

Chesterbrook Academy Wayne

May 2026 Newsletter

Marvelous May!

May is All About Our Teachers!

Teacher Appreciation Week is May 4th-8th. This is a wonderful time to express our gratitude to our amazing teachers who work tirelessly to educate and care for our students each and every day. They are the heart and soul of our school, and we are so fortunate to have such a dedicated and talented team. To celebrate our amazing teachers, we have a special week planned that will be full of opportunities to show them some love for all of their hard work! **Check out the sign up link and QR code below. :)**



Teacher Appreciation Week May 4th – May 8th

Tote Bag Surprise!

There will be **tote bags in the lobby** all week labeled for each teacher, feel free to drop in a small note, card, or gift to make their week even more special!

Monday, May 4th – Sip, Sip, Hooray!

Time to hydrate and caffeinate! A variety of **refreshing beverages** like iced coffee, tea, sodas, and smoothies await our hardworking crew.

Tuesday, May 5th – Taco 'Bout Awesome!

It's Cinco de Mayo and we're kicking things off with a festive **Nacho bar fiesta**, because our teachers are *nacho* average heroes!

Wednesday, May 6th – You're All That & a Bag of Chips!

Bring on the crunch! Today we're treating teachers to a spread of **savory snacks**; chips, popcorn, pretzels, and more.

Thursday, May 7th –Berry Grateful for You!

You're *berry* appreciated! Start the day with a refreshing **fruit & yogurt bar** featuring berries, granola, and sweet toppings.

Friday, May 8th – Sweet Treats for Sweet Teachers!

We're wrapping up the week with a **dessert bar** full of cookies, cupcakes, brownies, and all things sweet.

Want to contribute snacks or treats for the week?

We'd love your help! Click the link below to sign up for a slot to bring in goodies:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AAAB2FA6FBC34-63864130-teacher>

Thank you for helping us make this week full of love, laughter, and LOTS of snacks!

We are CLOSED on Monday, May 26th

We will be closed for Memorial Day on May 25th. Everyone have a safe holiday. :)

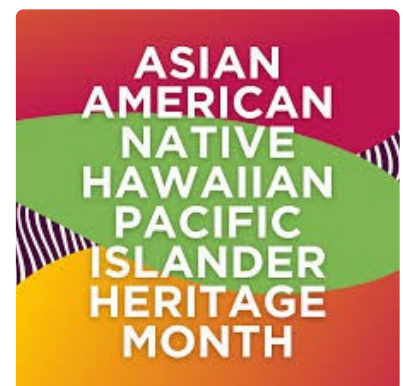


Events & Announcements

Celebrating AANHPI Heritage Month

May is Asian American, Native Hawaiian, & Pacific Islander (AANHPI) Heritage Month. This is a time to recognize and honor the rich histories, cultures, and contributions of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders throughout the United States.

Did you know that approximately 24 million people in the United States identify as Asian, with an additional 1.6 million identifying as Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, or a combination? These communities have played and continue to play a vital role in shaping our nation's history, culture, and achievements.



Exploring AANHPI Heritage Month with young learners is a meaningful way to build cultural awareness, appreciation, and understanding from an early age.

Helpful Resources for Learning & Exploration:

Boys & Girls Club of America: <https://www.bgca.org/news-stories/2023/February/10-ways-to-celebrate-aapi-heritage-month-with-kids-and->

Important school reminders

Cubby Clothes Reminder

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.

Shoe Policy Reminder

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!

Warmer Weather Reminder

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. There are stickers to be applied to the sunscreen that has

the students name, expiration date, and signature. These are required before application can be permitted.

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

Vacation, Hiatus, & Withdraw Reminders

If you are traveling, let us know if you are planning on using your **vacation credit**. Please remember:

- Vacation credits require **two weeks' written notice** in order to be utilized
- Credits reset on July 1st.
- Credits can only be utilized for a Monday-Friday absence. If a child is present for any portion of the week, regular tuition will apply.
- 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 for a hiatus date
- We will require a specified **return date** before we can place your child on hiatus in order to maintain their spot on our roster.

If you are planning to **withdraw** your child from our program:

- Withdraws require a **30-day (4 week) written notice** in order for your enrollment deposit to be credited towards your final week's tuition.
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Parking Lot Reminders

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.

Illness Policy Reminders

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.

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!

Local Happenings

Devon Horse Show

Don't miss the **Devon Horse Show and Country Fair**, happening **May 20th through May 31st!**

Held right here in **Devon, PA**, this beloved event has been a local tradition since **1896**, making it the oldest and largest outdoor multi-breed horse competition in the U.S.

They have amazing horse shows, delicious fair food, and fun for all ages! It's also **one of Ms. Sarah's favorite events**. Who knows, you might just spot her and her girls enjoying the sights (and a lemon stick or two)!

For more info, visit: [Devon Horse Show and Country Fair | Devon Horse Show](#)

Fresh Finds & Sweet Treats at the Berwyn Farmers Market!

If you enjoy supporting local vendors, discovering fresh handmade goods, and spending a morning surrounded by produce, crafts, and community, the Berwyn Farmers Market is a wonderful place to visit.

