



Wood County Educational Service Center
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are excited to welcome you to the 2024-2025 school year. This year, we have many exciting transitions that will allow us to continue building upon the firm foundation of educational opportunities with our Wood County ESC Life Skills Programming.

We are thrilled to be able to house our Lake Elementary classroom within the new building. We are so thankful for Ellie Howland, filling the role for maternity leave with excellence and compassion last year. This year, we are thrilled to have Alexis Wyatt joining us. She is a recent graduate of the University of Toledo, and we are grateful for her time observing the classroom in May to continue a smooth transition to a new building and teacher. Ms. Autumn, Ms. Smith, and Ms. Brianna will return as paraprofessionals and familiar faces for our students during this transitional period.

Lake Schools have designated a staggered start for elementary students to transition. We have opted to use this model with a modification to get our students into the classroom as soon as possible. We hope that having smaller class sizes will allow all staff to spend time with therapists and specialists to get to know student's needs in an explicit and 1:1 manner, which is invaluable to the busyness of the school year. The WCESC will be following this schedule:

Tuesday, Sept 3 (Last Names A-I)
Wednesday, Sept 4 (Last Names J-Z)
Thursday, September 5 (ALL WCESC LAKE ELEMENTARY STUDENTS)

In addition to these changes, we congratulate Mrs. Diane Witt on her retirement from the WCESC after over 15 years of service. Though big shoes to fill, Jessie Dible will be in the role of Director of Special Education/Life Skills and overseeing the daily operations of the classroom, curriculum, and intervention services. Jessie has worked as an Intervention Specialist within the Life Skills program for the past six years and is passionate about the development and implementation of the program goals. Joe Taylor will continue to hold the Director of Special Education/Student Services role while also being a part of the day-to-day operations of the classrooms and facilities.

Enclosed in this packet are your child's classroom and teacher assignment, open house dates, supply list, district calendar, free and reduced lunch forms specific to the attending district, and emergency forms. **Please complete the enclosed forms and return them to your child's teacher on the first day of school.** We also ask you to read through the Parent Handbook, which is a valuable program resource.

Teachers will follow their district work calendars before the beginning of school. If you have questions or concerns and are unable to reach your child's teacher at the school, please feel free to contact us at the WCESC at 419-354-9010.

Sincerely,
Joe Taylor, WCESC Director of Special Education/Student Services
Jessie Dible, WCESC Director of Special Education/Life Skills