

Chesterbrook Academy Wayne

June 2025 Newsletter



Summer is in Full Swing!

We're welcoming the sunshine, warm weather, and all the fun that comes with it!

Summer Camp season has officially arrived! From splash days to exciting activities and everything in between, we're ready to make this summer unforgettable.

Our **June newsletter** has all the latest updates, important announcements, and all the summer fun headed your way!

Upcoming Events

Event Information

*School's out cookout *

We're wrapping up the school year with a fun and festive *School's Out Cookout!* Join us as we celebrate our amazing students, honor our graduates, and show appreciation for the special people who care for and support our little ones. We'll have hot dogs, burgers, snacks, and plenty of sunshine and smiles to go around!

When?

Friday, Jun 13, 2025, 04:00 PM



Schools out cook flyer

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🔔 School CLOSED for Juneteenth – June 19th

In honor of **Juneteenth**, our school will be **closed on Thursday, June 19th**. Juneteenth is a day of reflection, remembrance, and celebration of freedom. We encourage our families to take this time to learn, honor, and celebrate together.

Reminders & Announcements

Happy Juneteenth!

In 1863, President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared a formal end to slavery in the United States. However, it was not until nearly two and a half years later, in June of, 1865, that enslaved African Americans of Galveston, Texas got the news that freedom had come at last.



Since that day, Juneteenth has become a celebration of freedom, and was finally officially recognized as a federal holiday in 2021. **We celebrate Juneteenth each year officially on June 19th**, but for many, this holiday is a month-long occasion! This is a time to celebrate Black liberation, culture and joy.

Check out these resources below for tips and ideas on how to celebrate Juneteenth with your little ones:

- Time for Kids:
<https://www.timeforkids.com/g56/a-juneteenth-celebration/>
 - Boys & Girls Club of America:
<https://www.bgca.org/news-stories/2022/May/what-is-juneteenth-information-for-kids-and-families>
 - PBS Kids:
<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/5-ways-to-celebrate-juneteenth>
 - Book List from KB in Bloom:
<https://kbinbloom.com/childrens-books-about-juneteenth/>
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June is Pride Month!

The month of June is Pride Month! This month gives members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community the space to celebrate authentic love and life, and to remember our history. The first Pride parade was organized to celebrate the anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Riots, when a group of queer folks fought back against a police raid in New York City. Each June, we commemorate this moment in history and utilize this time to celebrate individual identity, self-expression, and love.



Check out these resources below for tips and ideas on how to celebrate Pride month with your little ones:

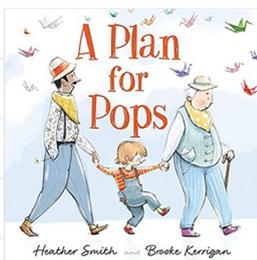
- [Fatherly.com](https://www.fatherly.com/entertainment/how-celebrate-pride-month-with-your-kids)
<https://www.fatherly.com/entertainment/how-celebrate-pride-month-with-your-kids>
- [ADL.org](https://www.adl.org/resources/tools-and-strategies/lgbtq-pride-month-and-education-resources)
<https://www.adl.org/resources/tools-and-strategies/lgbtq-pride-month-and-education-resources>
- Connecticut Children's
<https://www.connecticutchildrens.org/diversity-equity-and-inclusion/8-ways-to-celebrate-pride-month-with-kids/>

LGBTQ+ Pride Children's Books:

- "A Plan For Pops" by Heather Smith & Brooke Kerrigan
<https://www.amazon.com/Plan-Pops-Heather-Smith/dp/1459816145>
- "Julián is a Mermaid" by Jessica Love
[Amazon Link](#)
- "Mama and Mommy and Me in the Middle" by Nina LaCour & Kaylani Juanita
<https://bookshop.org/p/books/mama-and-mommy-and-me-in-the-middle-nina-lacour/17747275?ean=9781536211511>

For more books about pride, diversity, and inclusion, check out this website:

<https://socialjusticebooks.org/booklists/lgbtq/>



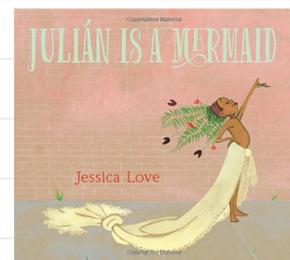
"A Plan for Pops" by Heather Smith & Brooke Kerrigan

Lou spends every Saturday with Grandad and Pops. But everything changes one Saturday when Pops has a fall. Now, Pops will need to use a wheelchair from now on, and the news brings up hard feelings for Pops. But Grandad & Lou are inspired to make a plan to cheer up Pops!



