

# **The Woodland WORD**

THE NEWSLETTER FOR AND ABOUT WOODLAND DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER

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From Interim Principal Cora Heyboer  
2024-25 School Year

## **A Word From the Interim Principal**

I want to thank the staff, students, and their families at Woodland Developmental Center for welcoming me as the Interim Principal. I am excited to be part of such an amazing team of educators. I appreciate the warm welcome and look forward to getting to know the building even more in the upcoming months.

As we welcome the winter season, the building is buzzing with excitement as we prepare for all of the events, it is sure to be a great month. The hallways and doors are decorated, and many students are preparing for the Holiday program. The Holiday program will take place on 12/19/2024 at 1:00, doors will open at 12:45, if you would like to know if your student is participating please reach out to their teacher. Our spirit week will be a great opportunity for students to dress festively all week please see the flyer below for more details. Our Holiday reading started this week and has been well attended by students. I would like to personally thank those who have volunteered their time to read to our students.

As 2024 comes to a close we would like to wish you and your family a safe and healthy holiday season and look forward to welcoming you back in 2025!

Cora Heyboer

## **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**



## **December Happenings at Woodland School**

Canned Food Drive Ends December 10th

Spirit Week- December 9-13, 2024 (See flyer below)

Stories with Santa- December 14 9:30-11:00

Holiday Program- December 19, 1:00 PM (Doors open at 12:45)

No school from Dec 23, 2024 through January 3, 2025



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



# STORIES *With Santa*

**LISTEN TO STORIES | FESTIVE CRAFTS | PHOTO WITH SANTA**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024 |**

**9:30 AM - 11 AM**

**AT WOODLAND DEVELOPMENTAL  
CENTER**

OPEN ONLY TO WOODLAND STUDENTS AND FAMILIES.

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

# Woodland Holiday Spirit Week

**WEEK OF DECEMBER 9-13TH**

MONDAY, DEC. 9-HOLIDAY SWEATER DAY  
*WEAR YOUR FAVORITE OR UGLIEST HOLIDAY SWEATER*

TUESDAY, DEC. 10-CHANNEL YOUR FLANNEL  
*WEAR YOUR FAVORITE FLANNEL*

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 11-HOLIDAY HELPER DAY  
*DRESS AS YOUR FAVORITE HOLIDAY HELPER- SANTA, ELF, REINDEER, ETC.*

THURSDAY, DEC. 12-WINTER WONDERLAND  
*COME ICED OUT IN BLUE AND WHITE*

FRIDAY, DEC. 13-LONG WINTER NAP  
*WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS*



# Woodland Friends

## HOLIDAY CAN FOOD

*PLEASE JOIN US TO SUPPORT OUR WOODLAND STUDENTS IN NEED.*

CANNED FOOD DRIVE  
DECEMBER 2ND - 10TH

*FAVORITE FOOD ITEMS INCLUDE:*

*MACARONI & CHEESE, CEREAL, VEGETABLES, FRUIT, APPLESAUCE, SOUP,  
RAMEN NOODLES, RICE*

Help us reach our goal of 600 items.



## **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 Wednesday, January 15, 2025 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!

