

Chesterbrook Academy Wayne

October 2025 Newsletter

October Adventures Await at Chesterbrook!

Fall is here, and we're ready to jump into October with excitement! This month is packed with festive fun, hands-on learning, and plenty of opportunities to explore.

We can't wait for our Halloween Parade that will be filled with fun costumes and lots of silly spooky memories for the whole family!

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community. With your support, October is sure to be full of autumn magic.



Need a Night Out?

Looking for a trusted sitter? We've got you covered! Reach out to the office and we'll share a list of our wonderful teachers who love a little side gig. The best part is that every one of them is CPR certified and fully cleared by the state. You can enjoy your night out while your little one is in safe, familiar hands. Date night just got easier!



October Teacher Appreciation 10/15

This October, we want to show our amazing teachers some love with a Stock the Fridge treat!

Families are invited to help us keep our staff fridge filled with bottled and canned drinks (please, no gallon-sized items). It's a simple way to say, "thank you" and keep our teachers refreshed and energized all month long. We appreciate your support in making this October extra special for our teachers!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AAAB2FA6FBC34-59096635-october>

Events & Announcements

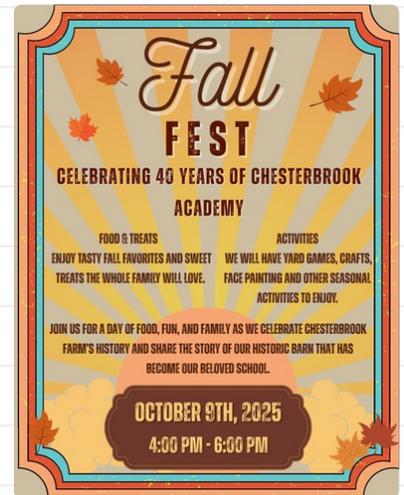
Fall Fest

CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF CHESTERBROOK ACADEMY

October 9th, 2025 4:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Join us for a day of food, fun, and family as we celebrate Chesterbrook Farm's history and share the story of our historic barn that has become our beloved school. Let's celebrate the past 40 years together and look forward to many more!

We're celebrating four decades of excellence at Chesterbrook Academy! A journey that started in 1985 when Rocking Horse Child Care Centers transformed historic Chesterbrook Farm into the beloved school we are today. From dairy cows and prizewinning livestock in the early 1900s to becoming a beacon of curriculum-based education serving children from 6 weeks through 8th grade across many states, what a ride it's been! [Chesterbrook Academy](#).



Spooktacular open houses

On Thursday, October 23rd from 4 - 6 PM & Saturday, October 25th from 10 AM - 12 PM, join us for fun, fall-themed activities during our Open House events. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors to celebrate with us!

[Register - Chesterbrook Academy](#)



Holidays and Observances in October!

October is full of reasons to celebrate big and small!

- **October 1st – National Coffee Day**
A true lifesaver for parents and teachers everywhere!
- **October 1st – Yom Kippur**
A day of reflection, prayer, and atonement.
- **October 13th – Indigenous Peoples' Day**
A time to honor and celebrate the history, traditions, and cultures of Indigenous communities.
- **October 13th – Breast Cancer Awareness Day**
Show your support and wear pink to school.

- **October 20th – Diwali**

Celebrate the Festival of Lights, a beautiful tradition honoring joy, hope, and new beginnings.

- **October 31st – Halloween Parade**

Costumes, smiles, and plenty of spook-tacular fun!

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Learning About October Holidays

October is a month full of traditions, celebrations, and opportunities to learn! This year, we're highlighting a few meaningful holidays that families may recognize and children can begin to understand.

- **Yom Kippur (October 1):** A day of reflection in the Jewish faith, focusing on kindness, forgiveness, and making positive changes.
- **Indigenous Peoples' Day (October 13):** A time to honor and celebrate the history, traditions, and cultures of the first people to live on this land.
- **Diwali (October 20):** Known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali celebrates joy, hope, and new beginnings with candles, lanterns, and family traditions.

Here are some resources parents can use to celebrate and honor these holidays with their young learners:

- **Yom Kippur:** [Yom Kippur for Kids: Activities and Teaching Resources](#)
- **Indigenous Peoples' Day:** [Celebrate Indigenous Stories | TVOKids.com](#)
- **Diwali:** [Diwali—Festival of Lights | National Geographic Kids](#)

Celebrating these holidays helps children build respect, understanding, and appreciation for the many cultures and traditions in our world.

