

Chesterbrook Academy Wayne

December 2023 Newsletter

Season's Greetings!

It's the holiday season and here at Chesterbrook Academy we are finding joy in every minute of it! This month will be full of exciting events to celebrate the holidays. From our Scholastic Book Fair, to the return of Chester the Elf, and fun classroom activities, this month is sure to bring good tidings to all!



Upcoming Events

Event Information

Scholastic Book Fair: December 4th-8th

Hooray! Our annual Scholastic Book Fair will be returning from **December 4th-8th**. Find out details & set up your e-wallet for book purchases below:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/chesterbrookacademy73>

When?

Monday, Dec 4, 2023, 07:00 AM

Event Information

School CLOSED: December 22nd & 25th

Our school facility will be **CLOSED** to students & families on **Friday, December 22nd** and **Monday, December 25th**.

Happy Holidays!

When?

Friday, Dec 22, 2023, 07:00 AM

Event Information

School CLOSING AT NOON: December 29th

Our school will close **promptly at 12PM** on **Friday, December 29th**.

Note that any child not picked up by 12PM will be subject to our late fees as usual.

When?

Friday, Dec 29, 2023, 12:00 PM

Event Information

School CLOSED for New Year's Day

Our school will be **CLOSED** on **Monday, January 1st**.

When?

Monday, Jan 1, 2024, 07:00 AM

Reminders & Announcements

And the Teacher Stockings were hung...

... by the *fish tank* with care! **Teacher Stockings** will be in the lobby for the month of December for parents' to drop gifts, cards, and other holiday tidings in for their children's teachers. If you are looking for a list of the staff members at our facility, check out the linked PDF (you can also find it in our lobby)!

Thank you as always for your kindness and gratitude towards our incredible educators here at Chesterbrook Academy. Happy Holidays!

Our Favorite Things.pdf

A list of CBA teachers and some of their favorite things!

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Letters to Santa

Ho, ho, ho! It's holiday time here at Chesterbrook Academy. Our Elf on the Shelf, Chester, will be returning to our school promptly on December 1st, and coming along with him will be a very special mailbox from the North Pole Post Office! Drop your letters to Santa in our mailbox, and Chester will make sure they reach their destination! And, who knows? Maybe you'll get a special reply from the big man himself!

NAEYC Re-Accreditation Award

We are thrilled to announce that our school program has achieved our re-accreditation by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)! Accomplishing a NAEYC accreditation demonstrates our commitment to quality and ensuring that our environment, policies, and practices are continually aligned with NAEYC's early learning standards and recommended practices. Overall, we received above average ratings for our school programming, with excellent scores for all of our classroom teaching and learning environments.

We know our teachers worked hard in preparation for our big NAEYC evaluation visit this past October, and we couldn't be more proud of all they have accomplished. Additionally, we would like to thank each and every one of YOU for your support and love for our school. We are so lucky to have such an amazing community here at Chesterbrook Academy!

Congratulations to us ALL!

Local Activities: The Turning Pointe Dance Centre Production

The Turning Pointe Dance Centre presents their production of **Joy In The World** on **Sunday, December 10th** at **Wilson Farm Park** at **1PM** and **3PM**. Admission to the performance is free, and refreshments will be served as well!

Let Us Know: Holiday Week Attendance

In the weeks leading up to our holiday dates of closure, we will be posting attendance sheets outside of each classroom. Please be sure to utilize this sheet by **marking which days you plan to**

send your child to school so that we can plan your attendance accordingly! As always with the holidays, we have a number of teachers hoping to schedule some much-deserved time off, and knowing your students' planned attendance will help us in our staffing plans for the week.

Thank you!

Vacation Credit, Hiatus, & Withdraw Reminders

If you are traveling, 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.

Winter Soccer Shots

Soccer Shots will return for our winter session beginning January 8, 2024 (OFF 1/15 & 2/19) for all children ages 2 and up!

Sessions will take place weekly as usual on Mondays and payments will be charged alongside your weekly tuition. Parents may utilize the link below to sign up (or check out the attached flyer):

https://chestercounty-newcastlecounty.soccershots.com/search?rid=232&st_t=1072&st_ti=1435&txt=chesterbrook%20wayne

Chesterbrook Academy Wayne Winter Flyer.pdf

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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:

We are ready to put the “brrrrr” in December!! The infants can’t wait to “chill” this month! Fun art projects as usual, working on our favorite sign language words/motions, practicing fine and gross motor skills, and listening to some upbeat, festive tunes are all on the agenda! We will make tape resist snowflakes, handprint snow globes, footprint holiday lights, and some super cute mistle-“toes”! We will work on sign language terms such as “eat”, “more”, “all done”, and “milk”. Pop up toys, stacking blocks, and our new garden digging toy will all help us further develop our fine motor skills! We can’t wait to listen to “Jingle Bells” while we take turns shaking our silver bell sensory tube! “Baby Shark Holiday Song” and “The Holidays are Here” are the perfect songs to dance to and will help us kick off this wonderful month!

Young Tods:

Chill and cheers

Cos’ it’s that time of the year!!! ❄️🎁🧊☀️❄️❄️❄️

Layers and caps, mittens and socks, are all we need to feel comfort and warmth to enjoy the winters to the tee.

