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# Chester Chats

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School Newspaper written by students for students

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## New Students

**By: Courtney C.**

In the second quarter a few kids joined our school family and we are so glad to have them. Here are all of the kids who just joined us:

**welcome**

In Mrs. Scallan class- Sofie A., Liah P., and Abi T.

In Mr. Alaxson's class- Connor C. and Luke L.

In Mrs. Garritt's class- Lara P.

We hope you like our school!

## Dress Down Days

**By: Ava B.**

What do you think about dress down days? Mr. Rodia said that he is not a big fan of dress down days, and

he thinks that it makes the teachers and students feel like they're not at work and school. But he does appreciate the fact that everyone loves dress down days. Mr. Rodia said that he likes rewarding the students and teachers. He also said that we will still have uniforms. That was not the response I wanted. He said that we have increased the number of dress down days, which I think is awesome! Mr. Rodia said we



have had at least 13 dress down days so far this year.

Now, I want to give you some advice about what to wear on dress down day. The girls should wear striped skirts with tights that are at least one color of your striped top color. If it is a gym day then you should wear a nice pair of your favorite color leggings with a plaid shirt. If you want to accessorize, you should wear earrings, bracelets, and necklaces. But don't wear a lot of

jewelry meaning, don't wear all of those accessorizes together. The boys should wear tee shirts. Whatever they wear it is going to get dirty! I hope you enjoyed my article about dress down days!

## Souper Bowl

**By: Colin R.**

The Super Bowl is a game of luck. At CBA, we make it depend on the students. We have kids in the school bring in cans of soup or canned goods and set ourselves a goal. Everybody puts their cans into a big bin of the football team they want to win the Super Bowl. This year the Patriots are playing the Seahawks. All of the canned goods we collect is donated to the Chester County Food Bank. Last year we got 525 cans of soup for the CCFB. Do you think we can beat last year? I hope so. Go Patriots!

## Alexis, Principal (for a day)

**By: Courtney C.**

I decided to interview Alexis when she was principal for a day because I was principal for a day and I wanted to know what Alexis did differently and the same. Here are the questions and answers:

### Quarter 2 Birthdays!

Liah P. 11/9 Anabella V. 11/9  
 Cruz V. 11/22 Rohan A. 11/25  
 Addison C. 11/26 Ray C. 11/28  
 Elliott M. 12/6 Scott G. 12/7  
 Violet M. 12/17 Twisha D. 12/21  
 Kyle K. 12/24 Trisha M. 12/24  
 Lara P. 12/25 Maria D. 12/29  
 Julia L. 1/6 Sofie A. 1/2  
 Caitlin T. 1/23 Malia M. 1/30



Did anyone get in trouble?

“No.”

Did you go out to lunch? Where?

“Yes. I went to PJ Whelihan’s”

Did you take anyone with you?

“Allison, my best friend.”

Did you go into the faculty room?

“No.”

What was your favorite thing you did?

“Giving out popsicles to everyone at the end of the day.”

Would you want to be a principal as a job when you get older?

“Yes!”

There were a lot of things that we did differently but this sounded very fun over all. One thing that we did the same was that we both went out to lunch. Something we did differently was she said she went out to lunch with Allison and I went out with Ava and Carley.

# Respect Lunch Bunch

**By: Courtney C.**

Every month one student from each class gets chosen to go out to lunch with Mr. Rodia to McDonalds. The month of November is Respect month. Each month is based on character counts. Character Counts is a program that based on the six pillars: Respect, Responsibility, Trustworthy, Caring, Fairness, and Citizenship. Here are the students who were chosen for lunch bunch:

Pre-K- Finn N.

Pre- K- Vidhi B.

Kindergarten- Erica C.

Kindergarten- Luke C.

Kindergarten- Ethan P.

First grade-Sandy L.

Second grade-Justin M.

Third grade-Kyle K.

Fourth grade-Courtney C.

Fifth grade-Ellise R.

Congratulations to everyone who was chosen, and I hope you had a good time!

# Thanksgiving Feast

**By: Ryan M.**

Each year our school hosts a Thanksgiving Feast for our families. Everyone in the whole school comes together in the gym for a big Thanksgiving Feast. All our parents come in the gym to eat with us. Parent volunteers bring all of the food for the Thanksgiving feast. There is a lot of food for everyone. We have turkey, mash potatoes, cranberries, and stuffing. For dessert we have pumpkin pie, and apple pie.



The Thanksgiving Feast is not just a feast in the gym because each kid makes place mats for the feast so you don't want to get your table messy. We write what we are thankful for on our place mats. Each grade does something special on the place mats. Second grade wrote what they were thankful for on turkey feathers, and fourth grade wrote a paragraph of what they are thankful for. Everyone creates different place mats. I don't think any grade did the same place mat.

