

# MARCH News Update

*from Chesterbrook Academy Elementary School @ OAKS*

**Despite the winter chill, things are heating up at CBA!**



## **Miss Seacrist Presents JKII**

Junior K read two versions of the Ukrainian folk tale, *The Mitten*, and compared and contrasted the two stories. We then worked together as a class to write our own silly version of the folk tale called "Our Mittens". Each student got a chance to be authors and illustrators by writing their own page of our story. We then "published" our story to make a super special class book!



## **Mrs. Hannan & Miss Missy's JK I**

Junior Kindergartners used all of their academic skills to celebrate February's holidays. We counted to 100 by ones, fives, and tens to celebrate the 100th Day! We patterned beads to create Valentine's Day necklaces. We created our own 100th Day Books, read Washington and Lincoln Booklets for President's Day, and created an "Our Country" page in our journals. Check out our Lima bean plants that we grew ourselves using dampened paper towels



## **TEAM KINDERGARTEN!**

Mrs. Carney's, Mrs. Harrison's, Mrs. Morrash's and Miss Hill's TEAM Kindergartens' **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Project has been to build houses for the Three Little Pigs that the Big Bad Wolf can't blow down. Students worked together to plan, build, test, and evaluate the first pig's house. Now, they are using what they learned with the first house to design a second house. We will see if the second houses prove to be strong enough to

...dampened paper covers,  
We also made beautiful  
water colored 100th Day  
masks, Lincoln and  
Washington faces and  
puppets, red, white, and  
blue bristle blocks prints,  
and "roller painted"  
Valentine's Day Hearts!!

...be strong enough to  
withstand that Big Bad  
Wolf!

[Check out our S.T.E.M.  
EXPERIMENT LIVE!](#)

## CBA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL @ Oaks

**Chesterbrook Academy  
Elementary in Oaks**  
**BY THE NUMBERS**

Top reasons why families  
choose our school:

- 1 Challenging Curriculum
- 2 Personalized Instruction
- 3 Quality of Teachers/Staff

Accredited by the  
Middle States  
Association of  
Colleges &  
Schools since  
**2008**

12.5  
Average years of  
teaching experience

100%  
of students  
participate  
in community  
service, STEM  
programs or  
field trips

Our technology teacher is the  
**2014**  
NCT National  
Teacher of the Year

1  
Staff for every  
student in  
100 grade

98%  
of our families are likely  
to recommend our school

Our average class size is  
**15**

7 Specialty  
Classes

- Art
- Music
- PE
- Health
- Technology
- Spanish
- STEM

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## Summer Camp and School Open House

When

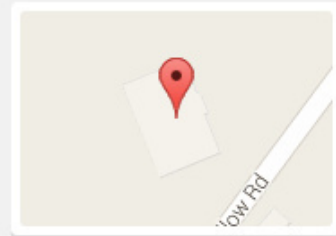
*Sunday, March 22nd, 1-4pm*

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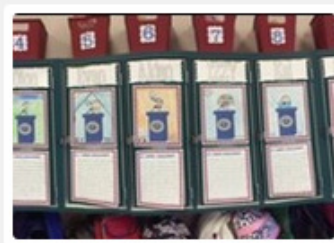
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More information

[SUMMER CAMP BROCHURE JUNIOR KINDERGARTEN](#)  
[SUMMER CAMP BROCHURE KINDERGARTEN & OLDER](#)  
[CAMP REGISTRATION FORM](#)



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## Miss Higgins' Future Presidents

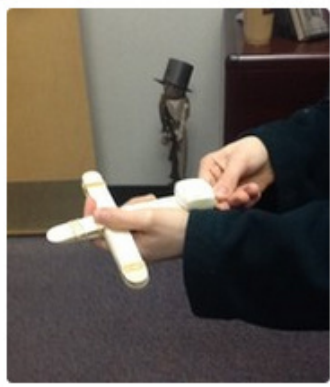
[Check out our Campaign speeches to catch up on our future candidates for President!](#)

## Mrs. Poluch's First Grade

S.T.E.M. introduces a future filled with Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in First Grade.

## Mrs. Strohecker's Second Grade Reader Leaders

Second grade was off to the reading race last month. They explored a variety of genres and learned that they like all different types of books. They read over 23,000 minutes for Read for Ronald McDonald House. Congratulations and keep on reading!



## Mrs. Valent's Third Grade Engineers

3rd Grade has been talking about, examining, and making different types of simple machines for their STEM project. Last week they used their knowledge of simple machines to construct small catapults which we used to "attack" the principals. Although it was an unfair disadvantage for the principals, they were the other hand, bombarded with mini marshmallows... YUM!

## Mrs. Kopanski's Geologists

This month the fourth grade students are transforming into geologists as they study rocks and minerals. The students are learning to identify minerals based on color, luster, hardness and scratch test. We will perform hands on activities to help us learn and identify the three types of rocks, and will end our unit on rocks and minerals by modeling the rock cycle.

## Mrs. Vail's Fabulous Fifth

We did a step-by-step process explaining how Transcontinental Railroad was built. We did this after reading the story The Ten Mile Day which was about how the Union Pacific team won a bet placed by the Central Pacific team. The Union Pacific team laid over ten miles of track in one day!

## Dates to Note:

### March Events

3/6 - Dress Down Day

3/8 - Daylight Saving (Move Forward 1 hour)

3/17 – Lucky Leprechaun Dance

JrK & Kindergarten: 1-2 pm

Grades 1-5: 2-3 pm

3/19 – PAC Open Meeting (5-6 pm)

3/22 – Summer Camp & School Open House SUNDAY (1 - 4 pm)

3/30 – Spring Break (Spring Break Gap Camp Begins)

3/31 – Spring Break – No School – Gap Camp 8.30-3.30pm



## Student Spotlight: Nina Scott

It was a great weekend for field hockey!! Nina's team finished 2nd in their pool. Nina played her best games ever...very aggressive and instrumental on both, offense and defense. She scored 5 goals to help her team 2 wins and 1 tie. They also had 2 losses, but she played great in those games and helped keep the defenders' scores low!

## Upcoming Dates to Plan:

April Events

4/1 – Spring Break – No School – Gap Camp 8.30-3.30pm

4/2 - Spring Break – No School – Gap Camp 8.30-3.30pm

4/3 – Spring Break (No School)

4/9 – Picture Day (Uniforms Required)

4/10 – Dress Down Day

4/10 – Third Marking Period Ends

4/13 - EARTH DAY: Kindergarten.: Perkiomen Watershed

4/16 – Report Cards Issued

4/17 – NOON DISMISSAL · Parent Teacher Conferences

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4/20 - Standardized Testing START

4/24 - Standardized Testing ENDS

4/24 - FAMILY FUN NIGHT @ 6.30PM!

4/27 - Standardized Testing (Make-up Day; 4/27 & 4/28)

4/17 - Earth Day Activities

Junior K: Karlinsey Science

Grades 1-5: Disney Monkey Kingdom Movie

4/23 - PAC Open Meeting (5-6 pm)