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Community Learning Center of Woodmore opens

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School will be starting soon. Are you ready?

Crayons? Check. Folders? Check. Notebooks? Check. No. 2 pencils? Check. Pencil pouch? Check. New school clothes and shoes? Check. A place for your children to go before and after school while you're at work?

Parents have a couple options for after-school programs this year, so I guess the answer to that would also be ... check.

For the 2009-2010 school year, Woodmore Elementary and Solomon Lutheran schools have daycare programs for students who need care outside the ordinary school day.

Making its debut Sept. 2, Woodmore Local School District is introducing after-school care at the Community Learning Center of Woodmore, which will operate from school dismissal until 6 p.m. This program is designed for Woodmore students in kindergarten through sixth grade, will include a program called STARS, which has won numerous awards and state recognition.

Children will receive the care they need until their parents get off work. They will have assistance with homework, time set aside for reading, educational activities and recreation. Students will have the benefit of one-on-one tutoring with Bowling Green State University students who will reinforce classroom lessons.

The STARS program is licensed by the Ohio Department of Education and is run by a qualified staff of youth specialists trained in First Aid, CPR, communicable diseases and child abuse and neglect recognition.

The Community Learning Center of Woodmore is made possible through the partnership of Woodmore Local Schools and the Wood County Educational Service Center.

Parents can enroll children in this after-school program for as many days per week as needed.

The Community Learning Center and STARS are funded in part through a grant from the Ohio Department of Education. The rest is funded through participation fees, which are paid on a sliding scale based on income. Woodmore Superintendent Jane Garling said, "Most families will qualify for a reduced scholarship rate."

For information, call program coordinator Sue Ullman at 419-354-9010, ext. 311.

Solomon Lutheran School will offer its Extended Care Program, offering care before and after school. The program runs on school days from 7:15 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Kids are supervised in the gym or playground until school begins. After school, homework time, organized activities and free play are available.

Woodmore students will be bused to and from Woodmore Elementary School. Parents must make arrangements with the Woodmore bus supervisor prior to utilization of services.

Extended Care may be used as-needed. The cost is \$2.50 an hour per child, with a maximum of \$5.50 per hour per family. Billing is figured at half-hour increments.

To enroll, parents need to fill out an emergency form, which can be picked up at Solomon Lutheran School and returned along with a \$15 registration fee.

For information, call 419-849-3600. The school is at 305 W. Main St., Woodville.
