

Chesterbrook Academy Wayne

September 2023 Newsletter



Back to School!

The time has come! We had such an amazing summer, but are so excited to get back to the school year! Our teachers are preparing lessons to help our friends grow emotionally, physically and mentally. With the new year, new starts, and new classrooms, there is new room for each student to grow and blossom into the wonderful humans they are!

Upcoming Events

School CLOSED for Teacher Setup Day

WHEN

Friday, Sep. 1st, 7am-6pm

WHERE

Our School

MORE INFORMATION

School will be CLOSED for our Teacher Setup Day! Our teachers will be hard at work preparing their classrooms for an awesome school year!

School CLOSED for Labor Day

WHEN

Monday, Sep. 4th, 7am-6pm

WHERE

Our School

MORE INFORMATION

Our school will be CLOSED in observance of Labor Day.

Back to School Night

WHEN

Wednesday, Sep. 20th, 6-7pm

WHERE

Our School

MORE INFORMATION

Chesterbrook's 2nd annual Back to School Night will take place on September 20th from 6-7PM! Parents and family are welcome to visit the school, meet other families, and talk to your child's teachers! Children are welcome to attend as well (please note, families are responsible for child supervision during Back to School Night).

Reminders & Announcements

September Teacher Appreciation

This month, our Teacher Appreciation day will be on Wednesday, September 20th! Click the link below to sign up:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AAAB2FA6FBC34-september1>

As always, thank you to the amazing parents who participate in our appreciation days. These days truly mean so much to our wonderful teachers who work tirelessly to support and care for our incredible students!

Full-Time Only, Starting June 2024

Hello Chesterbrook families,

This letter is to notify all of our currently enrolled families that **we will no longer be offering part-time care starting in June 2024**. All families who are currently on a 2 or 3 day schedule will be required to shift their schedule to 5 days, with the option of participating in either half days or full days at this time.

Please be on the lookout for more information regarding this transition in the coming months.

Vacation Credit, Hiatus, & Withdraw Reminders

If you are traveling this summer, let us know if you are planning on using your **vacation credit**.

Please remember:

- Vacation credits require **two weeks' written notice** in order to be utilized
- Credits reset on July 1st.
- Credits can only be utilized for a Monday-Friday absence. If a child is present for any portion of the week, regular tuition will apply.

If you are taking a **hiatus** for the summer, please note:

- We require a 30-day (4 week) written notice for a hiatus date
- We will require a specified **return date** before we can place your child on hiatus in order to maintain their spot on our roster.

If you are planning to **withdraw** your child from our program:

- Withdraws require a **30-day (4 week) written notice** in order for your enrollment deposit to be credited towards your final week's tuition.

David Gerbstadt: Buddy Bench Makeover

As some of you may have noticed, our Buddy Bench has gotten a makeover! Now boasting beautiful rainbow colors and the words "Be Kind," our Buddy Bench was repainted by local Berwyn artist **David Gerbstadt**.



Gerbstadt prides himself on making colorful, happy, accessible art. He creates lawn signs, shirts, paintings, drawings, murals, stickers, and more! He often will leave artwork around the community for people to enjoy and take home. We are so happy to showcase his art & messages of kindness and joy here at Chesterbrook Academy!

For more information about David Gerbstadt, you can find him at the following links:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/davidgerbstadtart/>
- Art Website: <https://payhip.com/davidgerbstadt>

Participate in Career Day!

We are currently looking for parent volunteers to participate in a Career Day for our Pre-K & Pre-K 2 classrooms this upcoming October! Any parent is welcome to sign up to visit and share what they do for a living. Our goal is to get families involved to help inspire our students as they learn and grow here at school.

