

# Chesterbrook Academy Wayne

April 2026 Newsletter

## Welcome Spring!

April is here, and with it comes all the sights, sounds, and excitement of spring! From April showers that help our gardens grow to exploring the wonders of nature, this month is full of opportunities for discovery and fun. In our classrooms, children are diving into hands-on activities, creative projects, and seasonal lessons that spark curiosity.



April also gives us the perfect chance to celebrate **Earth Day**, teaching children about caring for the planet through projects like picking up litter, recycling, and exploring the outdoors. With longer days, warmer weather, and plenty of new things to see and do, April is a month of growth, learning, and little adventures around every corner.

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### Employee anniversary highlight

This April, we're excited to celebrate some very special milestones!

**Ms. Racheal - April 2024 (2 years)**

**Ms. Mercury - April 2025 (1 year)**

**Ms. Emily P - April 2025 (1 year)**

Thank you, Ms. Racheal, Ms. Mercury, and Ms. Emily P, for your dedication, hard work, and the care you bring to our school every day. We are so grateful to have you as part of our team!



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### April Teacher Appreciation - Spring Refresh Spread

We're welcoming spring with something fresh and cheerful! On Wednesday, **April 15th**, we'll be celebrating our amazing teachers with a special *Spring Refresh Spread* for our Teacher Appreciation Day.

If you'd like to contribute to the spread, you can click the sign-up button below to choose an item.

[Sign up here](#)

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## *Events & Announcements*

### **Happy Earth Day!**

Earth Day is celebrated on April 22nd, and it's a special time to remind us just how amazing our planet is!

From the trees and oceans to the animals and fresh air we breathe, our Earth takes care of us every single day, and it's important that we take care of it too!

We all can make a BIG difference! Whether it's picking up trash, turning off the lights, recycling, or planting flowers, every small action helps keep our planet happy and healthy. Earth Day is a great time for us all to work together, get outside, and show some love to the world around us.



### **Want to learn more info about Earth Day? Check out these resources!**

- <https://www.almanac.com/content/earth-day-date-activities-history>
- <https://kidpillar.com/earth-day-activities-kids/>
- <https://www.earthday.org/education-resource-library/>

### **Fun Books to Read:**

- *The Earth Book* by Todd Parr
- *I Am Earth* by James McDonald
- *The Lorax* by Dr. Seuss
- *What a Waste* by Jess French

Let's work together to keep our Earth clean, green, and beautiful! 🌍

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### **📷 Spring Picture Day - April 9th 📷**

LifeTouch will be here on 4/9 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.

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## Arbor Day

Arbor Day is celebrated this year on April 24th, and it's a special day all about trees! Trees help give us clean air, shade to keep us cool, and homes for animals.



On Arbor Day, people celebrate by planting trees, taking care of nature, and spending time outside. Even small actions, like watering plants or picking up litter, can help our environment grow strong and healthy.

Let's work together to show our Earth some love, because every little helper can make a big difference!

**Learn more & have fun at home:**

<https://www.arborday.org/youth-education>

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## Week of the Young Child

Week of the Young Child, April 13–17, is an annual celebration of early learning, young children, and the adults who support them, sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC). Our school will join the fun with hands-on, collaborative activities in music, art, food, and more. By celebrating together, we reaffirm our commitment to giving every child early learning experience that build a strong foundation for the future. Stay tuned for more details via Links 2 Home!

Each day we will have a special theme that has fun and engaging activities that celebrate learning, creativity, and community. These activities will provide children with hands-on experiences that promote early learning, social development, and family engagement.

[Click here for more info](#)

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**Need some Spring Break ideas?**

The American Helicopter Museum (<https://www.helicoptermuseum.org/> )

- Indoor facility, with a small kid's area.
- You are able to walk into some of the helicopters and explore
- Lots of fun! Smaller museum, never really super busy

The Philadelphia Please Touch Museum (<https://www.pleasetouchmuseum.org/> )

- Right outside of the city
- Huge museum, kid friendly.
- Can spend all day there

The Academy of Natural Sciences (<https://ansp.org/> )

- Dinosaur bones!
- Great museum for kids

Chanticleer Gardens (<https://chanticleergarden.org/>)

- Opening April 1st! It is a great place to walk, have a picnic on the grounds, or blow bubbles!

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## Summer Fun at Picket Post!

We're excited to share a special opportunity for our CBA families! Our neighbors at Picket Post are offering an exclusive discount for the 2026 season. Join by **May 15th** and use code **CBA26** to receive **\$100 off the joiner fee**.

Enjoy the pool, swim team, lessons, lap lanes, a baby pool for little ones, family-friendly events, and even platform tennis!

Check out the flyer in the lobby for more details!



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## *Important school reminders*

### 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

It is essential that **all of your child's belongings** are labeled clearly with their first and last name.