Our tots will rock the season by making really cute and vibrant winter caps. They will also read “The Hat” by Jan Brett and dance to the song “The Winter Clothes”

Crumbly Cookies and Cuties!!!

Our little munchkins will be indulging in some decadently designed-activities. They will be creating their sweetest and most

colourfully frosted sugar cookies to enjoy the holiday season. Also, they will read “Llama Llama Holiday Drama” by Anna

Dewdney and sing the song “12 Days of Christmas”

It’s Christmas time

Spreading cheer and joy, our little Santas will create their amazing Christmas trees. They will read “Clifford’s First Christmas” by Norman Birdwell and cheerfully sing “5

Little Christmas Trees”

To promote cultural diversity, our tots will celebrate and learn all about the festival of ‘Hanukkah’. They will create some colourful and beautiful art. Also, they will read “The Eight Nights of Hanukkah” by Judy Nayer and sing the “Dreidel Song”

Tods:

Hello December!!! This month we are going to talk about the following topics:

- 12/4-8: Hanukkah
- 12/11-15: Cookies

- 12/18-22: Winter
- 12/25-29: Christmas/Kwanzaa

We are going to be discussing the different holidays in this month. We will also be discussing the changes in the new season winter. As well as reading stories covering the different topics. In art we will be doing multisensory activities and in music we are going to be listening to different types of holiday music and dancing to the different beats

B1:

Happy December! As winter begins to set in and with the Holidays just around the corner we can't wait to share our classroom happenings with you.

Week 1 - We begin the month, learning the story of the Jewish holiday Hanukkah. We will understand the different holiday traditions like lighting the menorah, Star of David, Hanukkah gelt and make kid friendly crafts. We will read the book "The Night Before Hanukkah" by Natasha Wing.

Week 2 - This week we will talk about Manners. We will read the books "Thank you Mr Panda" and "Please Mr Panda" by Steve Antony. We will practice saying " Please " and "Thank you" with our teachers and friends as we take turns sharing our toys and books.

Week 3 : Our theme this week is Christmas. We will learn about Christmas traditions and festivities around the world. We will talk about Santa Claus, the Elf on the shelf, putting up a Christmas Tree and the joy of gift giving. Finally, we are excited to host our holiday class party, please be on the lookout for the sign up sheet.

Week 4: It's our last week of 2023, and we are filled with nostalgia of everything this year has brought us. We will recap all the wonderful highlights of the year with so many new friends joining us in our class. We can't contain our joy and excitement as we welcome the new year, 2024!

We wish you and your families a joyous holiday season and best wishes for the New Year! 🍷🥳🎄
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Ms Suman and Ms Brynne

B2:

Is anyone else in denial of it being December? The end of 2023? I know personally, I ready for 2024, How about you?

Well we will conclude this year with some amazing books;

- Week # 1 - The Day the Goose got loose by Reeve Lindbergh. We will talk about many different farm animals, and we will create many amazing counting projects
- Week #2 - Mouse Paint by Ellen Stoll Walsh. This is one of my personal favorite books! We will be making masterpieces all week, we will use paint, markers and crayons. I can't wait to see the creative juices flowing!!
- Week #3 - This will be our week to touch on all things holiday related! Watch for some special holiday projects and our fun counting snowflakes activity.
- Week #4 - Pigs Aplenty, Pigs Galore by David McPhal, we will of course be making PIGS this week.

Aside from all of our fantastic books, we will be making a special gift for our parents, we will be talking about our upcoming month and our brand-new year 2024!

As always please check your child's cubby for weather and size appropriate clothing. We like to have one complete outfit in a labeled zip loc bag in your child's cubby.

Also look for a sign-up sheet for our holiday party! Thank you for all your help and support to make these parties be the best They can be! We are truly lucky to have wonder parents that help with our special requests, You make our days more special! Thank you!

Have a truly magnificent holiday season and a wonderful New Year!

Mr. Will & Ms. Jen

Intermediates:

In the month of December we will be talking about:

- Winter
- Different holidays that people celebrate in winter
- Animals including Hibernation season
- Sensory activity (snow)

Pre-K:

It's already December! Time is flying by. This month we will be exploring some winter themes!

Science Week is back!

- We will be making snow slime, make a snow flake painting using salt, make indoor snow, and even make our own ice cream!

Holidays Around the World 🌍

- This week we will look at different holidays celebrated around the world, including Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, Winter Solstice, Christmas, and New Years!

Trip to the North Pole! ❄️

- We are taking a class trip to the North Pole! First, we will look at our globe and identify where the North Pole is! Then we will make our own class North Pole out of paper mache! We are going to learn about arctic animals, different weather patterns, and how to adapt! Lastly, we will be checking out our glaciers! We will watch a video showing how our glaciers have changed over time and compare how cold water feels versus warm water!

All Aboard the Polar Express! 🚂

- We are making a class train! We will use boxes and paint to create our own polar express! We will make our own "hot chocolate" craft, and have some to drink! We are going to reflect on our year and talk about our favorite memories! Lastly, we will review our calendar and talk about what it means when a new year starts!

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