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Community Happenings

Wilson Farm Park has some amazing things lined up for October!

Community Day: On Saturday October 4th from 1pm - 5pm! You can head on over to Wilson Farm Park to enjoy Music From Just4Fun Music, food from local vendors like; Buddy's Burger, JT Wilder BBQ, Kona Ice and so much more! 🍷

Trunk or Treat: The annual Trunk or Treat will be on Saturday October 25th from 2pm - 4pm at Wilson Farm Park Picnic Pavilion.



Tredyffrin Township
Community Events 2025

SEPT 4	SEPTEMBER CONCERT BUSTED BAND 7 PM - WILSON FARM PARK
SEPT 12	FALL MOVIE NIGHT MOVIE BEGINS AT DUSK - WILSON FARM PARK
OCT 4	COMMUNITY DAY 1 PM - 5 PM - WILSON FARM PARK PICNIC PAVILION
OCT 25	TRUNK OR TREAT 2 PM - 4 PM - WILSON FARM PARK PICNIC PAVILION
DEC 6	TREE LIGHTING CELEBRATION 6 PM - 7 PM - WILSON FARM PARK (RAIN DATE: DECEMBER 7)

ALL EVENTS ARE FREE TO THE PUBLIC & WEATHER PERMITTING

WWW.TREDYFFRIN.ORG

For more information head to their website: <https://www.tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks-Recreation/Community-Events>

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Happy Halloween!

🎃 Halloween Parade – Save the Date! 🎃

Get your costumes ready! Our annual **Halloween Parade!** It will take place on **Thursday, October 31st.**

It's always a spook-tacular time filled with costumes, smiles, and plenty of fun. Stay tuned as more details will be shared soon!

Staff Anniversaries

Celebrating Our Staff Anniversaries!

This October, we're excited to recognize some very special milestones for our amazing team members:

- **Ms. Emily G - 10/13/2022 – 3 years**
- **Ms. Liz - 10/21/2024 – 1 year**
- **Ms. Franny - 10/28/2024 – 1 year**

Thank you for your hard work, dedication, and the joy you bring to our school every day. We're so lucky to have each of you on our team!

Important School Reminders

Vacation Credit, Hiatus, & Withdraw Reminders

Please see below for the following reminders regarding vacation credit, hiatus, & withdrawals. Please take special note of our policies around *withdraw dates & vacation credit eligibility*.

Vacation Credits:

- 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.
- Vacation credits do not "carry over" from year to year.
- You are **not eligible** for a vacation credit **if you are within 30 days of your withdraw date.**

Hiatus:

- 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.
- Families who have notified us of a hiatus date are *no longer eligible for a vacation credit.* Students returning from hiatus *are not eligible for a vacation credit until they have been back*

at school for 6 months.

Withdrawals:

- 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.
- Families who are within 30 days of their withdraw date are *no longer eligible for to utilize a vacation credit.*

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Health & Illness Policy

At Chesterbrook Academy, the health and safety of our school community is a top priority. In order to maintain a safe and healthy environment for all students and staff.

We ask that families partner with us by keeping sick children at home. Doing so helps us:

- Minimize the spread of illness to other children and staff
- Support the full recovery of the sick child
- Prevent the constant circulation of contagious conditions such as colds, flu, and gastrointestinal viruses

To protect our school community, **any individual—child or adult—who is visibly ill will be asked to remain at home.** Children who become sick during the school day will be made comfortable, and families will be required to pick them up within one hour of notification.

Children must remain home and be symptom-free for a minimum of 24 hours *without the aid of medication* before returning to school if they experience any of the following symptoms:

- Fever of 100.4°F or higher
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Heavy nasal discharge requiring wiping every 3–5 minutes
- Persistent, non-productive or “barking” cough
- Sore throat
- Noticeable irritability, fussiness, or crankiness outside of typical behavior
- Skin rashes, including diaper rashes
- Head lice
- Any symptoms of a communicable disease such as pink eye, strep throat, chickenpox, measles, or mumps

We appreciate your cooperation in helping us uphold these standards to ensure a safe and healthy learning environment for everyone.

Chesterbrook Academy reserves the right to refuse admittance to any child or individual showing signs of illness.

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Cubbies Reminder: Fall Spare Clothes

As the fall weather shifts from warm afternoons to chilly mornings, please ensure your child has 1–2 spare sets of clothing in their cubby at all times. Our supply of extras is limited, so please make sure to keep your child’s cubby stocked with season-appropriate clothing.

