

# **The Woodland WORD**

THE NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT WOODLAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

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From Assistant Principal Ethan Barden  
2024-25 School Year

## **A Word From the Assistant Principal**

I want to take the opportunity to thank all of the Woodland staff, students, and families for their warm welcome in my first month at Woodland Developmental Center. I also want to thank the members of the Port Huron Elks Club as well as the staff from the RESA transportation department and administration building for making Halloween trick-or-treating extra fun for our students! We want to welcome Cora Heyboer as the interim principal at Woodland.

Ethan Barden - Assistant Principal

### **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**



## **November Happenings at Woodland School**

- Wednesday, November 20, 2024: - Drums Alive 3:20-4:30
- Thursday, November 21, 2024
  - PTO Meeting 12:00
  - Family Board Game Night 6:00-7:00

**No school the from Monday, November 25 through Monday, December 2, 2024**

## **Student Green Cards**

Please be certain that your student's green emergency cards are kept current. We cannot release students to anyone that is not listed on the green card (other relatives, friends or outside agencies, etc.)

## **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.

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## **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.

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## **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 Thursday, November 21, 2024 at 12:00 noon. The meeting will be held in person at Woodland in the large conference room. Come join us!

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## **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!

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## 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.

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## 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.

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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!

