

Chesterbrook Academy Wayne

November 2025 Newsletter

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Gathering Together

November is a special time for reflection, gratitude, and connection here at Chesterbrook Academy. As the days grow cooler and the season shifts, we're celebrating all the little moments that make our school community so wonderful. From

our **Leaves of Gratitude Wall** to classroom projects about thankfulness, kindness, and giving, this month is full of opportunities for learning, sharing, and smiling together.

We're excited to share updates, events, and fun happenings from our classrooms and around the school! Let's celebrate November and all the things we're thankful for!

November Teacher Appreciation

Our Monthly Teacher Appreciation Day is Wednesday, November 19th!

This month, we're celebrating with a **Feast of Thanks!**

Sarah, Caitlin, and Liz will be preparing and heating up a few delicious dishes, and we would love your help with supplies! Please sign up for an item below and help us create a cozy meal to show our wonderful teachers how much we appreciate them.

📧 [sign up here!](#) 📧



🌿 Leaves of Gratitude wall 🌿

This November, our lobby will be full of colorful leaves celebrating thankfulness. Grab a leaf, write something you're thankful for at Chesterbrook Academy, and add it to the wall. Sharing these thoughts helps everyone smile and gives us a moment to reflect on the little things that make each day special.

Let's fill our wall with **thankful leaves** and spread joy throughout our school!



Building Full Plates and Full Hearts This Holiday Season

This season, our school is partnering with the **Chester County Food Bank** to help families in our community enjoy the comfort and security of regular meals. We'll be collecting donations from **November 3–December 26**, with two drop-offs scheduled for **November 24** and **December 29**.

Most Needed Food Items:

- Canned or pouch chicken and tuna
- Pasta, pasta sauce, or canned tomatoes
- Cereal, granola bars, and breakfast items
- Ready-to-eat meals (such as chili or ravioli)
- Canned fruit in juice and fruit cups
- Kid-friendly, nut-free snacks

HELP US FEED LOCAL FAMILIES

TOGETHER, WE CAN PUT FOOD ON THE TABLE
We will be collecting November 3rd- November 24th

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT
Families deserve the security of regular meals, especially during the holidays. When the wait for help often feels the longest. Each item is a building block of nourishment and dignity for someone in need. Right now, with SNAP benefits paused, many households have less food support available. This reduction creates a ripple of hardship across our community and places even greater demand on food banks. With fewer resources to go around, your contributions are more needed now than ever.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:
By donating supplies here we will bring them to the Chester County Food Bank, by doing this you're giving more than food you're offering comfort, hope, and a warm meal for someone who needs it. Bring your non-perishable items to our school food drive and help ensure every child and every family can feel the spirit of giving and belonging.

LEARN MORE:
SNAP freeze Food Bank

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- kid-friendly snacks (nut-free)

Please: avoid glass containers, check expiration dates

*Please remember to **avoid glass containers** and **check expiration dates** before donating.*

By giving even a few items, you're offering more than food, you're sharing comfort, hope, and a sense of belonging. With **SNAP benefits currently paused**, many local families are facing increased food insecurity, and the Chester County Food Bank is seeing greater demand than ever.

Your generosity helps ensure every child and family can feel the spirit of giving this holiday season

[Click here to learn more about the Chester County Food Bank](#)

Events & Announcements

November is Native American Heritage Month!

This month, we celebrate the amazing cultures, traditions, and stories of the first peoples of America, the Indigenous communities who have cared for this land for thousands of years.

Learning about Native American history helps us understand where we live, how people have cared for nature, and how their traditions continue to shape our world today, through art, music, food, and storytelling.

When we learn, share, and show respect for Indigenous cultures, we help keep their voices and traditions alive.

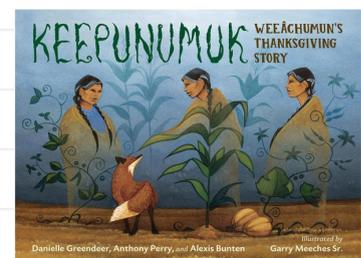
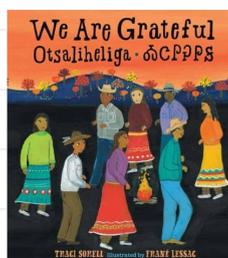
Take some time this month to discover something new and exciting about Native American heritage and celebrate the beauty of their lasting contributions! You will find some links below that you can share with your little ones.

Check out these fun links to explore:

- [Home | Native Knowledge 360° - Interactive Teaching Resources](#) - Games, videos, and activities that teach about Native American life and history.
- [Native Americans | National Geographic Kids](#) - Discover cool facts about different tribes across North America.
- [PBS KIDS Celebrates Native American Heritage Month! Video Collection | Videos | PBS KIDS](#) - Learn about Native American Heritage Month using these videos!