I'm thankful my school has such an event and we can all celebrate together.

# After School Clubs: Lego and Science Explorers

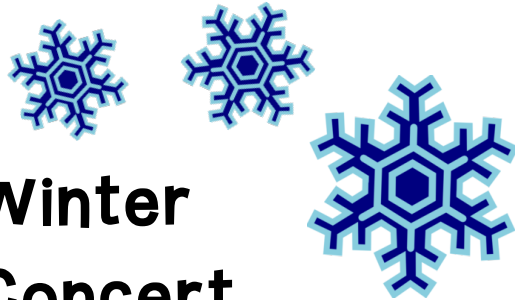


By: Scott G.

Our school offers many afterschool clubs like Lego club and Science Explorers This edition, we are going to take a look at some clubs that kids can participate in during the year. Lego club is a club that teaches kids to build with a generic building brick called a Lego. At the end of class you can let your imagination shine with the free build bag that has a lot of different Lego pieces. Some things we build in Lego club are: a trebuchet, a paper shredder, a Ferris wheel, a merry go round, and a fire fly. Lego club is an 8-week program that meets after school on Wednesdays in the third grade classroom.

We do a lot of cool experiments in Science Explorers. Science Explorers is a 5-week program that helps kids learn a lot of experiments and have fun. Science Explorers meets in the art room on Fridays. Some of the experiments we do are: mentos in soda, shoot bottle caps off of the bottles, and make exploding balloons.

We have so much fun in both programs. In Lego we learn what we build. In science we learn a lot of stuff like gravity and Newton's law of motion. They are both fun and amazing clubs. I recommend both clubs because everyone can join the most fun clubs in the world!



# Winter Concert

By: Taylor G. and Ettienne L.

Wow this winter's concert was great! Ms. Moser was inspired for this year's theme because it reminds her of the times that she sits and watches movies with her family. Before the concert, we talked to Ms. Moser.....

Here are some of the things we learned:

Are you excited about this year's concert?

"This year's going to be the best year yet."

What is each grade singing?

"Songs made popular from holiday movies."

What inspired you to create this year's show?

"I was inspired by the idea of sitting and watching movies with family."

Is Chorus going to sing during this concert?

"Chorus is not singing. They performed at the Exton Mall"

How are you planning on decorating the stage?

"We are going to transform the stage into a living room."

What made you want to start doing winter concerts?

"Mr. Rodia told me I had to."

Is Mr. Wyatt going to play guitar to any grade's songs this year?

"Not this winter, but maybe spring!"

We knew that each class was going to do an amazing job! Each grade sang different songs. Pre-k sang "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer", "Nuttin for Christmas", and "Jingle Bells." Kindergarten sang, "Welcome Christmas", "Trim up the Tree", and "You're a Mean One Mr. Grinch." First grade sang, "Christmas Scat", "Scrooge", and "Bless us All" Second grade sang, "Carol of the Bells," "Jingle Bell Rock", and "Run Rudolph Run." Third grade sang songs from "Christmas Story: The Musical" "Counting Down till Christmas," Red Ryder Carbine Action BB Gun" and, "Sticky Situation." Fourth and Fifth grade sang songs from "Elf: The Musical" "Christmas Town", "Christmas Song", and "Sparklejollytwinklejingley."

# Holiday Gift Shop

**By: Ariana B.**

It's that time of year when people start shopping because it is CHRISTMAS!!!! Fourth grade hosted a week-long event called the Holiday Gift Shop. The Holiday Gift Shop was located in the Spanish classroom. Students could buy things with their own money for their pet{s}, mom, dad, brother/sister, and grandparents.

Ava B. a fourth grader helping said that she liked going behind the tables and helping the kids find what they wanted to get.

It was a lot of work setting everything up and selling things. We also wrapped the presents for each student. After the long week we had to clean it all up. Over all, it was a fun event. I hope that we can do this next year!





# Winter Break

**By: Zack W.**

Have you ever thought about what do you do on Winter Break?

Do you go to church? Do you open presents? Do you travel and visit your family? I asked a couple of people about their Winter Break plans.

Taylor relaxed with family and played with toys. Sena's big sister came home from college. Cruz's dad came from Las Vegas. Mrs. Seltzer made a mural. Mr. Rodia worked. Finn built a snowman. Jaxson and Rhett opened presents. Declan went to New York, and Stowe built with legos. Logan saw his friends. I hope this gives some ideas for next year's winter break.

# Holidays

**By: Grace F.**

Have you ever wondered about different holiday traditions? Some traditions for Christmas at my house are opening presents, stockings, then going to our Grandparents' houses. Today I am going to teach you about some traditions of Christmas in other countries, some Hanukkah traditions and, Kwanza traditions.

