

Chesterbrook Academy Newsletter

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Welcome Fall



We hope you had a wonderful summer and ready to have an exciting 2014-2015 school year! Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter.

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).

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Spooktacular Help Needed!



The event may not be until Oct. 24, but there's lots of creative planning behind the scenes to prepare for this most anticipated event. Please consider any of the following:

▶ Wed, Oct 15 (5-6 pm)



PAC planning meeting to discuss event details. Volunteers, new ideas and/or helping hands for the event are encouraged to attend! Children welcome to stay in after-care while volunteers can assist with:

- **Wrapping classroom donations (if ready) for basket raffle**
- **Haunted maze set up and decoration on gymnasium stage starts TODAY!!!**

▶ Fri, Oct 24 (Before & after event)

Volunteers needed for the following event preparations:

- Event set up activities such as decorations, table/chair placement, game set up, etc. (Anytime between 1 to 5:00 pm)
- Consider staying an extra 30 mins to help with event clean up. Children welcome to help or continue watching the Charlie Brown movie. (9 to 9:30 pm)

Please contact PAC member Andrea Shultz via shultz2003@comcast.net to volunteer!



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



A Nobel Learning Community

Daylight Saving



► Sun, November 2

Daylight Savings Time in the fall is when most of the nation turns their clocks back, providing an extra hour of daylight at the end of the work day.

On the first Sunday in November clocks are set back one hour at 2am which becomes 1am.

Change of Clothes



► Seasonal & Size Appropriate

Please ensure your child has a seasonally appropriate change of clothing (including socks and underwear) in a gallon-sized ziploc baggie with your child's name on it and place in your child's cubby for those just in case moments!

Be sure to replace this extra set of clothes as seasons change and as your child grows.

All elementary school-aged children can benefit from this suggestion; even older kids aren't past accidental spills at lunch and during art class!

PAC Fundraising Update

► Thank you!!!

Many thanks to everyone's generous contributions and participation in this year's Boostathon and Dress Down activities!

Our goal this year was 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.

Thank you to all of our families for your **INCREDIBLE GENEROSITY** that helped us raise an amazing amount of \$4,242.00. Boostathon raised \$2,956 and Dress Down Days raised \$1,286.00. Please join us at our monthly PAC open meeting to plan events for the children and families throughout the year.



PAC Update Board Positions Filled



Many thanks to all volunteers! Please refer to article in CAN for a list homeroom parents for the 2014-2015 school year. November CAN will include listing and photographs of officers. We encourage all parents to be engaged at the school even if you are not an officer or homeroom parent. Please join us at monthly PAC meetings at the school, volunteer for classroom parties, PAC function setup/cleanup or by simply having fun at the PAC sponsored functions!

Did we say we can always use extra hands for set up and/or clean up at various PAC sponsored functions? See article on 'Fall Spooktacular' for ways you can help.

Dress Down Days



► First Friday of Every Month

All students who wish to dress down on the specified dates are required pay to participate. If you would like to participate, please fill out the appropriate form already sent home with your child or contact any PAC member. Cost is \$1 per day or a \$10 pre-paid cost which covers all 10 days in the school year.

Letter From The Editor

Is your child involved in an athletic, academic or volunteer organization outside of school?

Show case their accomplishments in an upcoming issue of the CAN.

We also welcome other submissions such as jokes, riddles, artwork photos and poems.

Send a photo(s) and brief highlights to kbeckey76@gmail.com.

Halloween Related Details



► **“FALL SPOOKTACULAR” Friday, October 24 at 6-9 pm**

The “FALL FEST & SPOOKTACULAR” is an event you do not want to miss! Activities include a haunted house, video game trailer, photo booths, crafts, classroom basket auctions, face painting and dinner! Homeroom parents will soon reach out to families to coordinate the classroom donated baskets for the silent auction portion of the event. Send in your RSVP form attached to this CAN today!

ITINERARY:

- Dinner 6:00 pm to 6:45pm
- Activities 6:45 pm to 8:30 pm
- Raffle winners announced 8:30 pm
- It's the Great Pumpkin Charlie Brown movie 8:30 pm (start)

DINNER TICKETS ARE BEING SOLD IN ADVANCE:

- Each entrance ticket (includes dinner) is:
 - Individual: \$9 per adult or \$5 per child
 - Family 1 package: \$22 (2 adults, 1 child)
 - Family 2 package: \$27 (2 adults, 2 children)
- Lasagna (vegetable and cheese), meatballs, salad, rolls, beverage and water ice dessert!

ACTIVITY TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR:

- Activity tickets - \$1 each ticket or \$20 for 25 tickets
 - Haunted maze
 - Extreme video gaming
 - Gaga games
 - Crafts
 - Photo booth
 - Miniature bowling
 - Face painting
 - And much more!
- Basket raffle, balloon pop & 50/50 tickets - \$2 each ticket or \$5 for 3 tickets
- Stop by the ticket room to get started!

ITEMS FOR PURCHASE AT EVENT:

- Silent Auction: Silently bid on an afterschool club, a chance to have lunch with your favorite teacher for front row performance seats at a discount!!
- Air Brush Graffiti: Shirts, hats and accessories on display in lobby for customization at event!



► **“CLASSROOM PARTIES” Friday, October 31 at 1:30 pm**



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. Homeroom parents will be coordinating party details with classroom families.

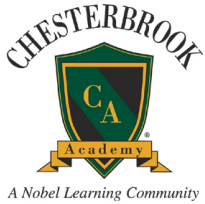
Your responsiveness to homeroom parent communications is greatly appreciated so that they can plan one of the most anticipated party by the children this year. Please reach out to them if you can assist or would like to attend in person, knowledge of helping hands present on this day is greatly appreciated – especially with the need to help the little ones change in their costumes!