Check out the books below that you can read to your little ones:

- **Mama, Do You Love Me?** by Barbara M. Josse, illustrated by Barbara Lavalle
An Inuit mother reassures her daughter that she is loved no matter what, with beautiful illustrations reflecting Inuit culture and landscapes.
[Find the book here](#)
- **We Are Grateful, Otsaliheliga** by Traci Sorrell, illustrated by Frané Lessac (Cherokee)
Celebrate Cherokee traditions, family, and the seasons. This colorful book shows ways to give thanks, in both English and Cherokee.
[Find the book here](#)
- **Keepunumuk: Weeâchumun's Thanksgiving Story** by Danielle Greendeer, Anthony Perry, and Alexis Buntan, illustrated by Garry Meeches Sr. (Wampanoag)
Learn the Wampanoag perspective on the first Thanksgiving and how the First Peoples helped the Pilgrims, while honoring that many Indigenous communities see this day as a time of remembrance.
[Find the book here](#)



📷Picture Day📷

Wednesday, November 12th.

LifeTouch will be here to capture all the adorable smiles from our little ones. Dress them for their close-up!

Please also send an extra set of clothes and shoes, since outdoor play will continue as usual if the weather allows.



We are CLOSED November 11th

We will be closed on **Monday, November 11th** in honor of Veterans Day. While our little ones enjoy the day off, our teachers will be hard at work during a staff in-service day, learning and preparing even more wonderful things for the children.

Veterans Day is a time to recognize the brave men and women who have served our country, as well as everyday heroes who help keep us safe. It's a moment to show appreciation through kindness, gratitude, and respect.

Below is a **family-friendly resource** you can explore for more information about the holiday:

[Veteran's Day facts for kids](#)



Thanksgiving Schedule

November 26th: Closing early at **3:00 PM**

November 27th–28th: Closed for Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful, enjoy good food, and spend time with family and friends.



Other Important dates in November

November 2nd – Day of the Dead & Daylight Saving Time Ends

- Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos) is a special time to remember and celebrate loved ones who have passed away with colorful decorations, music, and favorite foods.
- Don't forget! Daylight Saving Time ends! Set your clocks **back one hour** and enjoy an extra hour of sleep.

November 4th – Election Day

It's Election Day in Pennsylvania! Local elections are an important way to help make decisions that affect our communities every day.

November 11th – Veterans Day

We honor and thank all the brave men and women who have served in the military. We'll be **closed** today in observance of the holiday.

Use this link to find out some more holidays and observances throughout the month of November!
[November Holidays 2025: Observances To Add To Your Calendar](#)

Important School Reminder

Let Us Know: Thanksgiving Week Attendance

In the weeks leading up to our Thanksgiving Break, 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!

Holiday Gift Guide: Let's Be Real!

Looking for the perfect holiday gift?

Ms. Debbie, our infant teacher, has her very own line of luxury body butter products! Being an avid body butter buyer, Debbie says she knew the value of a good product. When her absolute favorite company discontinued their line of body butters, she rolled up her sleeves and created her own! She came up with the name "LET'S BE REAL" because that's what she wants to embody: REAL quality products for REAL people. Enjoy the benefits of these all-natural butters and oils.



You can shop Ms. Debbie's body butters at <https://shopletsbereal.etsy.com>
AND follow her on Instagram at @shopletsbereal to check out her latest updates!

Vacation Credit, Hiatus, and Withdrawal Reminders

Please see below for the following reminders regarding vacation credit, hiatus, & withdrawals. Please take special note of our policies around *withdrawal 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 withdrawal 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 returning from hiatus must pay an \$80 re-registration fee
- 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:

- Withdrawals 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 withdrawal date are *no longer eligible for to utilize a vacation credit.*

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Ensure Your Child Has Spare Cubby Clothes!

As the season changes, please remember to switch out any summer clothes and replace them with weather-appropriate items. We recommend that all children have extras of the following in their cubbies:

- Shirts (long sleeve & short sleeve)
- Pants
- Underwear
- Socks
- Shoes

Please make sure your child brings a **jacket every day**, as it's getting colder and darker earlier.

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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>

Safety Reminders at CBA

As we move into the busy fall season, we want to share a few quick reminders to keep our school community safe during pick-up and drop-off:

Parking Lot Tips:

- Enter through the bottom lot and use the second entrance.
- Follow the right side of the traffic circle to find your parking spot, and exit the same way.
- Drive slowly, stay aware, and watch for our little ones—they can be quick and sneaky!

