

Ring in 2017! Happy New Year!

We want to welcome our families back to school and get ready for 2017! We hope that everyone had a safe, wonderful and relaxing holiday. We would also like to thank you and your children for all the wonderful gifts that we received! We really appreciate the recognition and we truly felt the love of what this season brought. We are so proud of our school and happy that we have such wonderful families and children. Everyone was too generous, thank you!

Holiday Recital Follow up

Our Holiday Recital was a FUN and entertaining event. Thanks goes to all our Chesterbrook children for singing their hearts out. We truly appreciate all the hard work the children and teachers put into our recital. Parent involvement is critical to your child's success and we were so happy to see all our families who could attend! It was a very special event! Thank you! I am so PROUD of everyone!! An extra special thanks goes to our Santa (Mr. AJ, Ms. Sam's Husband!), who was the biggest attraction and special treat for the children.

Links to Learning

The children will be having lots of fun during the month of January learning about Winter Fun. This month, we will be learning about Artic Animals, Snow & Ice, Eskimos and Winter Wear.

Charity Event Follow up:

I would also like to thank all who participated in Toys for Tots, and PJ Donation programs. We donated around 60 toys, and over 25 pajamas! The items were very much needed for these families. If you saw under our tree and donation stations, then you know it was a HUGE success! Our Pre-K2 children had a blast hand delivering the donations to a local organization for Toy's for Tot's in Alexandria, and really learned about the gift of giving. Thank you again!



- 01.01.17 New Year's Day
- 01.02.17 New Year's Day Observed – CBA Closed
- 01.05.17-03.02.17 Read Across America- Can our school read **1800** books? Lets try!
- 01.16.17 Martin Luther King Jr. Day- OPEN
- 01.19.17 Soccer Shots – New Season Starts
- 01.20.17 Inauguration Day – CBA Open
- 01.20.17 Inauguration Day - FCPS CLOSED
- 01.21.17 Saturday New Family Open House 10am-1pm
- 01.25.17 Kindergarten Preview Night-Chantilly Kids Campus
- 02.10.17 Valentine's Day-Parent Date Night 6:30pm-10pm
- 02.14.17 Valentine's Day Parties
- 02.20.17 President Day–CLOSED: Teacher's Training Day
- TBD: In February - Jump Rope for Heart



Coming up...



Read Across America-Parents Needed!

We hope that you are ready to start off the new year by reading books with your children! Lots of books! Reading together as a family is a wonderful activity that benefits everyone!



All books that are read at home and at school count towards our goal of reading 1,800 books by March 2nd in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday! There is a blank reading list for every child to take home in their cubby and additional reading lists can be found by the front desk on the bathroom door in a folder. All full reading lists can be turned in to the folder hanging on the bathroom door as well. We will total the book count every Friday until Dr. Seuss' birthday! Please help join our school event to reach our goal!

If our school reads 1,800 books by March 2nd, the children will get to paint Ms. Sydney, Ms. Kirby, and one PreK2 teacher!!!!



Thank you all in advance for your participation during this exciting event!

Ancillary: Soccer Shots

The new season of Soccer Shots starts soon..... If you are interested in signing your child up for soccer please register online @ soccershots.org/fairfaxloudon. Classes start 1/19/17

Winter Weather

In January, we expect to see more freezing weather including snow and ice that make our commutes challenging. While we want all our CBA families and staff to always make the safest decision for their families, we also strive to remain open for parents that need to go to work. These decisions are made in cooperation with our corporate office and parents will always be notified as appropriate. Please call the school at 703.803.7920 to listen to the voicemail, check your email and/or the school website if you have questions on closing.



Valentine's Parties 2/14 and Date Night: 2/10

Parents! Please look for a sign up for classroom Valentine's Day Parties on Tuesday, February 14th starting at 3:30pm. Please look for more information from your classroom soon about the Valentine's Day Parties..



We also encourage parents to sign up for our **Valentine's Parent Date Night!** We will be open until 10:00pm so that our parents can have a nice time together while the children participate in crafts and pizza with friends! The first child is \$35 and \$25 for siblings. This can be withdrawn directly through ACH!

Parent Survey Update (PAR)

DEAR PARENTS:

In our efforts to constantly improve our schools, we need your honest feedback on your experience at your school. During the month of January, you will receive an email containing a link to our online school survey. The survey will take less than 5 minutes to complete and your answers will help us make our schools better for our families.

Please be assured that your answers cannot be attributed to you. Only combined results will be shared with your Principal and Executive Director.

Note, you may receive and respond to two different surveys if you have children in two separate schools. Also, more than one parent may receive and respond to this survey if you have furnished your school with both email addresses. To ensure that you receive the survey in a timely manner, please add schoolsurvey@mghus.com to your email address book. Doing so will greatly improve deliverability.

We truly appreciate your support and your feedback. Thank you in advance for your time.

-Ms. Sydney