"Mama & Mommy & Me in the Middle" by Nina LaCour & Kaylani Juanita

For one little girl, there's no place she'd rather be than between Mama & Mommy. But then Mommy goes on a work trip. As the days go by, Mama brings her to the library, they watch movies, but she still misses Mommy. When Mommy finally comes home, all is well again!



"Julián is a Mermaid" by Jessica Love

While riding the subway home from the pool with his abuela one day, Julián notices three women spectacularly dressed up. When Julián gets home, all he can think about is dressing up in his own fabulous mermaid costume. A story of self-love and a radiant celebration of individuality.



June Teacher Appreciation

Our Teacher Appreciation Day this month is Wednesday, June 18th! The theme is "A Refreshing Thank You!"

- click the link below to sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AAAB2FA6FBC34-56844440-june>

2025 Summer Camp Calendar

Our 2025 Summer Camp calendar is now available! You can find it on our website, pick up a paper copy in the lobby, or click the attachment below to view



summer calendar.pdf

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Splash Day Reminders

Splash Days will run from **June 24th to August 14th!** The schedule will be as follows:

- **Tuesdays:**
Beginner 1, Beginner 2 & Intermediates
- **Wednesday:**
Infants, Young Toddlers & Toddlers
- **Thursday:**
Pre-K & Pre-K 2

Some quick reminders about Splash Days:

- Please bring your child to school dressed in their splash gear (i.e. swimsuit or water clothes) with sunscreen **already applied**.
- Please provide a towel & a bag to place wet clothes into after splashing.
- Please provide a change of clothes (including dry shoes) for after splashing - we will help your child change into dry clothes!
- Remember, close-toed shoes **ONLY!** Water shoes, crocs, and other waterproof shoes are acceptable. NO FLIP FLOPS!
- **No swim diapers** - regular diapers/pull-ups only

Please feel free to reach out with any questions. Happy splashing!

Staff Anniversary Shoutouts – June Milestones!

Ms. Debbie – Started 6/20/2024

A warm congratulations to Ms. Debbie on completing her first year with us! We're so lucky to have you as part of the Chesterbrook team. Here's to your first of many anniversaries!

Ms. Maria – Started 6/30/2003

Happy 21st Anniversary, Ms. Maria! Your years of dedication, care, and love for our school community are truly inspiring. Thank you for your incredible service and heart!

🎉 Congratulations to Ms. Emily! 🎉

We are thrilled to announce that Ms. Emily has been **nominated and awarded the prestigious Dr. Penny Hammrich Social-Emotional Learning Excellence Award** by the McNichol Early Childhood Education Lab at **Drexel University**! This incredible honor celebrates Ms. Emily's outstanding commitment to fostering the social, emotional, and character development of her students. Her dedication, compassion, and impact have not gone unnoticed—and now the world knows it too! Ms. Emily will be formally recognized at the **annual gala and award ceremony** hosted by the **School of Education at Drexel University**.

Join us in celebrating this well-deserved recognition of Ms. Emily's incredible work! ✨🎉

Classroom Happenings

Infants

Summer is in full bloom and so are our little friends to enjoy the warm weather to the tee!

And it's all about the Beaches, a place we all love to be with our family and friends 🏖️
Feeling sand and pleasantly cool water between your toes on a hot summer day, making and breaking sandcastles 🏰, laying on a beach with the sunglasses 🕶️ on... the list is getting long for the fun is endless 🌊🌊🌊 🎶🎶🎶 🎵🎵🎵

Our little ones are ready as ever in their cute little flip flops 🩴🩴 to splash in and learn all about the beaches in the coming days!

We all love watermelons 🍉🍉 as much as we love the warm weather ☀️☀️☀️

Watermelon and summers, are the best buddies ever. And what is more satiating than a slice of juicy, crunchy watermelon to enjoy the hot days to the tee. Infants will express their love for this refreshing fruit through some colourful art activities in the coming days 🍉🍉🍉🍉

And the final Adventure for the month unfolds!!

