

September/October
2012

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Important Dates:

- September 28—No School
- October 1-2—No School
- October 3—Student Count Day!!
- October 5—WoodsEdge Picture Day
- October 9—WoodsEdge Open House from 4-7 PM
- October 13-Band/Music T-Shirt Day
- October 10-21-Cookie Dough Fundraiser
- October 25- Communication Night
- October 31—Happy Halloween



We are pleased to
announce the following new
staff to

WoodsEdge Learning
Center:

Briana Padgett, School
Psychologist
Joshua Johnson, Teacher,
MOCI
Jessica Waynick ,
ASD Teacher, Parchment
Central Elementary
Caitlin Bradac,
Paraprofessional



WoodsEdge Howl

Parent Newsletter

Beach Day took place this year at Ramona Park in Portage and was a great success! Students at the middle-high school age and older attended August 2nd, and the early elementary to middle school students attended August 8th. The weather was perfect for both events and all who attended were treated to pontoon rides and a BBQ buffet! A special thanks to all the families who attended, and to all those who volunteered their time, recipes, and beach supplies, without many of you it would not have been such a success!



COMMUNICATION NIGHT

Please join us for WoodsEdge's first Communication Night, Thursday, October 25th. Thank you to everyone who returned the survey, we have been using the information everyone provided to plan what we hope will be a relaxing and informative evening.

We will start the evening at 5:30 with pizza and salad. At 6 we will begin with an overview of the many ways our students communicate and how important communication is for everyone. Then everyone will have an opportunity to participate in three small group sessions, one on using communication books, a "make and take" activity for schedules to use at home, and the iPad. We are planning to leave time at the end for questions and dessert.

We hope you can join us!

- For transportation questions or problems on existing routes, please call the District Transportation Office first.
- If you require additional assistance, or for transportation questions or problems with a new route or a new student's busing, please call Lynne Seibert at 250-9412.

Our Mission: We are an innovative school dedicated to developing independence in our students.

Our Vision:
A community without
barriers

Looking Ahead...

If you are a holiday planner, here is a look ahead to our Holiday schedule.

November 19-23—No School

December 24-January 4—No School



The New 2012-2013 WoodsEdge Parent-Student Handbook Available

The handbook is available on our website:

www.kresa.org/woodsedg

- Click on "Parents"

More information will be added to our parent page in the future—stay tuned!

If you would like a printed copy of the handbook, please contact the school office.

269-250-9400



COMING SOON!!!

We are very excited to announce that this year at WoodsEdge we are starting a new school-wide **Positive Behavior Intervention and Support** system (PBIS) where school-wide expectations will be in place for all areas of the building as well as used when taking students out in the community. This is a researched based educational tool that is geared towards increasing positive behaviors (educational, social, emotional, and behavioral) for all involved. The PBIS slogan that was chosen by staff members that we feel captures these expectations for our students is:

WE are SAFE

WE are INDEPENDENT

WE COMMUNICATE

WE are the WOLVES!



A newsletter will be sent home in the near future that discusses exactly what our School-wide-Expectations are as well as what each student will be working on for the month of September.

We are all very excited and hope that you are too!

LUNCH INFORMATION

As the school year has started again we want to give you some updates on lunch information. We will provide teachers with lunch menus that will be sent home with your student at the beginning of each month.

You can go to www.choosemyplate.gov for resources on healthy eating and other tips for you and your family.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the lunches we provide at school, please contact Christina at KPS at 269-337-0147.



Student Absences:

Please remember to call the school absence line whenever your child/young adult will be absent. If you call the office absence line, rather than the teacher, the office will inform the teacher of the absence. Thank you for your cooperation! It helps in our goal of keeping each of our students' safe and accounted for.

Absence Line: 269-250-9402

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