Child Safety Tips:

- Always hold your child's hand and practice safe habits like stopping and looking both ways.
- Never leave a child unattended in the car.
- Be mindful of others when buckling in or getting settled.
- Turn off your car when entering the building, and avoid idling whenever possible to help keep our air clean.

We're so thankful for our amazing CBA families and everything you do to make our school safe, welcoming, and full of smiles every day!

Health & Illness Policy

At Chesterbrook Academy, the health and safety of our school community is always a top priority. As we enter the colder months, illnesses like colds, flu, and stomach viruses can circulate more easily.

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
- Reduce the circulation of contagious conditions during cold and flu season

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

Seasonal Safety Reminder:

As we head into the colder months, hand washing becomes even more important! Please

encourage your little ones to wash hands frequently, cover coughs and sneezes, and practice other healthy habits to help reduce the spread of germs.

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.

Classroom Happenings

Infants

In our infant room this November, we're embracing the cozy fall season with fun, hands-on crafts! The little ones will enjoy making apple pie art, colorful turkeys, gourds, and candy corn creations as they explore textures and colors. Along with our seasonal activities, we'll continue supporting the children's motor development—practicing tummy time, encouraging movement, and helping our little walkers gain confidence on their feet. It's going to be a month full of creativity, learning, and growth!

Young Tods

November is a month full of togetherness and warmth! The beautiful fall season is still all around us, and it's the perfect time to celebrate friendship, kindness, and thankfulness.

This month, our classroom will be learning all about **being thankful, turkeys, farm animals, and food** the things that bring us comfort and joy! We'll read stories, sing songs, and enjoy fun hands-on activities that help us learn and grow.

As we head toward the holidays, we're excited to share this special season with your children and families. Thank you for all the love and support you bring to our classroom community!

Wishing you a warm and happy November!

Tods

November has come into toddlers bringing with it the heart of autumn. So get ready for chilly weather. This month we will be reading, singing and learning about our new themes for the week.

They are as follows:

Week 1- leaves

Week 2- music

Week 3- food harvest

Week 4- family

Check out our daily activities on tadpoles. We may ask for donations this month for some of our daily crafts.

Beginner 1



November is here and we are excited for our learning experiences this month in our classroom.

Week 1: We begin the month reading a classic " Peace At Last " by Jill Murphy. It's a sweet story of Mr Bear trying to find a place to sleep.

Week 2: We will read the book " Goodnight Moon " by Margaret Wise Brown and engage in a counting activity and create a bedtime cubby during dramatic play.

Week 3: Our theme for the week is food and our eating habits. We will talk about how food nourishes our body and makes us healthy. We will set up a supermarket in our classroom during dramatic play with wonderful props. We will have an opportunity to pack groceries into shopping bags and work with a cash register. We will read the book " The Wolf's Chicken Stew " by Keiko Kasza.

Week 4: We will usher in Thanksgiving week with Family, Food and Football. We will explore cherished family traditions to connect and celebrate Thanksgiving with our loved ones. We will learn about being grateful, the purpose of this holiday, the food we enjoy and share our very own personal family experiences. We will create Thanksgiving artwork and read the books " How to Catch a Turkey" by Adam Wallace & Andy Elkerton.

As we nurture the spirit of Thanksgiving, we are very grateful to our families, friends and our wonderful school community. Wishing you and your loved ones a very Happy Thanksgiving!!
Ms. Suman

Beginner 2

How can it be November? This year has flown by! We are so excited to Give Thanks this month, we will learn about ways to be thankful for and reasons to be thankful. We have many amazing books to read and projects to be created, we also will be turning our Dramatic Play area into a Supermarket!!

Books this month:

'Peace at Last' by Jill Murphy, this book will have a focus on the night sky and our bedtime routines!

'Good Night Moon' by Margaret Wise Brown, we will learn all about the different phases of the moon.

'The Wolf's Chicken Stew' by Keiko Kasza, Oh my goodness, what is that sneaky wolf up to and how will we save the chickens?

'Thanksgiving is for giving Thanks' by Margert Sutherland, this is when we will talk about things we are grateful to have.

This month I need your help as we turn our Dramatic Play area into a Supermarket! Please send in empty boxes, plastic bottles, sale fliers, coupons and any bags! The children will go shopping for the goodies, check them out, bag and pay for their items! We will also 'cut' out the coupons. This will be all month long so we will need a lot of your recyclables!

Reminders:

- Our cubby space is small, your child has one small square and one hook, please be mindful of how much stuff they bring to school.
 - Please label all of your child's belongings- blankets, spare clothing, jacket, hats, gloves, sippy cup.
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- Please keep spare clothing at school for your child - accidents happen! Spills happen!