Homeroom parents needing ideas? If there's time, reach out to classroom families for ideas or additional volunteers. You'll be surprised to know how many past homeroom parents are in your classroom. Another great resource are classroom teachers. They can best advise on age appropriate activities.

► **“HALLOWEEN PARADE” Friday, October 31 at 2:45 pm**

Don't forget to bring your cameras and video recorders! Come early to stake out a great location so you won't miss any of the ghosts, goblins and black cats doing their rounds!





Chesterbrook Academy Elementary Homeroom Parents 2014-2015



Andrea Shultz, HR Parent Coordinator

"On behalf of all the children and staff at Chesterbrook Academy, thank you for volunteering your time as homeroom parents to ensure a successful 2014-2015 year of fun and learning."

JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN

Cheryl Hannan

- Binita Patel
- Christine Smith

Kara Seacrist

- Mary Mcguire

KINDERGARTEN

Laurie Carney

- Minju Kim Al-Hajj
- Jessica Reigner

Bailey Morrash

- Sallyanne Williams
- Tracey White

Rebecca Harrison

- Janine Darby
- Jessica Reigner
- Maria Buehler

Nicole Hill

- Ashley Patton

FIRST GRADE

Kimberly Poluch

- Ricardo Rodriguez
- Chris Blaum
- Sarah Blaum

Shannon Higgins

- Debarati Roy
- Stacy Quartapella
- Mark and Moira Rubino
- Janine Darby
- Kim Beckey

SECOND GRADE

Jennifer Strohecker

- Maria McFalls
- Deb Bass

THIRD GRADE

Donna Valent

- Elaina Hardin
- Andrea Sierra
- Lisa Hartline
- Iryna Bogdashevsky

FOURTH GRADE

Pamela Kopanski

- Martine Fournier
- Will Beckey
- Jeanne Hill

FIFTH GRADE

Amanda Vail

- Rob Trout
- Jamie Trout

CAN'S KIDS CORNER

Arman Patel

YMCA Orange Band Certification

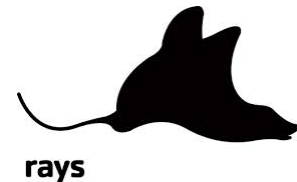


Way to go Arman!!!

Arman Patel's (Jr Kindergarten, Mrs. Hannan) swim lessons journey began January 2013 at the Spring Valley YMCA in Royersford, PA. Arman has been taking swim lessons all year round between the Spring Valley and Pottstown YMCA locations. In spring, summer and fall, Arman attended 2 to 3 nights of swim lessons (30 minutes per lessons).

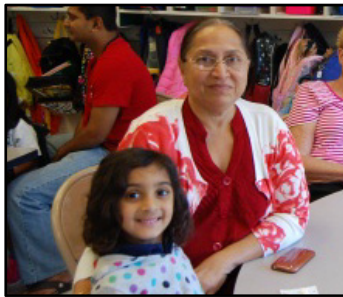
In the winter, he did Saturday only swim lessons. In the month of September 2014, he passed the "Orange Wristband" test at the Pottstown YMCA! To earn the YMCA "Orange Wristband" - "swimmers must be able to swim 10 yards in the pool with front float, with back float and stand. This allows a child 6-13 to be in shallow water without parent (parent must be on deck)."

Arman worked very hard to earn this certification. His family and friends are so very proud of Arman for this awesome accomplishment and for not stopping here... Arman is currently working towards obtaining the next level - the "Green Wristband."



Grandparents Day Tea and Bingo

(September 19, 2014)



Grandparents Day Tea and Bingo (Cont.)

(September 19, 2014)



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(September 19, 2014)



The Parents Association of Chesterbrook invites you to join us for
a haunting good time at our annual

Spooktacular Fall Festival

Friday, October 24, 2014

• **Chesterbrook Academy Gymnasium** • **6 to 9 PM** •

This is an event you do not want to miss!

Activities include:

the infamous haunted house,
video game trailer, crafts, gaga games,
photo booth, airbrush artistry, face painting, balloon pop,
mini bowling, classroom basket raffles and dinner!

Entrance Fee (includes dinner):

Individual: \$9 per adult or \$5 per child
Family Package 1: \$22 (2 adults, 1 child)
Family Package 2: \$27 (2 adults, 2 children)
Parents and other caregivers must accompany their children

RSVP by Friday October 17, 2014

It would assist us in planning event details such as food, activities and parking.
PAC planning meeting October 15th (5-6 pm at school)
Volunteers and those with ideas are encouraged to attend!

As always, the evening concludes with our favorite fall movie classic . . .
"It's the great pumpkin, Charlie Brown"

**PLEASE RETURN IN AN ENVELOPE MARKED "SPOOKTACULAR"
TO THE CHILD'S TEACHER OR ADMINISTRATION
BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17TH**



Child(ren)'s Name: _____
Child(ren)'s Teacher: _____
Attendance No: _____ \$9 per adult _____ \$5 per child
_____ Family Pkg 1: \$22 (2 adults, 1 child) _____ Family Pkg 2: \$27 (2 adults, 2 children)
Total Remitted: _____ [Checks payable to Chesterbrook Elementary PAC]

Yes, I can volunteer to:

- Help with Haunted Maze set up (Oct.15th 5-6 pm initial set up until anytime thru Oct.24 ~5 pm)
- Help with Fall Festival set up (Oct.24th anytime ~1 to ~5 pm)
- Help with Fall Festival clean up (Oct.24th 9 to 9:30 pm) - children can continue to watch movie

My contact information for the above volunteer activities is:

Name: _____
Email & Phone: _____