

Chesterbrook Academy Newsletter

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► Welcome Back!

We hope you had a wonderful summer and ready to have an exciting 2014-2015 school year!

The Parents Association of Chesterbrook (PAC) officers and school administrators are dedicated to keeping you informed via these monthly distributions of the Chesterbrook Academy Newsletter (CAN). We hope you find them useful and enjoy reading them!

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BOOST-A-THON

Back to School



► Mon, Sept 8 thru Fri, Oct 3

Goals

Our PAC goal this year is to raise \$2,500 to support this year's theme of **Assemblies & Technology** by investing in theme-related equipment for the school, school trips/activities and assemblies throughout the year to supplement our children's learning.



We hope that you will consider donating to the PAC during Chesterbrook Academy annual Boost-A-Thon.

Prizes

- \$10 – one free ice cream ticket
- \$25 – one free Dress Down Day ticket (non-uniform Friday)
- \$100 – all children in one family will attend a lunch excursion w/ Principal & Asst Principal

Classrooms with 100% participation receives an ice cream party. Prizes are cumulative.

Forms / Contacts

If you would like to participate, please fill out the appropriate form already sent home with your child.

Please contact Glenna Rohlfing or Susan Hirano if you need another form or have any questions. Thank you!



September Events

- 9/2 – First Day Back at School (No aftercare today)
- New Family Welcome (8:45 am)
- 9/2 – Box Top/Label Collection **START**
- 9/3 – Before & Aftercare **START**
- 9/8 – Boost-A-Thon **START**
- Afterschool Clubs **START**
- Hot Lunches **START**
- Car Line **START**
- 9/10 – Back to School Night (6:30 pm)
- 9/17 – PAC Open Meeting (5-6 pm)
- 9/19 – Grandparents Day (2-3:30 pm)
- 9/23 – Picture Day (No Uniforms)

October Events

- 10/1 – Box Top/Label Collection (Cont'd)
- 10/3 – Boost-A-Thon **ENDS**
- 10/3 – Dress Down Day
- 10/13 – Columbus Day (**School Closed**)
- 10/15 – PAC Open Meeting (5-6 pm)
- 10/23 – Diwali
- 10/24 – Fall Fest & Spooktacular (6-9 pm)
- 10/31 – Classroom Parties (1:30 pm)
- Halloween Parade (2:45 pm)

November Events

- 11/1 – Box Top/Label Collection (Cont'd)
- 11/2 – Daylight Savings (Fall Back)
- 11/7 – Dress Down Day
- 11/7 – First Marking Period **ENDS**
- 11/11 – Veterans Day
- 11/13 – Report Cards Issued
- 11/14 – Parent Teacher Conferences (**Half Day; Noon Dismissal**)
- 11/19 – PAC Open Meeting (5-6 pm)
- 11/24 – Boostathon Principal Luncheon (Tentative Date)
- 11/26 – Thanksgiving Recess (**School Closed 11/26, 27 & 28**)

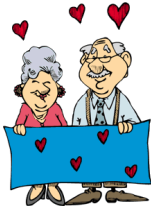
Weekly & Monthly Reminders

Tuesdays & Fridays - Ice Cream Days!
Remember to bring a dollar to purchase after lunch.

Wednesdays - Pretzel Day (\$0.50)
First of every month - Tuition Due
Drop off time is 8:25 am
Pick up time is 3:30 pm

Grandparents Day (Tea and Bingo)

► **Fri, Sept 19 at 2 PM**



We welcome any and all grand parents or grand parent representatives (such as mom, dad, aunt or uncle!) to our annual Grandparent's Day celebrations to be held in each child's respective classroom. Please note, there will be no ice cream social in conjunction with grand parents day this year.



► **Wed, Sept 10 at 6:30 PM**

Check out your child's classroom and learn about a typical day, curriculum, parent's roles in education, as well as getting to know our teachers and fellow parents.

Picture Day (Uniforms Not Required)

SAY CHEESE!



► **Tue, Sept 23**

Lifetouch will be here for individual photographs that will be available as family packages for optional purchase. Uniforms NOT required.

Note: Lifetouch will be back again in the Spring for individual and classroom photographs that will be uniform required at that time.

Back to School Important Reminders

► **CAR LINE**

Car line begins at 8:25 a.m. Please do not exit your car at any time during car line. Students will be greeted and escorted by a teacher, and then brought to their classrooms.

► **ARRIVE ON TIME and SCHEDULE CHANGES**

School starts at 8:30 am. All students who arrive past 8:30 am will be walked to their classroom by an administrator at the front desk and will be marked tardy. School ends at 3:30 pm, buses depart and aftercare begins for those enrolled. If you need to change your child's schedule for before or after-care or an early dismissal, please email and copy Ashley.Cussen@nclinc.com, Kathleen.McCall@nclinc.com and Cindie.page@nclinc.com. This way we can be sure that changes to your child's schedule can be honored. Please email any changes BEFORE NOON!! Last minute phone calls cannot be honored for the safety of the students!

► **ABSENTISM**

If your child is going to be absent from school, we ask that you call the school by 9 a.m. at 610-935-4400 or email Miss Ashley at Ashley.Cussen@nclinc.com

► **UNIFORMS**

Students are to wear approved CBA logoed gear to school. This does include sweat shirts and sweaters. All students should also wear socks to school. Students may wear their gym uniform for the entire day on days designated for gym class.

► **NUT FREE ZONE**

Chesterbrook Academy is a NUT FREE zone for all classroom snacks. We DO allow nut products during lunch only.

► **CLASSROOM WEBSITES**

Please be sure to check your teacher's website daily. This is a great resource for important classroom information. They can be accessed at [Http://oaks.chesterbrookacademy.com](http://oaks.chesterbrookacademy.com) under Parent tab: Staff/Faculty Directory.