We are blasting off into the outer space to meet

Mr The Sun! ☀️☀️☀️☀️

Our little stars will create the brightest and the warmest Sun to celebrate Summer to the fullest! 🌟

Young Toddlers

Young toddler's News letter for June

Happy Father's Day to all the Dads! Welcome into June! We are sad to say goodbye to kids transitioning to the next room this month. We are going to miss them and have enjoyed seeing them grow their first year 🥰 but we are also happy that some of the new kids are coming to Young Todd's right away 😊

- Zoo : we will focus on simple activities like animal sounds, finger puppets, and sensory bins with soft materials and animal toys.
- Super Dad : Father's Day is the third Sunday in June. We will be celebrating Father's Day by making Father's Day craft using glue sticks, papers and colors.
- Ice cream : I scream, you scream, we'll scream for Ice Cream 🍦 we will discuss our favorite ice cream flavors and colors.
- Color Yellow : Oh Mr. Sun, Sun, Mr. Golden Sun, please shine down on me... Yellow is summer time. Yellow color is bright and engaging also promotes a sense of happiness 😊*

Toddlers

Summer is right around the corner and our toddlers have grown so much before our eyes! This month we shall be saying farewell as some of our students are moving up to beginners and bigger and brighter futures where their teachers will miss them. We are also welcoming several new students to our toddler classroom family over the summer for camp. This month we will welcome them with open hearts, arms and exciting summer activities. Our themes if this month are as follows:

Week 1 - kids helping kids

Week 2 - all sorts of sports

Week 3 - storybook summer

Week 4 - tinker around

Week 5 - minute to win it

Over the course of this month we will be making new exciting crafts, exploring the world around us, learning new songs, learning new games, reading new books, and learning how to help one another to grow in amazing new ways.

Beginner 1

JUNE is here and so is Summer!! We welcome new friends joining our class and all the wonderful learning experiences this month.

Week 1: June is National Camping Month and our theme this week is " Camping ". From Tents to campfires, Sleeping Bags to S'mores, we will create some great memories during dramatic play. We will read the books " Llama Llama Loves Camping " by Anna Dewdney and Bluey " Camping " .

Week 2: This is a very special week as we are excited to celebrate Father's Day. We will share experiences and stories of our awesome Dads and make special cards for them. We will read the books " All Kinds of Families " by Suzanne Lang and " Biscuit Loves Father's Day " by Alyssa Satin Capucilli.

Week 3: It's the official start to our Summer Camp 2025 " Embrace The Adventure " on June 16th. We are so excited for all the hands-on activities, unforgettable memories and unending fun. We will read the book " A Summery Saturday Morning " by Margaret Mahy. This week we welcome new

friends into the Beginner program and our class and are going to miss friends moving up to Intermediates. We wish you the best and we will see you around!

Week 4: We will take a virtual trip to the Zoo as we plan fun learning explorations of our favorite animals and their habitat. We will understand how the Zoo helps with the conservation and protection of wildlife. We will read the book "The View At The Zoo" by Kathleen Long Bostrom.

Here's wishing all the awesome Dads a **Happy Father's Day!!!**

We look forward to a memorable summer ahead and thank you to our wonderful families for your continued support to make it an enriching school year.

Ms. Suman and Ms. Brynne

Beginner 2

Beginner 2 will be Jumping into June as we look forward to warmer weather and more time outside! We are going to have an amazing Summer. We kick off the Summer with Judy Tudy on June 13, we love how fun and creative she is! We will have Splash Days on Tuesdays! These days please bring your child to school dressed in their bathing suit and water shoes, bring a towel and spare clothing for them to dry off and get changed into. Please Label everything! On June 24 we have a Dance Party w/ Zubair so let's bring our energy! Then Friday the 27th we are going to "Shake It Out" at our school wide Dance party, get ready to be a Swiftie!

In class we will Read several books including 😊

Week 1- A Summery Saturday Morning by Margaret Mahy and Duck and Goose go to the Beach by Tad Hills - we will enjoy talking about the beach, playing with sand and beach toys!

Week 2-Beach Day by Karen Roosa another week of all things beachy!

Week 3- We will have surprise book to read this week

Week 4- Zigby Camps Out by Brian Peterson, we will shift our gears and talk about camping!

With this being said, we are looking for the following summer items... Beach toys, items for our Summer Sensory table be creative all things Summers, beach balls and we would like to borrow a tent for our Camp out week please let Ms. Jen know if you have a tent!

Have you brought Sunscreen? Filled out the form? Also, please update your child's cubby with Summer Clothing!

Have fantastic Summer!! We are always here to answer any questions you may have!

Intermediates

Happy June! Almost summertime and we only have a couple weeks left of the school year!!

