

Chesterbrook Academy

DECEMBER NEWSLETTER

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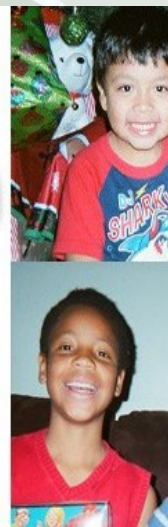
Angel Tree Program

We will be participating in cooperation with the local Salvation Army to give the gift of love to a less fortunate family in our community. We will receive the names of one family per class to sponsor this holiday season. We are asking for each class to collectively purchase new toys or clothing items that will be donated to the family to make their Christmas special. This starts on December 1st and ends on December 15th.

Program Description and Impact:

Angel Tree is a personalized holiday assistance program in which an individual sponsor or group sponsor purchases new clothing and toys for a deserving child (or "Angel") in need.

In 2014, The Salvation Army, with the help of numerous generous sponsors, provided holiday gifts to over 14,000 children in the National Capital Area. For many of our registered kids, the gifts they receive through the Angel Tree Program will be the only ones they open on Christmas morning!



Holiday Portrait Session

Dec. 12th 9 AM-1 PM

Hurry and sign up to reserve your spot! The cost is \$10 per session. Each session will last 15 minutes. You will receive a individualized cd with at least 5 poses on it for you to use for your holiday cards and invitations. This session is being done by our in house photographer, Ms. Shannon Lawhorne. She will then edit all of your family photos to ensure that you are receiving fabulous poses!

Scavenger Hunt

We are on a scavenger hunt for the following items:

- Empty Voss water bottles
- Old ties, aprons, and gloves for dramatic play
- Old cookie sheets
- Gently loved books
- Scrap paper
- Old magazines
- Scrap fabric
- Gently loved dolls
- Gently loved cars/trucks

Thank you for your treasures!

Important Reminders

- Vacation requests need to be submitted at least two weeks in advance.
- Payment is due the Friday before the upcoming week. Families will be traveling with the upcoming holidays approaching, however, payment is still due unless you are requesting your annual vacation week.
- Please make sure to send your child with a jacket each day. We are still required to take the children outside unless the weather does not permit this.
- Sick Policy: We are approaching that time of year! Please remember that we have a 24 hour policy. This is for the safety and health of all of children.
- Please provide us with an updated immunization record for your child. It is a state law that we have current immunization records for all children.
- Please notify us with phone number and email changes.
- Please remember to sign your child in and out every day.
- Please refrain from holding the door open for other people entering to prevent unwelcome visitors from gaining access to our building.
- Remind family and friends that a picture id is required to pick up your child.



Dates to Remember

- Dec. 4th Favorite Holiday Shirt
- Dec. 11th Bring a Bear to School
- Dec. 12th Holiday Portrait Session
- Dec. 18th Classroom Holiday Parties
- Dec. 21-Jan. 1st
PWC Schools Closed
- Dec. 24th Close at 3:30 PM
- Dec. 25th Closed
- Dec. 31st Close at 3:30 PM
- Jan. 1st Closed

Strawberry Santa Hats

Ingredients:

Strawberries with the bottoms cut off

1 bag of Wilton white chocolate disks

Frosting (can of frosting from the grocery store works fine)

Jar of sugar crystals for dipping and "snow"

"Sixlets" from Party City

Directions:

Make sure your strawberries are thoroughly dry otherwise the chocolate will not properly adhere to the berry. Use a bag of Wilton white chocolate disks in a double boiler. Once your chocolate has melted (you can use a bit of shortening to make it smooth) dip the bottom of the strawberries in the chocolate then roll in sugar crystals. Set on a cookie sheet lined with wax paper. Once the chocolate has set, remove the strawberries from the cookie sheet and placed them on a pretty tray. Put frosting in a ziploc bag and cut the corner a little and pipe frosting on the tip of the strawberry and lightly push the Sixlet into the frosting.



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An easy and delightful addition to your holiday table!