- We recommend including a mix of items, so your child is prepared for changing temperatures:
 - Shirts (short and long sleeve)
 - Pants/leggings
 - Undies
 - Socks
 - Shoes
 - A light sweater or sweatshirt
 - Weather-appropriate extras (hat, jacket, or mittens as needed)

Having options on hand helps us keep your child comfortable and ready to enjoy every part of the day!

Labels: Water Bottles, Blankets, Clothes, etc.!

As a reminder, it is essential that **all of your child's belongings** are labeled clearly with their first and last name. This includes (but is not limited to):

- Reusable water bottles
- Spare cubby clothes
- Naptime supplies (blankets, sheets, nappers, soft toys)
- Bottles
- Food containers
- Backpacks

Chesterbrook Academy is not responsible for any items that may become lost or missing during the school day. Please help us keep our classrooms organized by labeling all school materials!

Drop Off & Pick Up Reminders

As a reminder to all of our families, new and old, our CBA Drop-off and Pick-Up times are as follows:

- **Morning Drop-Off: Between 7AM-9AM.**
You can drop your child off directly in their classroom. If you are going to be late, please send us a message via Tadpoles. Please note that consistently late drop-offs impact your child's routine as well as the classroom's routine.
 - *Please note: our school is not open for operation prior to 7AM.*
- **Half-Day Pick-Up: Between 12:30PM-1PM.**
Come right to your child's classroom for pickup!

- **Full-Day Pick-Up: Between 3PM-6PM.**

Come right to your child's classroom for pickup. Please be mindful that our center closes at 6PM sharp!

- *A late fee will apply to students and families who are in the building after 6PM.*



Parking Lot: Idling Reminder

As a reminder, IDLING IS NOT ALLOWED IN OUR LOT. We request that families ensure all approved pickup persons - grandparents, nannies, babysitters, or any other family or caregivers - are all aware of the rules surrounding idling in our parking lot.

Science says that idling cars is not only bad for the environment as a whole, but **it creates local hot spots of pollution** that our children then must walk through and breathe! Air pollution caused by vehicle exhaust can aggravate asthma, allergies, and cardiovascular and respiratory disease.

Children are especially sensitive to air pollution because they breathe 50% more air per pound of body weight than adults!

Please do your part to keep our kids safe and healthy by following our parking lot guidelines!

For more information on idling, check out this site:

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/10962247.2018.1438320>

Classroom Happenings

Infants

We are now entering into pumpkin and spooky season, and we as infants cannot wait!

We first wanted to give our new infant teacher Miss Nicole a very warm welcome!

We can't wait for all of the fun and exciting things that she will add to the classroom especially the sensory experience.

We wanted to first start this month of October with corn, and then we will do pumpkins and learn about different types of squash. The following week we will create sunflowers; did you know that sunflowers actually flourish in the fall? Then we will finish off this month with doing some spooky ghost.

Young Toddlers

October is here, and our classroom is buzzing with excitement! As the leaves begin to fall and the weather turns crisp, we're embracing the season with fun, engaging, and educational themes your children will love.

This month, we'll explore pumpkins, scarecrows, spiders, and all things "spooky-but-not-scary".

Each week will be filled with hands-on learning, books, music, healthy food fun, and creative expression. Here's a peek at what your amazing kids will be doing:

Week 1: Pumpkins & Healthy Eating

We'll explore the life cycle of a pumpkin, count seeds, read stories like Pumpkin Pumpkin, and talk about pumpkin as a healthy food. We'll even try pumpkin snacks and learn a fun pumpkin song!

Week 2: Scarecrows & Harvest Time

With books like The Little Scarecrow Boy, we'll learn about harvest season, and make our own mini scarecrows. Kids will also sing and move along to "Dingle Dangle Scarecrow".

Week 3: Spooky (but Not Scary!)

This week is all about imagination – friendly monsters, shadows, and silly ghosts. Through books like Go Away, Big Green Monster, we'll explore feelings and even create our own "not-so-scary" characters.

Week 4: Spiders & Nature

We'll dive into the world of spiders! With The Very Busy Spider and other stories, children will learn about spiders, create webs, and count with "spider math." And of course, we'll sing "Itsy Bitsy Spider" with some new twists!

This month, we're encouraging adventurous eating! Each week, your child will be introduced to a new fruit or vegetable. We'll learn where it comes from, and why it's good for us.

