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### *'Tis the Season...*

The holiday season is upon us and we are busy, busy at Chesterbrook Academy! We are starting off

December with a bang! Since this is a time of giving, we will be participating in "Toys for Tots." This is an opportunity to teach our children about the true meaning of this holiday season. There will be a decorated tree at the front of the school where children can bring unwrapped gifts for children who are less fortunate this time of year.

### *Links to Learning...*

This month the children are learning about *Celebrations and Cultures Around the World*. Throughout this month, they will be taught about "Winter Wonderlands", "Foods Around the World", "Holiday Traditions", "Music Around the World" and "Celebrating the New Year".

### *Wrapping up November...*

Together, with our local Chesterbrook Academy schools, we collected almost \_\_\_\_ canned food for Capital Area Food Bank. Thank you so much for the support and giving! What a great way to start the season and to make a difference to local families who are not as fortunate!

### *Schedules & Hours of Operation...*

We will be closed on Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> for Christmas and Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, for New Year's. As we prepare for the Holiday Season, please take a moment to let your teachers know which days your child will be here. The teachers will have a sign-up sheet posted on their door for the week of Christmas and New Years. This will help us to staff accordingly and for teachers to see their families.

# December

- 12.05.16 "Toys for Tots" & PJ Drive Collection Begins
- 12.09.16 Parent Date Night  
6:30pm-10pm
- 12.16.16 Joy of Dance:  
Parent Watch Day 11am
- 12.19.16 "Toys for Tot" Collection Ends
- 12.19.16 Winter GAP Camp Starts
- 12.23.16 Holiday Parties/Gift Exchange & Santa Visits Starts at 3:30pm  
Holiday Recital: Intermediate, Pre-K & PreK2 - Starts at 3:30pm
- 12.25.16 **Christmas:**
- 12.26.16 CLOSED- (Monday)
- 12.26.16 Ms. Sydney gone until January 2nd
- 12.30.16 Winter Gap Camp Ends
- 01.01.17 **New Year's Day: CLOSED**

**We want to wish everyone a safe, happy holiday and new year!**

If you will be utilizing your vacation credit, please remember that we need a two week notice to properly apply the credit. Forms are available at the front desk.

# Toys for Tots

We are proud to announce that our Chantilly Kid's Campus will be an official drop off location for the "Toys for Tots" charity. If you would like to participate in this toy drive, please bring a new, unwrapped toy between Monday, December 5th and Friday, December 16th. On December 19th the Kids Campus Principal and Buster the Bulldog Mascot will be collecting the donations and reading a story to the children.



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## Attention Parents:

*You are invited...*

We have planned a special afternoon for our Holiday Recital & Parties. On **Friday, December 16th**, all families are invited to come and join the celebration. There will be songs and snacks for the older children. The sign up for snacks will be on your child's classroom door. Intermediate, Pre-K & Pre-K2 are the only recital classrooms participating in recitals. Infant 1 & 2, Toddlers and Beginner are having parties and gift opening starting at 3:30 to celebrate the holiday. Please look out for information posted soon.

Also, the parking lot is usually full and we can not have families parking in the fire lane or handicap spaces, so please be prepared to park across the street. Since space in the building is limited, we also ask families to bring minimal guests to our event.

## Friendly Reminders:

**Tax Statements:** Please look for a signup at the front desk if you would like your 2015-2016 year to date tax form. We can send it electronically or have a printed copy once the last invoice is paid for the year. If you have questions, please reach out to management

*Coming up...*

*Preparation...*

Brrrrr.....The weather is getting colder outside! Please bring the appropriate outdoor clothing for your child and their cubby. If it is above 32 degrees we will be going outside. Always plan on your child going outside even if there is snow on the ground!

With the weather getting colder, you may ask yourself, "What do I do to find out if Chesterbrook is closed due to weather?"

The answers to this question are:

1) Ensure we have your accurate email because in the case of snow emergency, Ms. Sydney or Ms. Kirby will notify the whole school via email. Do you receive the school's monthly newsletter via email?

2) Visit our school website at <http://fairfax.chesterbrook.com>. The snow information will be posted in case of an early closure or late opening. Also, you can call the school and check the answering machine if for some reason our website is not working. Please always be safe and make the best judgment.