We'll start off with some of the Jewish Hanukkah traditions. It all started when the temple needed

some light. A candle was found but it was only supposed to last one day. It kept burning for eight days! Some other traditions of Hanukkah are festive lights and lanterns lit with oil. Hanukkah is celebrated by lighting one candle each of the eight nights and opening presents.

Now, let's move on to some Kwanza facts. Kwanza is an African American holiday that lasts 7 days. In Kwanza there are 7 candles that each represents principals of African heritage. Some holiday traditions are; story reading, traditional meals, poetry, and African drums.

Now it's time to move onto some good old Christmas fun facts and traditions! Christmas Carols started in Europe, except they weren't called Christmas Carols. They were called Pagan Songs! Christmas Carols are my favorite!

# Caring Day

**By: Ariana B.**

Do you know how to be caring? Well on January 8, 2015 Pre-K shared with us at Pride Time. They came up with some ways you can be caring. Mr. Alaxson and Mrs. Scallan called on people to share some more ways that were caring. Something that I thought would be caring is to help people if they need help doing something or if they get hurt. I even

got a paw print for helping a person when they got hurt.

From what I shared about ways you can be caring, can you come up with ways to be caring?



## Horoscopes

**By: Cruz V.**

Have you ever thought about your Horoscope? A Horoscope is a forecast of a person's future. These are Chinese Horoscopes. They believe an animal represents each year. Take a look.

If you were born in the following year you are:

Year of the Rat: 1960, 1972, 1984, 1996, 2008, 2020

If you are born a rat you welcome new challenges and enjoy learning about new things. You are funny, smart, and generous and will protect your pack of friends.

Year of the Ox: 1925, 1937, 1949, 1961, 1973, 1985, 1997, 2009, 2021

If you are born an ox you approach projects in a step-by-step manner, wanting to do things right the first time. You are shy but dependable; you are caring, and trustworthy.

Year of the Tiger: 1926, 1938, 1950, 1962, 1974, 1986, 1998, 2010, 2022

If you are born a tiger you are a natural leader but often like to do things by yourself. (That's how you keep yourself in charge.) You'll believe in fighting for what's right, even if you lose in the end.

Year of the Rabbit: 1927, 1939, 1951, 1963, 1975, 1987, 1999, 2011, 2023

If you are born a rabbit you are well-liked and popular, you have a large circle of family and friends. You are very protective of them, and they protect you back. You intend to keep your cool and avoid getting into conflicts.

Year of the Dragon: 1928, 1940, 1952, 1964, 1976, 1988, 2000, 2012, 2024

If you are born a dragon you go out of your way to help your friends who often seek your advice. Your outgoing personality helps you get along with many types of people.

Year of the Snake: 1941, 1953, 1965, 1977, 1989, 2001, 2013, 2025

If you are born a snake you rely on your instincts before asking other's

opinions. At times you want to take a break from the action. It's not that you're lazy it's just that you like to think.

Year of the Horse: 1942, 1954, 1966, 1978, 1990, 2002, 2014, 2026

If you are born a horse you have loads of energy and love adventure. You take charge and understand people, so you know how to work a crowd.

Year of the Monkey: 1944, 1956, 1968, 1980, 1992, 2004, 2016, 2028

If you are born a monkey you will be swinging from one group of friends to another; you love to have a good time. You entertain your friends by showing off your talents; they appreciate your cleverness and sense of humor.

Year of the Rooster: 1945, 1957, 1969, 1981, 1993, 2005, 2017, 2029

If you are born a rooster you are practical and resourceful and you use what you see to succeed without taking a lot of risks. You are a hard worker, you say what's on your mind and you have a sense of style that sets you apart.

Year of the Dog: 1934, 1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006, 2018, 2030

If you are born a dog you're a great listener who can keep a secret. You are loyal to your friends; you have a keen sense of right or wrong and stick to what you believe in.

Year of the Pig: 1935, 1947, 1954, 1971, 1983, 1995, 2007, 2019, 2039

If you are born a pig you are smart and caring. You have great taste and help other people.

Year of the Sheep: 1943, 1955, 1967, 1979, 1991, 2003, 2015, 2027

If you are born a sheep, you stick by your friend's side. You are artistic, creative, and you like to look good.

**Winter Words**

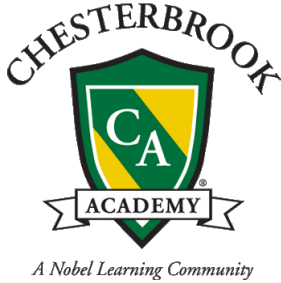
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WINTER	SNOW	ICE
HOTCHOCOLATE	SNOWFLAKE	SCARF
HAT	SLEET	BLIZZARD
SNOWBALL	JACKET	COLD
GLOVES	SLEDDING	ICESKATING





# Open House

By: Elizabeth C.