Thank you for your continued support and enthusiasm. Your children are growing, exploring, and learning every day – and it's a joy to be part of their journey. If you have any questions, or would like to donate items (like pumpkins, books, or healthy snacks), please reach out!

Toddlers

October is here with Diwali, and Halloween is around the corner. Tune in to Tadpoles for more updates on what we're learning each day. We're singing, dancing, practicing yoga, cleaning, sharing, counting, and discussing the weather! Soon we'll be learning our colors and shapes! We have several new themes we'll be exploring this month.

Week 1: Weather

Week 2: Pumpkins

Week 3: Fire Safety

Week 4: Trick-or-Treat

Expect us to craft, sing, dance, and experiment, relating to our themes this month. Can't wait to show you what tricks and treats we get up to!

Beginner 1

It's Spooky October 🎃 here in Beginner 1 and we are excited for all the fun learning experiences this month!

Week 1 : Apples, Apples, Apples....this week we will learn about apples, the different colors they come in and talk about apple picking and create some colorful crafts and sensory activities around this theme. We will read the book " Ten Apples On Top" by Dr Seuss which is a great introduction to counting and number recognition.

Week 2 : It's Fire Safety week and we are preparing to learn about our Firefighters, Safety practices and build a better understanding of community helpers. We will engage in dramatic play while pretending to dress up like Firefighters and read the books " Fire Engines" by Anne Rockwell and " Firefighter Frank " by Monica Wellington.

Week 3: Welcome to our Pumpkin patch. This week we will learn all about Pumpkins and experience some Fall Sensory Fun using Pumpkins. We also engage in a tactile activity by carving a pumpkin to look, learn and explore the textures and colors. We will read the book " Plumply, Dumpy Pumpkin" by Mary Serfozo.

Week 4: This week we will explore familiar farm animals and their habitats. We will understand the concept of farm life during fall including the changes in nature, crops that are harvested, and animals that live on the farm. We will read the book " A Day On The Farm" by Eric Carle.

Week 5: The Spooky season is here and we conclude the month learning about all things Halloween. We will read a spooktacular book " Pete The Cat : Trick or Treat " by James Dean and we can't wait for our Halloween parade on October 31st!!!

Beginner 2

Happy Fall Ya'll !! October is here; the sounds of firetrucks are in the air! Teaching fire safety here and there! We will learn about Stop, Drop, Cover and Roll and we will practice 911 ! Along with watching the leaves changing colors and learning about Halloween. We have a super busy month ahead of us and there will be so many cool projects and pumpkin carving happening, too!

This month our books will be.

Week 1~ Fire Engine by Anne Rockwell, which will have us doing Stop, Drop, Cover and Roll and dialing 911

Week 2~ Big Frank's Fire Truck by Leslie McGuire, we will create fire trucks and pretend to be firefighters

Week 3~ Red Leaf, Yellow Leaf by Lois Ehlert, we will create Fall leaves and paint with leaves!

Week 4~ Plumply, Dumpy Pumpkin by Mary Serfozo, Yes, we are going to carve a pumpkin!

Other notes for the month,

1. Please check your child's spare clothing, is it the right size? Weather appropriate?
2. Please remember we try to get outside twice a day, please have a lightweight jacket or sweatshirt for the early morning playground time
3. There will be a Holiday Sign-up sheet posted, please sign for an item to bring for our party.
Thank you!
4. We are still collecting items for our Sensory table. The table is changed to match the season; any donation is greatly appreciated!
5. Please label everything that is brought to school for your child, their cup, spare clothing, blankets and jacket

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to see Ms. Jen or Ms. Purvanjali

Intermediates

Happy October! Our favorite time of the year! Here is what we will be learning about this month!

- Feelings and Emotions: Understanding and expressing our feelings is a big part of growing up!
This week we will learn all different emotions and how we can express them in a healthy way!

- Community Helpers: This week is fire safety week so, we will explore the roles of firefighters, police officers, teachers, and more!
- Our Five Senses: Sight, hearing, taste, touch, and smell—we'll explore the world around us. Our friends will take part in sensory bins, tasting activities, and sound games!
- Healthy bodies: we will explore the five good groups and how we can keep our body safe and healthy!
- Halloween fun: We will create different spooky crafts, read all about Pete the Cats "Trick or Treat" and explore what our Halloween costumes will be!

