

Chesterbrook Academy

Monthly Family Newsletter

April 2016

Important Dates:

4/1: April Fool's Day

4/7: Caramel Popcorn Day (3:30-5:30)

**4/11-4/15: Week of the Young Child
(more information below)**

4/18-4/19: Spring Pictures

**4/19: Graduation Pictures for Rising
Kindergarteners**

**4/20: Look Alike Day: Wear Green and
wear sunglasses**

4/22: Earth Day

**4/22: Ladybug Release Day (Wear red
to school)**

4/27: Tell a Story Day

4/28: Take your daughter to work day

Tuition Due Dates:

Weekly tuition is due every Friday for the upcoming week. Fees are considered delinquent at 12:00 noon on the day following the due date (Monday). Late charge will be assessed in the amount of \$25 for each week the full tuition that is not paid on time.

If tuition and any other outstanding charges are not paid within seven days of the due date, attendance at the school is not permitted until the full past tuition and for the current period is paid.

All payments received after Monday noon will be considered late, and the \$25 late charge will be assessed.

In order to avoid repeated late charges, all families are urged to sign up with automatic payments, or pay with credit cards. Please stop by the front office to get more information.

Earth Day 4/22

This day, we make a purposeful effort to teach our children the importance of taking care of our planet by keeping it clean by recycling and growing more plants. Chesterbrook Academy has a long standing tradition of releasing ladybugs into the garden with students and families since the insects are essential in pollinating new plants during the spring.

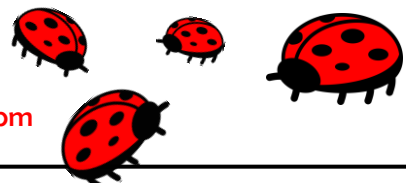


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Release of the Ladybugs (Everyone wears Red and Black)

Am-Preschool: 1:30-2:00pm

Toddler-Prekindergarten 2: 3:30-4:30pm





Week of the Young Child

4/11-4/18

(Special Parent involved events are in Purple)



The Week of the Young Child™ is an annual celebration sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) that Chesterbrook Academy partners with. It is the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 80,000 members and a network of over 300 local, state, and regional Affiliates.

The purpose of the Week of the Young Child™ is to focus public attention on the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs. Each day during the week of 4/11-4/15, children will enjoy fun activities that highlight learning, development, and their community. The Week of the Young Child™ is a time to plan how we—as citizens of a community, of a state, and of a nation—will better meet the needs of all young children and their families.

Music Monday: April 11, 2016

Through music, children develop math, language, and literacy skills - All while having fun and being active!

- ❖ The school will have a Flash Mob dancing to “Up town Funk” by Bruno Mars on the playground at 10am. Parents are invited to join!

Healthy Tuesday: April 12, 2016

Children will create their own healthy meals:

- ❖ Morning Breakfast-Fresh Fruit & Waffles
- ❖ Lunch-English Muffin Cheese Pizza
- ❖ Afternoon Snack- Ant's on the Log

Work Together: Wednesday April 13, 2016

1. To get ready for Earth Day have parents in the front lobby plant seeds in soil in either cans or use plastic containers with their children. Then take the cans that they planted with their parents and put them outside on Earth Day.
2. We will have the Fire Department visiting us to show the importance of working together to help the community.

Artsy Thursday: April 14, 2016

1. We will bring art outdoors! Wall painting on dark and light paper with chalk and pastels to create their own versions of the day and night sky!
2. Parents are invited to help with art-piece with their children during drop off and pick up to create a glass painting.

Family Friday: April 15, 2016

1. Children bring in a show & share object about a family trip, event, or tradition.
2. *Family Friday Afternoon Snack: Sign up to bring and share a healthy snack with your classmates and family.*

Vacation Policy Reminder:

Vacation Credits:

A vacation credit allows a family to take a week-long vacation without owing tuition. The credit may only be used in lieu of attendance and must be a whole calendar week, ie. Monday-Friday

Moving forward, we will be adhering to the following policies regarding vacation credits: a family becomes eligible for their vacation credit after *6 months* of enrollment. Two week advance notification in writing is required (ask the office for a Vacation Credit Form) or the request will be denied. In addition, each family will only receive one vacation credit per fiscal year (July 1 - June 30); all other weeks' tuition is due based on your enrolled schedule, regardless of your student's attendance.

Extended Vacations:

If a family chooses to withdraw their student while away on an extended vacation (2 weeks or more), the following rules apply:

1. We require a 4 week notice. We will not be able to accommodate your withdrawal until the 4 week mark.
2. A new registration fee is due *before* your last day to re-register your student upon your return.
3. We cannot pro-rate partial weeks if you withdraw mid-week or return mid-week, school tuition is billed based on the schedule you are enrolled for.
4. Your tenure with us is forfeit and for all policy purposes, your "first day" will be counted as your return date. Thus, you will have to wait 6 months from your return date to be eligible for a vacation credit.

Health and Safety

Sick Policy

At Chesterbrook Academy, we strive to provide a healthy environment to all our children. In cases of children showing signs of being ill, the purpose of our sick policy is to reduce the spread of illness among children and to encourage full recuperation of sick children before they return to school. As always, we depend on parents to assist us in maintaining a safe and healthy environment for all of our children. Chesterbrook Academy reserves the right to send home any student who shows signs of illness at school in order to reduce the spread of possible contagious illness harmful for young children.

Any student who becomes ill at school will be made comfortable until his/her parent can be notified and the student is picked up from school. A parent must pick up the ill child within one hour of notification. Children may be sent home if they have any specific symptoms as listed below. In addition, a child must be free of all of these specified symptoms without medication for at least 24 hours before he/she can be returned to school, or he/she has been seen by a doctor and it has been determined that the illness is not contagious. (A doctor's clearance may be requested.) These symptoms are as follows:

1. A fever of 101 degrees or more
2. Vomiting within the previous 24-hour period
3. Diarrhea within the previous 24-hour period (including recurring episodes of diarrhea at school)
4. A heavy nasal discharge indicative of infection
5. A constant cough or sore throat
6. Fussy, cranky behavior and generally not himself/herself
7. A skin rash, excluding diaper rash
8. Head lice
9. Symptoms of a communicable disease.



If a child or someone in the home is diagnosed with a communicable disease it must be reported to the school administration immediately (22 VAC 15-30-570)