Dress Down Days



► **First Friday of Every Month**

All students who wish to dress down on the specified dates below are required pay to participate.

If Dress Down Day falls on a closed snow day, then the next open school day will be Dress Down Day. If you pre-paid and your child is sick on Dress Down Day – the next Friday your child is at school they can dress down.

► **Prescheduled Fridays:**

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| - Oct 3 | - Feb 6 |
| - Nov 7 | - Mar 6 |
| - Dec 5 | - Apr 3 |
| - Dec 23 | - May 1 |
| - Jan 9 | - Jun 5 |

► **Forms / Contacts**

If you would like to participate, please fill out the appropriate form already sent home with your child or contact any PAC member. Pre-paid cost is \$10, which covers all 10 dates above.

PAC Open Meeting



- ▶ **Wed. Sept. 17 at 5 - 6 pm**
Location: School
(Please ask person at front desk that evening for classroom location)

All parents are welcomed to join the newly elected PAC members as we brainstorm ideas and execute planning needs for the next PAC sponsored activities! Come to just listen or even better, to volunteer!

Box Tops & Labels for Education



- ▶ **STARTS Tue, Sept 2**

Chesterbrook is again participating in the following 2 great programs:
 - Box Tops 4 Education
 - Labels for Education

Simply by clipping these labels from various items you purchase regularly and/or by shopping online, you can earn money for our school to purchase classroom essentials.

Please see flyer that will be sent home with your child for more information or visit:
<http://www.boxtops4education.com>

- ▶ **Collection Points & Contact**

Box Tops can be sent to your child's classroom and Labels will have a collection point in the school foyer. For questions – please contact Andrea Sierra.

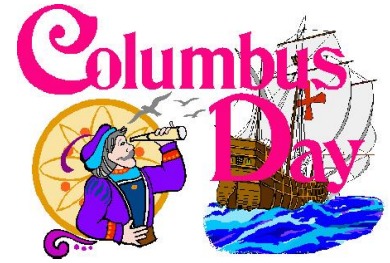
PAC Volunteers Needed !!!

The following Parents Association of Chesterbrook (PAC) positions are still open for the 2014-2015 school year. Please consider joining us either as a board member, parent volunteer or an active parent participant to help to have a successful year.

- ▶ **Earth Day Coordinator** (April)
- ▶ **Teacher Appreciation Day Coordinator** (April/May)
- ▶ **Social Planners**
- ▶ **Homeroom Parents** (Need lots!)
(Need at least 3 per classroom)



School Closed



- ▶ **Mon, October 13th**

School is closed for faculty development. Did you remember to make any necessary childcare arrangements?

Additional school closing days later in the year include the following:

- 11/14:** Parent Teacher Conference Day (Noon Dismissal)
- 11/26 to 28:** Thanksgiving Recess
- 12/24 to 1/2:** Winter Break



- ▶ **Friday, October 24 at 6-9 pm**

The "FALL FEST & SPOOKTACULAR" is an event you do not want to miss! Planning activities are in the works for this year. More information to come in subsequent newsletter but we wanted to give you advance notice to **SAVE THE DATE!** Activities have historically included a haunted house, video game trailer, moon bounce, photo booths, crafts, classroom basket auctions, face painting and dinner!

- Volunteers needed to assist with same day party setup and clean-up. Please contact any PAC member.
- PAC planning meeting to discuss event details (date/time TBD; meeting location at school). Volunteers and those with ideas for the event are encouraged to attend!

- ▶ **Friday, October 31**

On Halloween day, the children should carry to school their costumes in preparation of a fantastic day composed of classroom parties followed by an annual school-wide Halloween Parade. Families are welcomed to attend! Homeroom parents will reach out to families to coordinate details.

- Classroom Parties: Fri, Oct. 31 at ~1:30 pm (classroom discretion)
- Halloween Parade: Fri, Oct. 31 at 2:45 pm

CAN'S TEACHERS CORNER

Maggie Constantino

Teacher of the Year Award



CONGRATULATIONS to Maggie Constantino for being selected as Chesterbrook Academy Oaks 2014 "Teacher of the Year." The process was quite thorough and the final judges are the educational managers throughout the country. Miss Constantino will be honored in Vegas at the Principal conference in October.

Miss Constantino started with Chesterbrook teaching a combined Grade 4/5 class for several years. After a hiatus to be with her family (during which she continued on as a substitute teacher), Maggie returned in 2008 as a technology teacher and has been working with all grade levels in this capacity since 2008. Maggie is an outstanding educator who inspires and motivates not only the children but the staff and administration as well.



Way to go Miss Constantino!!!

Chesterbrook Academy Elementary Staff: 2014-2015

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SPECIALITY TEACHERS

Maggie Constantino
(Technology)



Christopher Hoffman
(Music)



Kathryn Kristoff
(Spanish)



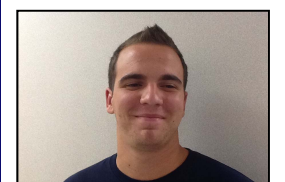
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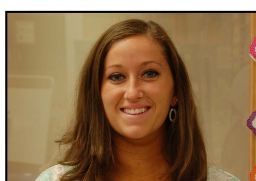
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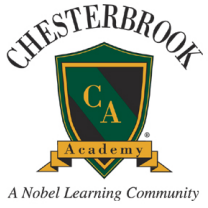


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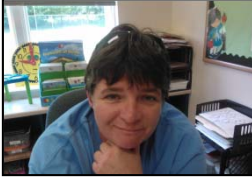


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