school day, the parent must sign the child out in the vestibule. When you arrive, the school secretary will call your child from their room to meet you in the vestibule. It is always a good idea to send a note with your child in advance so the teacher can plan appropriately for your child leaving early. Should your child return before the day is over, he/she must be signed in at the vestibule and a secretary will call the classroom to let them know your student has returned.

Students Coming in Late/Drop off procedures: For parents that are transporting their student to school, or dropping them off at school late, please call the office before entering the building at (810) 455-1011. If calling is not an option, please walk your student to the school doors and press the silver button on the left wall at the north entrance. A secretary will answer your call or greet you via the door communication system. Michelle and Kendra will call the classroom staff. Classroom staff will direct Michelle or Kendra that the student can walk independently to the room, or if a staff member from the room will meet you in the vestibule and will assist in transitioning the student into the building. Also, anyone picking up your child must be on your emergency card. For safety reasons, we will only release students to people listed on the emergency card. If someone comes in to pick up a child and they are not on the card we will not be able to release your child to them. Please make sure that adults who may be picking up your student are added to your child's emergency card. If you need to add individuals to your child's emergency card, please call the office and Michelle or Kendra will be happy to assist you in making these changes. Thank you!

In the Event of a School Closure

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.

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!

THE SPOOKTACULAR SPIRIT WEEK

OCTOBER 25 - 31, 2024

Friday- October 25

Halloween Shirt

Monday, October 28

Monster Monday (dress like a monster or
wear your favorite monster)

Tuesday, October 29

Troll Tuesday (crazy hair)

Wednesday, October 30

Spooky Socks

Thursday, October 31

Costume/Character Day





WOODLAND STUDENTS AND FAMILIES
ARE INVITED TO ATTEND THE

BOO BASH



FRIDAY,
OCTOBER 25, 2024
5:30-7:00 PM

WEAR YOUR
HALLOWEEN SHIRT OR
COSTUME.



ALL STUDENTS MUST BE
ACCOMPANIED BY AN
ADULT FOR THE
DURATION OF THE
EVENT.



AT WOODLAND DEVELOPMENTAL
CENTER

USE THE SOUTH ENTRANCE



September 6, 2024 - January 3, 2025

OUTSIDE THE LINES



A new temporary exhibit
featuring outsider art from
Woodland Developmental Center