*Chesterbrook Academy is not responsible for any items that may become lost or missing during the school day.*

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## **Sunscreen reminders**

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.

### **Water Bottles:**

Please 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.

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## **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.*

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## **Safety reminders at CBA**

As we continue into our blooming spring season, we want to share a few quick reminders to keep our school community safe during pick-up and drop-off:

### **Parking Lot:**

- 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.**

### **Child Safety:**

- 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.
- **To ensure the safety of all students, a parent, guardian, or approved adult is required to accompany children to and from their classroom at drop-off and pick-up.**

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!

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## **Vacation Credit, Hiatus, and Withdrawal Reminders**

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.
- You must commit to a **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 (plus \$55 for siblings).
- 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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## Illness Policy Reminder

At Chesterbrook Academy, the health and safety of our school community is always a top priority.

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

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

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## *Classroom Happenings*

### Infants

Happy April from Infants, below are our weekly themes for this month!

Week of March 30th- April 3rd: Rainbows

Week of April 6th- 10th: Farm Animals

Week of April 13th- 17th: Peaches

Week of April 20th- 24th: Earth

Week of April 27th- May 1st: Weather/April showers, bring May flowers

## **Young Toddlers**

April is a wonderful month of transition, offering mild temperatures and the opportunity to observe the growth of new life in our environment. As plants begin to bloom and animals and insects become more active, this month provides meaningful learning experiences for young toddlers.

Our April curriculum is designed to support early development through engaging, hands-on activities and age-appropriate themes:

**Week 1: Easter Exploration** Children will participate in Easter-themed activities that encourage creativity and social interaction. As many animals lay eggs during the spring season, we will introduce early math concepts by practicing counting and sorting eggs.

**Week 2: Butterflies and Insects** As insects become more visible, children will explore the world of butterflies and bugs. Activities will include creating butterflies using coffee filters, making handprint flowers, and listening to stories that introduce basic concepts about insects.

**Week 3: Farm Animals and Planting** This week focuses on understanding the role of farm animals and where some of our food comes from. Children will learn about seeds and participate in a hands-on planting activity by growing sunflower seeds.

**Week 4: Trees, Forests, and Earth Day** Children will be introduced to trees, forests, and the importance of caring for our environment. In recognition of Earth Day, we will read stories about nature and discuss simple ways to appreciate and protect the world around us.

We look forward to a month filled with discovery, creativity, and growth.

## **Toddlers**

Toddlers are thinking all things spring!

We will explore flowers and all the changes happening around us this month! We will be enjoying hands-on activities centered around nature, colors, and so much more.

We are also excited to celebrate the Week of the Young Child, filled with fun and engaging experiences.

On Earth Day this year, we will be participating in a special ladybug release!

As the weather continues to improve, we are making it a priority to get outside as often as possible to enjoy fresh air and outdoor exploration, please make sure to continue sending in weather appropriate clothing, water bottles, and sunscreen!

Check out tadpoles for notes, pictures, and daily reports showing all the fun we have every day!

## **Beginner 1**

We are hopping into April and are so egg-cited for the warm, longer days as we take in the beauty of Spring. This month we will celebrate the "Week of the Young Child" the week of April 13th

through different theme days. Here are all our learning experiences for the month.

Week 1: We start the month exploring the world of bugs with an emphasis on the Lifecycle of a Butterfly. We will learn about the four different stages of metamorphosis and read the book " The Very Hungry Caterpillar " by Eric Carle.

Week 2: Spring is a perfect time to explore wonderful things Nature has to offer. We will read the book " Over In The Meadow " by David A. Carter and go on a Nature walk. During our guided outdoor activity we will make observations and describe the different elements of Nature.

Week 3:With Earth Day approaching on April 22nd we are inquisitive to know about planet Earth. We will focus on the concept of Reduce, Reuse and Recycle and will read the book " Biscuit's Earth Day Celebration " by Alyssa Satin Capucilli to understand how we can make small changes to care for our planet earth.

Week 4: Spring is synonymous with Gardening!! This week we will learn about flowers, garden planting a few seeds and watching them grow. We will set up a simple Spring flower sensory bin and make some observations along the way. We will read the book " Planting a Rainbow" by Lois Ehlert to understand the concept of how seeds and bulbs grow with the help of water, sunlight and soil.

We are excited for Spring and all the learning it brings. As always, we thank you for your continued support!

## **Beginner 2**

We are Springing into another month, can you believe we are in April? They say April showers bring May flowers with that being said, we are asking for a few donations so that we can continue growing plants in our classroom. We are in need of different types of seeds, planters and seed starters. During this process the children will plant seeds in the dirt, they will help water the seeds and we will talk about how sunlight is important.

We really like to get the children actively involved so they can see all the small changes.

