

THE LOUDOUN STATION CONNECTOR

Chesterbrook Academy's Newsletter: July 2025 Edition



**"This is your democracy. Make it. Protect it. Pass it on." -
Thurgood Marshall**

A Note from Our Principal Team:

Dear Chesterbrook Families & Friends,

Summer camp is in full swing, and we are soaking in the fun! From spending time outdoors and having fun with sidewalk chalk or themed water tables to playing games with friends and participating in new learning experiences or field trip outings, we're creating a summer to remember! We can't wait to see the fun the rest of the Summer season holds for your children. Additionally, July is a special month as we celebrate our country's independence and participate in our summer giving initiative benefiting Alex's Lemonade Stand. With so many teachable moments present, these camp experiences are simply priceless in the realm of learning and growth.

Sincerely,



Jessica Eason, Principal
Jennifer Tanner, Assistant Principal
Yasmeen Washington, Admin Support



with fireworks...



School-Wide Events & Happenings:

Independence Day Activities

As July begins, our classrooms will be working on festive activities in honor of Independence Day. We invite our students to wear red, white, and blue on Thursday, July 3rd to celebrate the holiday. We will even have a parade outside showcasing our patriotic attire and spirit!

Kids Helping Communities

Every summer, our students participate in a Kids Helping Communities initiative to give back to populations in need. This year, we are excited to be focusing our efforts on holding lemonade stands in support of childhood cancer research. All marketing, preparations, and sales taking place at these stands will be conducted by our K-Enrichment, School-Age and Extreme Campers and all proceeds will be going to the Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation for Childhood Cancer (ALSF). ALSF is the largest independent childhood cancer charity in the U.S., focused on funding critical research and supporting childhood cancer families.

A couple times a week, our campers will be selling lemonade and a variety of baked items as well as gathering monetary donations in support of this cause. Participation is not required but appreciated. Please stop by and purchase some lemonade or treats at our stand located near the front entrance from 4:00-5:15pm on these days as we work toward this goal and learn about philanthropy together! All items will be \$1.00 cash, and no change will be issued. The fundraiser will take place periodically between July 14th and July 25th. To make a direct donation to our Kids Helping Communities project, scan the QR code above to be directed to our fundraiser page. Please see the front office team with any questions on this project.

Splash Days

Water days are so much fun! This year our K-Enrichment campers will utilize the neighborhood splash pad on Tuesdays, infants will have the option of water play at the school on Wednesdays, and the Toddler through Pre-K classes will participate in themed-splash table fun on Thursdays,



weather permitting. The group rotations will start between 9:00 and 9:30 am on these days. Please connect with your child's teacher on details in preparing for these water-based activities as some groups will need to come in already in swimwear and some will just need to provide swimwear at drop-off. Make sure you label and pack a dry change of clothes, shoes, and a towel on these mornings. In most cases (except for in the Toddler room), sunscreen should be applied before drop-off as well. For the safety of our students, we ask that they always wear closed-toe shoes during water play. Thank you for your partnership in creating a fun but safe summer.

A Friendly Reminder to Re-enroll for Next School Year!

Thank you to our families who have already secured their re-enrollment for the upcoming school year. Our classrooms are filling quickly and our teachers have already started to plan exciting new activities for next year. For those who have not yet registered, we urge you to complete the re-enrollment process as soon as possible to guarantee your child's spot.

Family Referral Bonus & Open House

Do you know a colleague who has recently had a baby, a friend in need of care who just relocated to the area, or a family member who is seeking a new preschool for their child? Invite them to our Open House/s on [insert school-specific dates and details]. When you refer a friend and they enroll, you're eligible for a **free week of tuition**. Ask us for details!

School Age Summer Camp

It's not too late to join the adventure this summer! There is nothing that compares to watching your child's confidence grow and seeing them have fun and make friends. By enrolling, you're giving them a summer they'll never forget. Stop by the front desk to learn more!

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Important Dates to Remember:

- Thursday, July 3rd - Spirit Day: Wear red, white and blue to show your patriotism
- Friday, July 4th - CBA CLOSED for Independence Day

- July 14th - 25th - Kid's Helping Communities - Periodic Lemonade & Baked Goods Stand Sales at Pickup
- July 31 – End of Month folders go home

*See attached camp activity calendars for Summer Camp Enhancements and Field Trips Scheduled in July. Weekly communication will be provided in advance of K-Enrichment, School-Age Day, and Extreme Camp outings.



2025 Preschool Summer Camp Calendar.pdf

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2025 Day Camp and Extreme Camp Calendar.pdf

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Looking for a new and different way to celebrate?