I am thankful to have you and your child in our school and in my classroom!

Have a great Thanksgiving!!

Intermediates

November here we come! This month we will explore the world of animals, their habitats, and how we can show kindness, especially with Thanksgiving coming up!

Animal Adventures!

- We will be learning about different animals and where they live! We'll discover different habitats like forests, oceans, deserts, and the arctic!

Manners Matters!

- We will be discussing the importance of kindness and how we use our manners! No matter where you are it's always nice to say please and thank you! We will discuss kind words and sharing.

Thanksgiving Fun!

- We will explore what it means to be thankful. What are you thankful for? How can we show a helping hand? Finally, we will read lots of stories about the holiday and how we can discuss and show our thankfulness!

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out!

Thank you! Ms.Emily and Ms.Alexis :)

Pre-K

Dear Pre-K Families,

Happy November! 🍂 This month is full of exciting discoveries, fun learning themes, and meaningful celebrations. As we cozy into fall and prepare for Thanksgiving, we'll be exploring topics that help us better understand ourselves, others, and the world around us.

Here's what's coming up in our classroom this month:

Week 1: Exploring the 5 Senses

We're kicking off November with a full sensory experience!

This week, we'll:

- Learn about our five senses: sight, smell, taste, touch, and hearing
- Play fun sensory games and activities
- Use our senses to describe different objects and experiences
- Read stories and do crafts that help us better understand how our bodies explore the world

Encourage your child to talk about what they see, smell, taste, hear, and feel at home too!

Week 2: Meet Fluff – Our Adopted Cow!

Say hello to Fluff, our Adopted Cow! We're diving into dairy farming and learning where some of our favorite foods come from.

This week, we'll:

- Learn about life on a dairy farm and how cows help produce milk
- Follow the journey of dairy from the farm to our grocery stores
- Compare our own height and weight to Fluff's (spoiler: she's much bigger!)
- Create cow-themed crafts and enjoy dairy-related activities

It's a great week to talk about where food comes from and show thankfulness for our farmers!

Week 3: Being Thankful

In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we'll focus on gratitude and kindness.

This week includes:

- Talking about what it means to be thankful
- Sharing things we appreciate about our families, friends, and school
- Creating "Thankful Trees" and other festive crafts
- Practicing gratitude and kindness through group activities

We love watching our little learners grow into caring, thoughtful classmates!

Week 4: Thanksgiving & Indigenous History

This is a short but special week!

We'll:

- Learn about the history and traditions of Indigenous peoples in a respectful, age-appropriate way
- Discuss why Thanksgiving is celebrated and explore what it means to different people
- Enjoy our very own **classroom Thanksgiving feast on Wednesday!**

Keep an eye out for sign-up sheets or reminders—we'd love your help in making the feast a fun experience for all!

Reminders:

- As the temperatures drop, please send your child with a labeled jacket, a change of weather appropriate clothes, and remember to start bringing in hats and gloves
- Check backpacks and folders daily for crafts and important notes

Thank you for your continued support and for being a part of our classroom community. We are so thankful for each and every one of our students and their wonderful families. Wishing you a joyful and restful Thanksgiving!

Warmly,

Ms.Racheal and Mx.Hannah

Pre-K2

Get ready for another exciting month of learning! This November PreK2 will be exploring our communities to find all the helpers we may come across in our day to day. How do their jobs help others? What tools do they use? We will take a closer look at a special kind of helper: farmers! We will have some fun with farm animals, and learn a bit more about how foods travel from farms to our plates. Students will learn some basic parts of plants, and begin getting a closer look at different kinds of lifecycles. How do plant life cycles differ from an animal or human life cycle? Finally, we will finish up with a short week to celebrate all we have to be thankful for!

Wednesday, November 26th we will be closing at 3pm. Closed Thursday and Friday.

Highlighted books: *Helpers in my Community* by Bobbie Kalman, *The Hungry Farmer* by Michelle Wagner Nechaev, *The Tiny Seed* by Eric Carle, *If Animals Gave Thanks* by Ann Whitford Paul

Week 1: Community Helpers

- Understands various roles in community
- Participates in and identifies results of polls
- Completes simple addition and subtraction (0-15)

Week 2: On the Farm

- Orders and explains a multi-step process

- Sorts food by type (protein, grain, dairy, etc.)
- Identifies letters from their sound

Week 3: Growing and Changing

- Identifies living and non-living things
- Understands different kinds of life cycles
- Completes simple sentences with sight words

Week 4: Feeling Grateful

- Understands gratitude and ways to show it
- Identifies/matches Spanish colors to ASL signs
- **Let's Learn About:** Thanksgiving

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