In the first week of June we will be talking about Opposites. Night/Day, Happy/Sad, and much more! During that week students will have an opposite buddy and will do everything the opposite of! Next, its the last week of the regular school year! We will go over some End of the Year topics and discuss our favorite things we have learned! That week is also our Schools out Cook out BBQ! It will be a fun-filled week! Then, the next two weeks we will be discussing Summer and the Beach! Is Summer your favorite season? What can you do in the summer but you cannot do in the Winter? Lastly, we will be talking about Under the sea! Which animals live in the ocean? We will also be creating some very cool sea creatures!

Pre-K

Happy June! As we head into the final month of our Pre-K year, we are overcome with a bittersweet sadness to see some of our friends go, but so proud of our little graduates and are excited for their futures ahead! To our friends coming back in the fall, we are so excited for you to come back but we hope you have so much fun on your adventures! Tune in to see what lies in our month ahead while we review all the amazing things we've learned and get ready for summer fun!

Week 1: Alphabet & Letter Sounds

We'll start the month by reviewing the alphabet and the sounds each letter makes. We will work hard at our phonics skills and make sure all our little learners understand the letter sound relationships!

Week 2: Number Review

This week is all about numbers! We will be reviewing our number identification, counting to 100 by ones and tens, and playing some fun math board games!

Week 3: Introduction to Summer Camp

We'll begin talking about what to expect during Summer Camp! We'll explore new themes, routines, and activities to help the children feel excited and prepared for the transition.

Week 4: Friendship & Classroom Community

To close out the month, we'll focus on friendship—how to be a kind friend, how to share and play nicely with our toys, and a review of classroom rules. It's a great time to celebrate all the social-emotional growth we've seen this year!

Thank you for all your support during this wonderful school year—we're so proud of how much our Pre-K friends have grown!

With gratitude,

Ms.Racheal and Mx.Hannah

Pre-K 2

Hooray! We've made it to June! We're sad to say goodbye to some classmates so soon! This month, students will enjoy celebrating the end of the "school year" and the beginning of summertime. While we transition into summer camp mode, we will spend the month talking about tools, flags, colors, and kindness! Our PreK-2 friends will complete plenty of fun review activities to help them feel extra prepared for kindergarten, with both their smarts AND social skills!

Some highlighted books include: *Julian is a Mermaid* by Jessica Love, *Dads are Such Fun* by Jakki Wood, *One Hundred is a Family* by Pam Muñoz Ryan, *My Shadow is Purple* by Scott Stuart, and *Boxitects* by Kim Smith.

Weekly Themes:

Week 1: Rainbows & Kindness

- Primary, secondary, and more colors
- Manners and friendly interactions
- How can we spread kindness?

Week 2: Father's Day & Flag Day

- Spanish family member review
- Flags: symbols and colors convey meaning

- What makes your family special?

Week 3: Purple & Juneteenth

- Making “purple people” choices
- Understanding equality, history, and holiday
- Seasons and months review; Spring to Summer

Week 4: Tools & Tinkering

- Understanding different tools and usages
- Reading analog clocks
- Counting currency, coins and dollars

Week of 6/30 will serve as July week 1.

Summer Session of Soccer Stars is kicking off soon! 🌞🏈

Program Dates: June 24th – August 19th

When: Tuesday Mornings

Where: Right here at Chesterbrook Academy!

Soccer Stars is a fun, high-energy program that introduces children to the fundamentals of soccer while encouraging teamwork, confidence, and coordination—all in a playful, age-appropriate setting.

Ready to register?

Check out the **flyer** and simply scan the **QR code** to sign up! You can also find a printed version of the flyer in the **school lobby!**

Spots fill up quickly, so don't wait too long to secure your child's place on the field!

Let's get ready to kick off a great summer!



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Oh, the Places We've Been!

Going on vacation this summer? We want to see it! Bring back a photo, post card, or other memorabilia to share with the school on our "Oh, the Places We've Been" display in our lobby. We can't wait to see what adventures await our community!

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 via email** 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.
- New students must be **enrolled for 6 months** to be eligible for a vacation credit.
- Students who have taken a **recent hiatus** will need to wait **6 months** to be eligible for a vacation credit.

If you are taking a **hiatus**, please note:

- We require a 30-day (4 week) written notice via email for a hiatus date
- A hiatus must be a minimum of three weeks long
- 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 via email** in order for your enrollment deposit to be credited towards your final week's tuition.
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Shoe Policy

With the weather warming up, we wanted to give a reminder to all families that **open-toed shoes are not permitted to be worn during the school day**. This is a licensing regulation that we must follow strictly. We recommend the following closed-toed shoe options for warm weather:

- Sneakers
- Crocs (with the strap down to secure the shoe to the ankle)
- Native Shoes (Jefferson Slip-On Sneaker) or Keen Shoes
- Any other close-toed shoe

Please let us know if you have any questions!