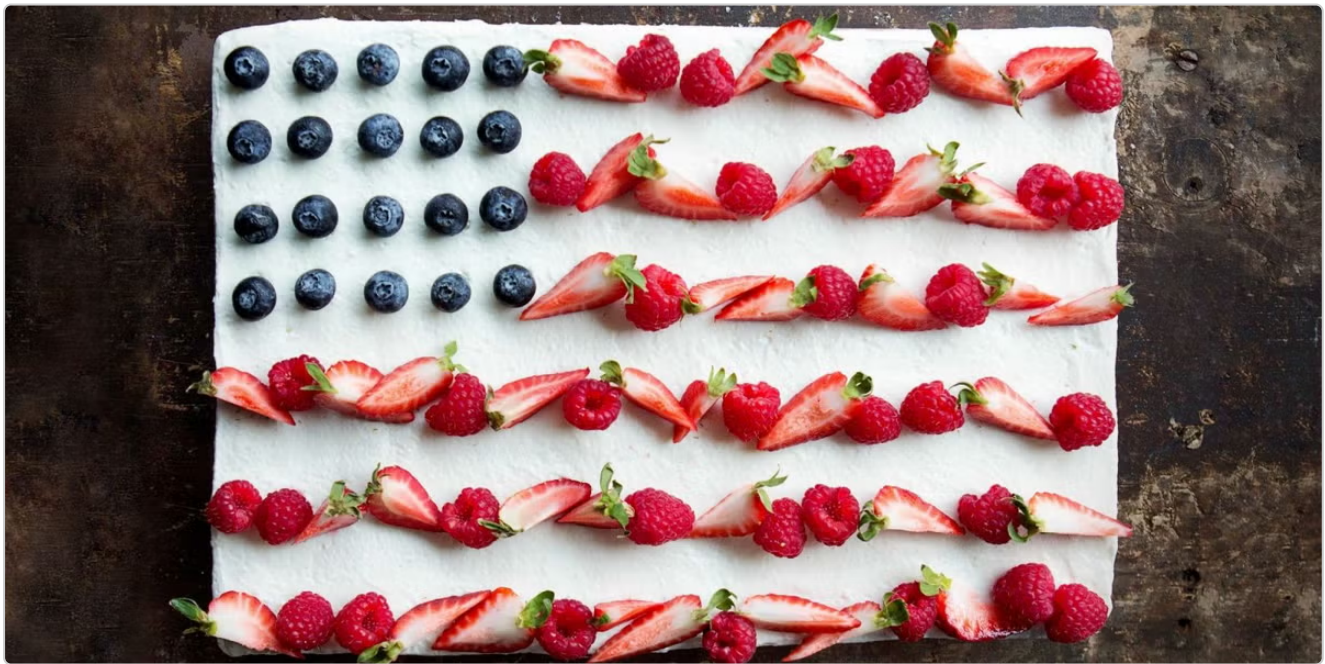
Our favorite is #2, of course 😊.



Family-Friendly 4th of July Activities That'll Keep Your Crew Entertained All Day

Looking for things to do on the Fourth of July? Celebrate the 4th of July by making unforgettable memories with your family.

4th Of July For Kids - Independence Day | Story with Interesting Facts for Children | Kids Academy



Get Festive With These Red, White, and Blue Desserts

These red, white, and blue cakes, cupcakes, tarts, milkshakes, and more will add a bit of festive cheer to your Fourth of July party.

delish.com

Decorate & Celebrate!

No holiday is complete without some DIY decorations -- here's a great list of 4th of July crafts for crafty parents and kids.

Don't love fireworks in person?

So, get them virtually, right here!



July Blog - Supporting Social-Emotional Growth Through Summertime Moments:

Summer is a season filled with sunshine, adventure, and fun activities to do outside. From backyard playdates to outdoor festivals, summer is filled with everyday opportunities for preschoolers to practice important life skills like sharing,

problem-solving, managing emotions, and showing empathy.

Here are some common summer experiences that help nurture social-emotional growth, along with simple ways to guide your child through them:

Practicing Patience and Flexibility

Whether it's waiting in line for ice cream or sitting through a long car ride, summer often requires a little extra patience. These moments help preschoolers learn to manage frustration and adapt to changing plans. If your child is getting restless, try naming the feeling: "I see that you are frustrated because we're waiting. I wonder what we can do while we wait." Then offer a calming strategy like deep breaths or a quick guessing game. When your child is ready, invite them to suggest ideas to encourage problem-solving skills.

At our school, we often use redirection when children lose patience or interest--this could mean asking them to help with a task or sparking a conversation about something they enjoy. It helps them stay regulated while learning positive ways to cope.

Learning to Share and Take Turns

Whether they're splashing in the sprinkler or playing in the sandbox, summer activities for preschoolers often involve sharing toys and space. These situations can be tough, especially for preschoolers who are still learning how to express themselves respectfully. If your child is having trouble taking turns, gently guide them: "It looks like Olivia wants a turn with the shovel. Would you like to give it to her when you're done, or should we use a timer?" Giving them a choice helps them feel more in control.

Building Independence and Responsibility

Summer is a great time to give preschoolers small responsibilities that build confidence and independence. Packing a bag for the park, carrying their own water bottle, or cleaning up after a picnic are simple ways to encourage social development through self-awareness and

accountability. At school, we might ask our students to help clean up the chalk after outdoor play or pack up their belongings after water play.

Talking About Feelings in Real Time

Big summer fun can come with big feelings. Maybe your child missed a nap, dropped their popsicle, or had to leave the park earlier than they wanted. These situations are valuable chances to help them name and work through their emotions. Try using calm, clear language: "You seem really sad that we had to leave." Then offer reassurance: "It's okay to feel that way. Let's take a minute to calm down, and we can talk about it together."

Encouraging Empathy and Kindness

From sharing a bubble wand to thanking someone for a snack, summer is full of small moments where children can practice kindness. These acts may seem simple, but they help children learn empathy and strengthen their relationships with others. When you notice a kind action, point it out: "That was really thoughtful of you to share your toy. Look how happy that made Evan!" Over time, they'll begin to notice and repeat those moments on their own.

By encouraging patience, independence, kindness, and emotional awareness, you're helping your child develop essential skills. These small, intentional moments add up to big learning, and some sweet summer memories, too.

To learn more about how we develop social-emotional growth over summer, and throughout the year, contact us/find a school today!



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