Our books for the month will be:

Week 1- The Tale of Peter Rabbit by Beatrice Potter- we will enjoy creating bunnies, and different projects to go along with the book

Week 2- Over in the Meadow by David A. Carter- the children will enjoy talking about different animals that are seen in the Spring. We will create bees and butterflies

Week 3- Mouse's First Spring by Lauren Thompson- the children will create more flowers, and we will talk about the weather

Week4- Monkeys by DK Reader- we will learn about and pretend to be monkeys!

We will celebrate the Week of the Young Child as we have many wonderful activities planned!

We are still asking for donations for our Spring Sensory Table, we are looking for fake flowers, plastic eggs, butterflies, and any other fun Spring item.

We will celebrate Unicorn Day on April 9th, and we will talk about Easter on April 5th.

As always, we thank you for all your help in making our classroom wonderful!

## **Intermediates**

Spring is in full swing, and we are excited to share all the wonderful learning happening in our classroom this April!

### **Week 1: Wind & Kites**

- This month, we are exploring the power of wind! The children will observe how wind moves objects and experiment with simple kites. We'll talk about how wind feels and sounds!

### **Week 2: Life Cycles**

- Our friends will be learning about life cycles! We will focus on butterflies and plants, discussing stages like egg, caterpillar, chrysalis, and butterfly. Our friends will enjoy activities and stories that bring these transformations to life.

### **Week 3: Reduce, Reuse, Recycle**

- We will celebrate Earth Day by learning how to care for our planet. Through simple activities like recycling, planting seeds, and discussing ways to keep our Earth clean! We will also be organizing objects that belong in trash or recycle!

### **Week 4: "April Showers Bring May Flowers"**

-Spring weather brings lots of changes! We will discuss what helps flowers grow! Our friends will also do fun art projects and sensory activities inspired by rainy days and blooming gardens!

As the weather is warming up please change your child's extra clothes to warm weather clothes! Also, if you have any books related to our themes each week you are more than welcome to bring them in!!

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

## **Pre-K**

Spring is in full bloom, and we are excited for a fun and engaging month of learning ahead! April will be filled with hands-on activities, science exploration, and seasonal fun as we discover more about the world around us.

### **Week of April 5th: Easter & Insects**

We will begin the week by learning about Easter traditions, including bunnies and egg hunts! Afterward, we will dive into the fascinating world of insects and arachnids. Students will learn what makes an insect an insect, how arachnids are different, and explore life cycles of creatures like ladybugs, ants, and butterflies.

### **Week of April 12th: Amphibians**

This week, we will explore amphibians! We will learn what animals are considered amphibians, where they live, and how they grow and change. We'll take a closer look at life cycles, including how frogs develop from tadpoles.

### **Week of April 19th: Earth Day**

In celebration of Earth Day, we will focus on how to take care of our planet. Students will learn about recycling, reducing waste, and simple ways they can help keep the Earth clean and healthy.

### **Week of April 26th: Chick Life Cycles**

To wrap up the month, we will study the life cycle of chicks! We'll learn how chicks grow inside eggs and what they need to live and grow. This is always a favorite topic for our class!

Throughout the month, we will continue practicing important skills like sharing, listening, and working together. We will also enjoy spring-themed crafts, stories, and outdoor play as the weather warms up!

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to a wonderful April!

Warmly,

**Mx.Hannah and Ms.Racheal**

## **Pre K 2**

Spring has finally sprung! We are officially done with winter and are now in the warmer months! With that being said, we will be getting some new friends in the classroom...caterpillars! We will be taking a peak at the life cycles of multiple insects, and eventually we will be watching the life cycle of a butterfly! Also, now that we are entering the warmer season, please make sure your child has weather appropriate clothing! Just as a reminder, homework will be sent home on Mondays, and returned to their cubbies by Friday!

Highlighted books of the month: *On Beyond Bugs, All About Insects* by Tish Rabe; *Busy Spring, Nature Wakes Up* by Sean Taylor and Alex Morss; *Over and Under the Pond* by Kate Messner; *Miss Fox's Class Goes Green* by Eileen Spinelli; *Me and My Amazing Body* by Joan Sweeney.

### **Week 1: Insects**

- Understanding the life cycles of different insects
- In what ways can insects be helpful?
- Spanish Vocabulary: Body parts

### **Week 2: Nature in Spring**

- What animals come out of hibernation during spring?
- Understanding how different plants grow in the spring

### **Week 3: Habitats**

- Understanding the difference between each habitat
- What is a habitat?
- Sight word review!

### **Week 4: Recycling**

- Understanding how recycling can keep animals, people and the Earth safe
- Why is recycling so important? How can we help?
- Earth Day (April 22nd)

### **Week 5: Our Bodies**

- What makes up our bodies?
- Understanding simple organs (heart, lungs, stomach, and brains)
- Spanish review!

Thank you!

Mr. SJ & Ms. Emily P.

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