To indicate your interest & coordinate a visit in October, click this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AAAB2FA6FBC34-parent3>

A Look Ahead: Soccer Shots & Lil Sports

Lil Sports

Day: Thursdays

Dates: resuming October 5th

Times: 30 minute sessions per class

Price: \$15 per week

Link to Sign Up: *not yet available*

Soccer Shots Fall Season 2023

Day: Mondays

Dates: September 11 - November 6th

Time: 30 minute sessions per class

Price: \$23 per week

Link to Sign Up: https://chestercounty-newcastlecounty.soccershots.com/search?rid=232&st_t=1072&st_ti=1439&txt=chesterbrook%20wayne

Soccer Shots Winter Season 2024

Day: Mondays

Dates: January 8, 2024 – March 11, 2024 (off 1/15 and 2/19)

Times: 30 minute sessions per class

Season Length: 8 weeks

Price: \$23 per week

Link to Sign Up: *not yet available*

2023-2024 School Year Calendar

Our calendar for the 23-24 school year is officially available! You can find printed copies in the lobby, as well as a PDF version available on our website. Please note that calendar dates are subject to change, and we will keep you informed of any updates accordingly.

You can find the calendar online at this link:

<https://www.chesterbrookacademy.com/wp-content/uploads/sites/2/2023/04/2023-2024-calendar-wayne.pdf>

Classroom Happenings

Infants:

Back to school already?! We can't believe it!! While we are sad to wrap up Summer, we are so excited to begin the school year!! The infants can't wait to dive in to making special crafts like footprint school busses, free paint apples, abstract pencils, and more! We will also celebrate Labor Day with an adorable American flag art project as well!! September is sure to be filled with lots and lots of fun!!

Young Tods:

As the summer season draws to a close, the wheels on the bus are again getting ready to roll!! Hop on and buckle up to experience yet another exciting learning journey of our tiny tots as they sing their favourite rhyme

THE WHEELS ON THE BUS GO ROUND AND ROUND 🎵 🎵 🎵

Crimson, russet, yellow and gold

Yes, Fall is approaching, All Behold!

Humming, singing autumnal gospel

Our tots are going to rock and roll!

In the coming month, they will learn all about the fall season through engaging, hands-on activities 🍁 🍁 🍁 🍁 🍁

It's all about Feelings 😊 😞 😡 😄 😱 😭

Happy, sad, angry, excited or scared, the little ones will learn about all the emotions with an array of emotion-themed activities

Apple season is coming 🍏 🍏 🍏 🍏

Delicious, crunchy, munchy apples are season's favourite and we all love to indulge in delicacies like apple crisp, apple pies.

Toddlers are going to make the most of it as they will learn all things apples in the coming days

Tods:

Welcome to a new school year Toddlers!!!! This month we are going to be talking about the following topics:

- 9/4-9/8: Back to School
- 9/11-9/15: Farm
- 9/18-9/22: Fall
- 9/25-9/29: Apples

We will be reading lots of books and here are just some of them:

- Biscuit Goes to School by Alyssa Stantin Capucilli
- Noisy Farm by Rod Campbell
- Welcome Fall by Jill Ackerman
- Bad Apple by Edward Hemingway

In art we will be completing many projects, using different materials we will be making:

- School buses
- A barn
- A leaf
- An Apple

Reminders:

- No school on 9/1 and 9/4
- Back to School Night is 9/20

Lets get the School year started!!! We are so excited!!!!

B1:

Hello September!!! We are thrilled to welcome our new friends who will be joining the Beginner program and wish our friends who will be moving to the next class the very best. Shine On!!!

Week 1: Hurray!!! It's Back to School week and we are excited for a fresh start to the school year. We will have an introduction week in our classroom where we talk about class routines and get to know some fun facts about our friends. Based on our theme we will read the book "Curious George First Day of School" by Margaret and H.A. Rey and create back to school artwork.

Week 2: September marks the official kickoff of the Football Season and we can't keep calm!!! We will be cheering for our favorite team and show our support by wearing our team jerseys. We will read the book "Football With Dad" by Frank J. Berrios.

Week 3: Let's take a trip to the farm and say hello to the animals. We learn to make sounds of different farm animals as we read "Pete the Cat Old MacDonald Had a Farm" by James Dean and "Moo, Baa, LaLaLa!" by Sandra Boynton.

Week 4: Hello Fall! We officially welcome fall on September 23rd as we look forward to the beautiful scenery, changing colors, falling leaves and crisp mornings. We will read the book

"Biscuit and the Great Fall Day " by Alyssa Satin Capucilli and can't wait to create fall inspired artwork!