Have you ever wanted to look at a school without enrolling? We have a chance for that; they are called open houses. This fall we tried something new called a share day open house. This was a lot of fun! Students came to share what they've learned and done in school so far. We had to wear our spirit shirts. We shared our projects in art, tech, music, Spanish, gym and our classroom! It was really cool to see all of the new people who came to check out our school.

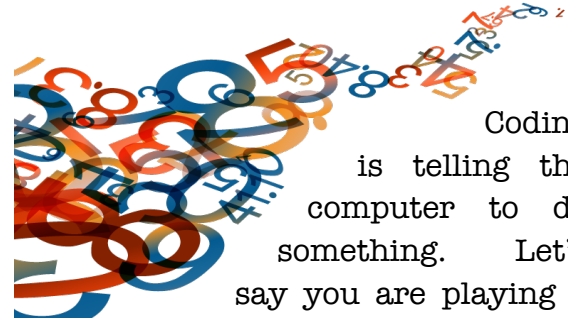
There were lots of people who came to check our school out and a lot of students came to show off their work. Teachers and Mr. Rodia were here too! Mr. Rodia said this about our share day open house:

He expected to have 10-20 people come. There were about 65 internal (families currently enrolled) and external (not currently enrolled). Mr. Rodia said he thinks looking at work is the best part and way to show new families our school. When asked if we will do another share day open house, he said yes! This will be an annual event in November.

Open House Share Days are really fun, so I hope you come next year!

# Coding

By: Scott G. and Zack W.



Coding is telling the computer to do something. Let's say you are playing a game and want to move forward, you type something in code to make your character move! You can do a lot of cool things with coding like play games, create games, hack games, create apps and you can even draw on the computer by writing codes. Our school participated in the Hour of Code this year. During computer class we learned some basics and did it for an hour! This was a really good experience that I would recommend doing every year. This was so popular in class, that Mrs. Roupe will be starting a code club! The club will be starting in March for 3-5<sup>th</sup> graders.

# Veteran's Day

By Colin R.

Did you know that in 1812, there were only 4 military groups? The Army Air Core, The Navy, The Coast Guard, and The Marines. Today

The Army Air Core is divided into two groups; The Army and The Air Force.

Veterans Day is a day we celebrate all of the veterans who served in any branch of the military. All groups are now honored for fighting for our country.

Kindergarten was introduced to the Military by Grant T.'s Dad who came in and introduced Veterans Day.

5th grade and Kindergarten teamed up together on a project for Veterans called Treats for Troops. They collected a lot of candy to give to the troops, so they separated it into chocolate and not chocolate. The military is how we are all here safe today. Thank you, Veterans!



## Barnes and Noble Night

By Cruz V.

On January 16th students from Chesterbrook Academy went to

Barnes and Noble in Exton. During Barnes and Noble Night, students come to pick out their favorite books. The money spent on books goes back to our school! When we were done picking out books, Mr. Alaxson read "The Book With No Pictures" to everyone. The book he read was really funny. Then, Ms. Moser and Mrs. Roupe made a book inspired by "Its Okay To Be Different" By Todd Parr, with the teachers saying different things it was okay to do. Next, they shared the "Shake It Off" video with everybody in the school. If you missed the video you can follow this link

<http://youtu.be/Qc4hERlALQs>.

Everybody loved it! A popular book for the little kids was "The Book With No Pictures" by B.J. Novack and for the bigger kids was "Harry Potter" By J.K. Rowling.



# Chester Chats

## Letters to the editors

Hi Mrs Roupe and the Newspaper Staff,

I just returned from vacation and after taking time to read Chester Chats this morning, I felt up to date on all the news at West Chester CBA! Kudos to all of the 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students that participated in making the paper interesting, informative, and entertaining! It is obvious everyone put in a lot of thought and work into the articles. -**Tina Hubbard** (Mr. Rodia's Boss!)

... I love how each writer has their own voice and each article contains a lot of detail. It was especially great to read about each event and feel like I was actually there. I can't wait to see what the next edition brings! -**Mrs. Rauch**

Would you like to share something with the Chester Chats Newspaper Club? E-mail Mrs. Roupe at [Alexandria.billy@nlcinc.com](mailto:Alexandria.billy@nlcinc.com) and you could see yourself in the next edition of Chester Chats!

Thank you for the encouragement and support for our newspaper club! We can't wait to get started on the next edition! - Mrs. Roupe and the Newspaper Club

## Winter Word Search

By: Elizabeth C.

