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WoodsEdge Learning Center  
PARENT NEWSLETTER

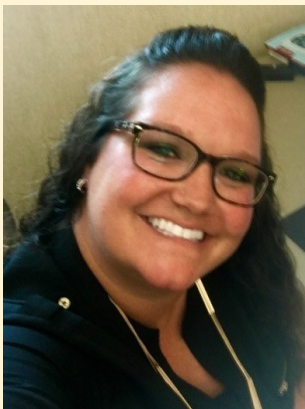
## Meet your Administrators



Angela has been in the special education field for 29 years, 26 of those years at Kalamazoo RESA. She has been a teacher, she served as an Autism Teacher Consultant, supporting students and staff in local districts, and first became an administrator in 2003, leading the Croyden Avenue School Autism Program. In 2005 she was named Principal of Croyden Avenue School and in 2009 she became the Director of Croyden Avenue School Programs (now WoodsEdge Learning Center). Angela leads the team of administrators and coordinator of WoodsEdge Learning Center.

"I am passionate about giving students a voice, in any form, so that they may fully participate in school life, home life, community life and work life, fully expressing their needs, wants and desires."

- **Angela Telfer, WoodsEdge Director**



Aubree is our newest addition to the Administration team. She is our Principal at WoodsEdge. She has degrees from Western Michigan University and is currently pursuing her Ph.D. there as well. She has five years of teaching experience and comes to us from the Principal position at a center-based school in St. Joseph County.

"I am excited to get to know the staff and students, and to increase school-wide positive initiatives."

- **Aubree, WoodsEdge Principal**



Tori has degrees from Western Michigan University, University of Phoenix, and Grand Valley State University. During her 28 years in education she has filled roles of special education teacher, Title I/Curriculum Director, Special Education Supervisor & Planner Monitor, and administrator.

“My favorite part of the job is working with amazing students and staff. I consider myself blessed to work in such a proactive student centered organization. “

**- Tori Wentela, Offsite Program Administrator**



Shelly coordinates services for all of our students who happen to be deaf, deafblind, hard of hearing, blind, or low vision. She has worked in Deaf Education classrooms in Indiana, Wisconsin, and Michigan. This is her 22nd year in education and her 3rd year in a leadership role at WoodsEdge.

“I love working with the teachers, helping them make a fun and supportive learning environment for the students.”

**-Shelly Hawthorne, D/HH & VI Program Coordinator**

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## Important Dates:



### October

- 5 - Count Day
- 6 - Open House
- 10 - Keith Hall Jazz Quintet
- 10-12 - Picture Day
- 13 - PAWS meeting
- 21-24 - No School, Fall Break
- 24 - PAWS Hair Cutting Event

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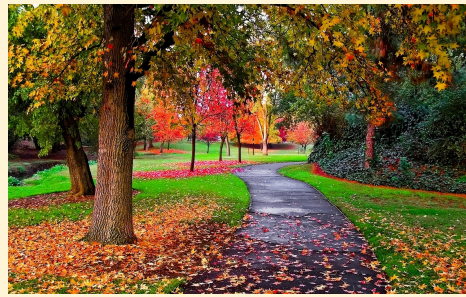
## Open House

Open House at WoodsEdge Learning Center is a wonderful time for families and caregivers to come and see our amazing school and visit their student's classroom, as well as get more information on other spaces within the school. Staff will have tables set up throughout the building to give information in regards to: the Vocational Room, the Sensory Room, our Motor Depot, our Music Therapy program and Art Program, as well as many other fantastic things that are happening for the students at WoodsEdge Learning Center! Come up and see us for our amazing Open House on October 6th from 4:00 – 7:00. This event is also open to the public.

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## ULS Focus

Our school uses a curriculum called Unique Learning System (ULS). Although monthly themes may differ, all grade levels include hands-on and fun learning opportunities. The majority of lessons for October focus on science. Here's the scoop on what we're learning in October!



Preschool students are learning about the different seasons. Specifically, the changes that we can see on trees. Early and later elementary, middle and high school classrooms are all learning about science fairs! Transition-aged students will learn how to dress for success, especially for important events like job interviews!

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## Parent Information



Hello Parents!

It's that time of year again when our lovely staff are working on changing, correcting, and finalizing the school directory. If you choose to not make your information accessible to others, please contact WoodsEdge with your request. You may call Ms. Barb or Ms. Sherri at the front office **269-250-9400**

Please remember to call the school absence line whenever your child/young adult will be absent. Thank you for your cooperation! It helps in our goal to keep everyone safe and accounted for. **269-250-9402**

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## M.O.V.E. Training



We recently had numerous staff attend a training called M.O.V.E. M.O.V.E stands for Movement Opportunities Via Education. It is an activity-based program that increases the level of independence needed for sitting, standing, walking and transitioning.

This is implemented here at WoodsEdge by increasing student independence and not using wheelchairs. There are more in-classroom physical therapy services instead of pulling kids out of class to do physical therapy. We have new equipment in the building such as changing stations, pacers, activity chairs. This helps students move more during natural times of day.

To learn more about this program visit: [www.move-international.org](http://www.move-international.org)

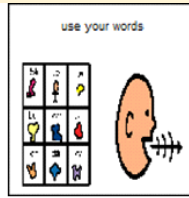
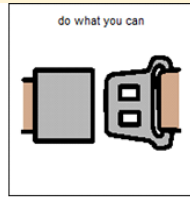
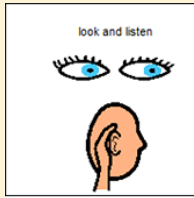
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## Transportation

For transportation questions or problems on existing routes, please call your **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 Stephanie Reschka at 250-9411.



## PBIS Around WoodsEdge



October: Bussing

WE ARE SAFE: Look and Listen

WE ARE INDEPENDENT: Do What You Can

WE COMMUNICATE: Use Your Words

## Kids on the M.O.V.E. at WoodsEdge





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