Pre-K

Hello Pre- K Families,

Can you believe it's already October? 🍁 Time is flying, and we're so excited for everything this beautiful month has in store. With the cooler weather settling in, we're leaning into all things cozy, creative, and educational. From crunching leaves under our boots to painting pumpkins and learning about fire safety, this month is packed with hands-on activities, themed lessons, and a little Halloween magic at the end.

🍁 Week 1: **Welcome to Fall!** (Sep 29 – Oct 3)

Fall is in the air! 🍁 This week, we're diving into the beauty of the season. Leaves are changing colors, the air is getting cooler, and it's the perfect time for cozy crafts, nature walks, and seasonal learning.

This week's highlights:

- Nature walks to observe changing leaves 🍁
- Fall-themed art projects (leaf rubbings, pumpkin crafts 🎃)
- Talking about the changes we see in weather and clothing
- Learning new fall-themed vocabulary like "harvest," "acorn," and "sweater"

Try this at home:

Make a "Fall Discovery Bag" and fill it with treasures from outside—pinecones, leaves, or mini pumpkins!

🔥 Week 2: **Fire Safety Week** (Oct 6 – Oct 10)

It's National Fire Prevention Week! This is an important time to talk about staying safe and being prepared.

This week's focus:

- Learning what to do if there's a fire 🚒
- "Stop, Drop, and Roll" practice 🔥
- Listening for the sound of a smoke alarm
- Reading fire safety books and coloring safety posters

At-home tip:

Practice your family fire drill. Make sure everyone knows two ways out of your home and where to meet outside.

✉ Week 3: **Letters Week** (Oct 13 – Oct 17)

We're diving into the **letters of the alphabet** this week! Whether we're singing the ABCs or practicing writing, it's all about language and literacy.

Activities include:

- Letter of the Day: tracing, sounding out, and finding words
- Alphabet scavenger hunts 📖
- Practicing name writing
- Reading fun alphabet books together

🗓️ Week 4: **Numbers Week** (Oct 20 – Oct 24)

Let's get counting! From sorting and matching to hands-on math fun, this week we're building number skills.

This week's learning fun:

- Counting games with fall items (pumpkins, apples, leaves)
- Number songs and fingerplays
- Matching quantities to numerals
- Simple graphing (favorite fall treats, colors of leaves, etc.)

🎃 Final Week: **Halloween Fun!** (Oct 27 – Oct 31)

It's time for costumes, creativity, and some spooky (but not too spooky!) fun. We'll wrap up October with Halloween-themed stories, games, and crafts.

Here's what to expect!

- Halloween songs and fingerplays 🎵
- Pumpkin decorating or painting
- Trick-or-treat safety tips
- Halloween party/snack day 🍂

Reminder:

Please avoid scary or violent costumes. We encourage friendly, creative characters that children love!

📅 Important Dates:

- 🎃 **Halloween Celebration:** Friday, October 31st (more information will be provided as the celebration gets closer!)

Thank you for sharing this exciting month with us!

We're looking forward to a fantastic fall full of learning, safety, and spooky fun.

🌟 Stay cozy, stay curious, and stay safe!

— Ms.Racheal and Mx.Hannah

Pre-K 2

Can you believe our first month of PreK2 is already over? Time flies when we're having fun! Now that fall is fully upon us, we have a month filled with some awesome autumn activities ahead! This month students will explore the elements that make up our world, and the creatures we get to share it with. We will learn a bit more about the different forms art can take, and how our emotions can affect them. We will also take some time at the end of the month to learn about the history of Halloween, and different ways people celebrate. Throughout October we will continue working through more letters and numbers, offering time to review those we've already learned. Finally, we'll finish the month with a fun Halloween celebration of our own on Friday the 31st.

Highlighted books: *Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth* by Oliver Jeffers, *Annie, Bea, and Chi Chi Dolores: A School Day Alphabet* by Donna Maurer, *How Big Does Your Pumpkin Grow?* by Wendell Minor

Week 1: Elements and Opposites

- Generating describing and opposite words
- Identifying and drawing shapes
- Beginning Spanish numbers 1-20

Week 2: Creatures Big and Small

- Matching animals by group and habitat

- Understanding mathematical signs (+, -, =, <, >)
- Beginning learning lifecycles

Week 3: Feeling my Emotions

- Reviewing Spanish greetings and response
- Identifying and matching capital and lowercase letters
- Representing emotions through arts (dance, drawing, music...)

Week 4: Pumpkins and Poltergeists

- Comprehensive use of tens-frames for addition and subtraction
- Understanding lifecycle of a pumpkin
- **Let's Learn About:** Halloween on Oct. 31

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