B2:

Welcome September and Back to School! Beginner 2 will be having so much fun while learning. We have 4 books that we will focus on the most this month We will read 'Golden Bear'. We will create a Golden bear project as we go on a Bear Hunt, we're not scared are you? Then we will read and discuss 'Time for School, Mouse' during this week we will generate an understanding of our classroom rules. We will also talk about what we like most about school and the stuff we don't like. Followed by reading the all time classic 'Corduroy' this book will find us talking about buttons as we make a Corduroy. We will also practice matching. Our last book will get us talking about construction as we read and discuss the book 'Road Builders'. This week you find us learning about the different trucks at a construction site! Another concept we will be learning about is the changing of the season, we will be looking at and create a Fall scenery picture. As always please remember to have a weather appropriate and size appropriate change of clothing in your child's cubby. Please keep an eye open for notes or signs of items we may need for our classroom, we appreciate your help in making our classroom an excellent learning environments for all of our students. Happy Fall.
Mr. Will and Ms. Jen

Intermediates:

This September is "All About Me" for the Intermediate class!

As we welcome new friends, we'll be "getting to know you" while we explore each others' favorite foods, colors and animals! In addition to learning about each other, we'll be learning about our classroom schedule, rules and rewards! Intermediate teachers are working with the popular Best Behavior book series this fall. Books in the series include: Germs are Not for Sharing and Diapers are Not Forever.

We'll explore Fall's seasonal changes, talk about our community helpers, and create expressive "Back to School" artwork as well!

Miss Alexis and Miss Kathleen look forward to discovering more and more about our Intermediate friends this school season! As always, we welcome family support and feedback!

Pre-K:

Welcome to the school year! We can't wait for another school year in Pre-K! This month will be all about getting acclimated to the school year, the Pre-K classroom, ourselves, our peers, and our learning! We will be focusing on:

- Getting to Know, You & Me! We will review our class rules and routines, while getting to know each other better! We will use a get to know me jar, line up for yes or no, copy cat, and make a family tree! 🌳
- Moods & Manners! We will look at 5 steps to managing big emotions, emotion charades, become manner detectives & more! 🔍
- Joys of the World! We will look at things that give us a joy. First, we will look at the sunset, learn why it happens and discuss the emotions we feel! We will relax at the beach by practicing mindful breathing to the sound of waves! September 21st is the last day of summer.

and International Peace Day! We will talk about what it means to be peaceful & why it's important. Then it will be all about love, how it makes us feel & what we love in life! ♥
•ABC, Talkin bout you & me! This week is all about gathering our general knowledge within language and literacy. We will review the letters of the alphabet, practice spelling & writing our names, as well as starting to look at simple sight words. We will learn about uppercase versus lowercase, and learn all the vowels! ➡

Pre-K 2:

I can't believe summer is already over and the school year is starting! I have so many fun things planned to help us get back into the swing of things! 😊

-For the first week we will be doing some getting to know us activities! We will fill out a getting to know me worksheet and tell our friends some cool fun facts about each other! We will go over the rules of the class and our daily schedule! Students will then practice some basic skills to know what we need to work on throughout the school year! 📖 📖

-For the second week we will be learning all about our five senses! We will review what each sense is and say what we do with each sense! For touch, we will explore all different kinds of textures and play a game of what's in the box where we guess what we are feeling! 🤏 Next for hearing, students will listening to different kinds of sounds and guess what they are hearing! 🎧 For sight, students will be going outside and saying all of the things they see and trying to draw them! 🎨 Then for smell, we will be using scented stickers to guess what each smell is and try to match the smell! 🌸 Lastly for taste we will be doing an apple taste test and graph the apples we liked and didn't like! 🍏 🍏 🍏

-Then we will be welcoming fall! We will be saying goodbye to summer and hello to fall 🍁 🍁 We will talk about the differences between summer and fall and talk about all the things that change outside! Students will collect leaves and do leaf tracing! Students will also practice writing some fall vocabulary! 📖

-Lastly students will be learning all about different kinds of moods and emotions! 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 😊 We will talk all about what kinds of feelings we can feel and what things make us feel that way! A big thing we work on is respect! We will be talking about what it's like to be respectful and how we can show that to the people around us. We will also talk about manners and why it's super important to learn our manners and when to use them!

Can't wait for an amazing school year!! :)



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