Communication Courtesy Reminders

As a friendly reminder, when **emailing** your Chesterbrook Academy Wayne administration team, **be sure to copy Sarah, Liz, and Caitlin on all correspondences!** This is important so that everyone can remain in the loop & provide the best service and communication possible.

Additionally, please keep in mind that if you are sending a Direct Message via Tadpoles in the late afternoon or evening, it is possible that your child's teacher has left for the day and is not available

to respond to your message. **When this happens, we will be sure to get in touch with you ASAP during the next business day.**

Thank you everyone for your continued cooperation and partnership!

Cubby Clothes Reminders

As the weather is warming up, remember to change out your child's spare cubby clothes accordingly! As a reminder, we recommend all children have extras of the following clothing items in their cubbies:

- Shirts
- Pants
- Undies
- Socks
- Shoes

Sunscreen & Water Bottles!

With the weather warming up, we want to be totally prepared! Here are some quick reminders about sunscreen and water bottles during the warm weather months:

Sunscreen:

- Please provide at least one bottle of unopened, unexpired, liquid or stick sunscreen to be kept at school for your child to utilize during the spring/summer.
- Sunscreen sprays are not permitted.
- Sunscreen must be applied **at home** before school in the mornings. Teachers will re-apply sunscreen to students in the afternoon.
- All sunscreen must be labeled & signed with our sunscreen stickers (available in the lobby).
We cannot apply sunscreen that has not been properly labeled.

Water Bottles:

- You may provide a reusable water bottle for your child to bring outside during trips to the playground.
- Plastic, single-use water bottles are not permitted.
- All water bottles must be **labeled clearly** with your child's name.
- Please remember to **bring the reusable bottle already filled with water.**

Please feel free to let us know if you have any questions!

Parking Lot Reminders

As we approach the busy summer season, we want to kindly remind everyone of our school's parking and safety procedures to help keep all of our children, families, and staff safe during arrival and dismissal.

Parking Lot Reminders:

- Please enter the school **through the Bottom Lot only**. Do **not** use the first entrance—always use the **second entrance**.
- Once inside the lot, follow the **right side of the traffic circle** to find your parking spot, and follow the same path when exiting.
- Please **double check all blind spots and mirrors** before moving your vehicle. Our little ones are quick and can be hard to spot!

Child Safety Reminders:

- Always **hold your child(ren)'s hands** and help them practice safe habits like stopping, looking both ways, and walking calmly.
- **Never leave a child unattended in a car**, even for a brief moment.
- When buckling children in, please be courteous of others waiting to enter or exit through the doors.
- Always **turn off your car** when entering the building with your child.

Communication Reminder:

We kindly ask everyone to **be respectful** and communicate with one another in a kind and productive manner. We are a community, and your cooperation helps create a safe and welcoming environment for all.

Important Note:

Beginning **Tuesday, May 27th**, all **CBA staff will be parking in the top and middle lots** due to the opening of the pool.

Thank you for your continued support and attention to these important safety measures. As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions.

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Pickett Post Swim Meets

As many of you know, the Pickett Post Swim Club is officially open! Considering this, we ask that all families continue to be mindful of heightened traffic in our parking lot during pick-up times. As always, we highly recommend families pick up their students as early as possible & limit the amount of time we are in the lot on these days in order to cut down on traffic congestion. We will notify all families via email when the Swim Club is hosting events or swim meets so that everyone can prepare accordingly.

As of now, the tentative schedule for swim meets is as follows:

- Monday, 6/16 - Mock Meet/Picture Day
- Thurs, 7/10 - Meet Make-up date
- Tues, 7/15 - Home Meet
- Thurs, 7/17 - Home Meet
- Friday, 7/18 - Social Event

For more information, please check out this link:

https://pickettpostswimteam.swimtopia.com/swim_meets

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out!

Toys from Home

As a friendly reminder, we typically ask that all families **refrain from sending toys from home to school**. Students are permitted to have **one soft toy** to utilized at **naptime only**, and otherwise be kept in their cubby. Toys or other objects from home such as action figures, cars, trains, books etc. are not permitted, as they can be lost/broken/cause classroom disagreement.

Thank you for your flexibility!

We'd love to hear what makes our school special to you!

Scan the QR code to share your experience with a quick Google review. Your feedback means the world to us! 😊



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