This is the perfect spot to explore everything from farm fresh produce to artisan creations, with something for everyone to enjoy.

The market is conveniently held in the Handel's parking lot, making it easy to stop by and even treat yourself and the kids to a sweet ice cream after browsing.

Visit Berwyn Farmers' Market for more details and plan your next weekend outing filled with local flavor and community charm. [Berwyn Farmers' Market](#)

Community Fun!

Spring has been blossoming and with it brings back exciting events happening within our community. Just down the street from us is the beautiful Wilson Farm Park, where events happen throughout the year! Check out the link below to find out what they have!

Events held at the park are **free and open to the public, weather permitting**.

It's a great way to spend time with family, friends, and the Tredyffrin community!

For more info, visit: [Community Events Tredyffrin Township](#)



Classroom Happenings

Infants

We in infants cannot wait for all the exciting things May will bring us! So this year the weather has been a little weird and even now it's not the sunniest, but we will brighten up your lives anyway 😊. Did you know that insects outnumber humans 200 million to one?? Just because Miss Debbie hates bugs LOL doesn't mean that they are not useful. Our first week we will be covering insects and exploring dirt (crushed chocolate crackers). Our second week, it will be all about the mothers and the love that they give us. Even though we can do this at any time, we think May is a perfect time to visit the zoo! On the 3rd week we will sing our animal songs and create our own zoo with paper plates. On the 4th week we will be exploring the color orange.

Young Toddlers

May is a wonderful time for young toddlers to explore new themes and ideas. With spring in full swing, flowers are blooming and the weather is getting warmer. As we enjoy the nicer weather, we will spend more time outdoors exploring and learning through hands-on experiences.

Week 1: Flowers and Bees 🌸 🐝

We will begin the month by exploring flowers and bees. Children will participate in creative activities such as finger painting and making flowers using their thumbprints.

Week 2: Insects and Bugs 🐛 🐜

Our focus will shift to insects and bugs, which we will begin to see more of outside. The children will enjoy creating bug-themed crafts, going on a bug hunt, and listening to stories about different insects.

Week 3: Ocean Life 🐠 🐡

During week three, we will explore ocean life. Children will learn about different types of fish, coral, and sea creatures, and we will sing songs about the ocean and beach.

• Week 4: Zoo Animals 🐘 🐵

To wrap up the month, we will learn about zoo animals. Visiting the zoo is a popular springtime activity, and we will explore different animals and the sounds they make.

We look forward to a fun-filled month of learning, creativity, and outdoor exploration!

Toddlers

Summer is around the corner! This month we will stop and enjoy the smell of May flowers. We will be soaking up that May sunny weather outside and continue our exploration of art mediums, plants, insects, and the outdoors.

Week 1 theme: Hungry Caterpillars

Week 2 theme: Green Grass

Week 3 theme: Gardening

Week 4 theme: Sunflowers

Expect us to paint, color, bake, explore, experiment, play, sing, and dance to our songs of the week. We absolutely love reading and singing in the toddler classroom.

Beginner 1

Marvellous May is here!! We have been enjoying beautiful days outside and Spring is in full swing. Here are all the fun and exciting learning experiences planned for the month.

Week 1: It's a very special week as we are thrilled to celebrate " Mother's Day ". We will read " I've Loved You Since Forever " by Hoda Kotb and " Are You My Mother " by P.D. Eastman and talk about our beautiful bond and show our appreciation for our moms.

Week 2: This week we will have an understanding of Community Helpers and their contributions to our community. We will explore their jobs, engage in pretend play and dress up like various community helpers. We will read the books " Are You A Helper " by Tad Carpenter and " Firefighter Frank " by Monica Wellington.

Week 3: Welcome to the wonderful world of weather!! This week we will focus on weather concepts like seasons, clouds, rain, rainbows and storms. Our book of the week is " All About Weather " by Huda Haraji, an engaging weather book for young learners.

Week 4: As we gear up for Summer and usher in Memorial Day holiday our theme for this week is Beach. We will identify key elements associated with the beach environment such as sand, water, shells, and engage in tactile learning using our sensory bin. We will read the book " Biscuit's First Beach Day " by Alyssa Satin Capucilli.

We are so excited for May and we wish all our wonderful and incredible moms a **Happy Mother's Day!!** ~ Ms. Suman, Ms. Gauri & Ms. Kate

Beginner 2

Can we believe it is May and the unofficial start to Summer? The children have been so hard at learning about Lifecycles and growing plants. It is now time to shift gears to Mother's Day and the changes that happen in May.

We will focus on several books this month which include:

On Mother's Lap by Ann Herbert
The Father Who had 10 Children by Benedicte Guettier
Are you, My Mother ? By PD Eastmen
Oonga Boonga by Frieda Wishinsky
Me and My Mom by Mercer Mayer

We will be creating so many fun and exciting projects to go along with our books plus we will be making something extra special for our Moms!

We will also quickly touch base on what Memorial Day weekend looks like with our families.

As a reminder, please update your child's clothing in their cubbies and bring sunscreen. Thank you!

Have a wonderful Mother's Day and a nice Memorial Day weekend!

Intermediates

Happy May! Time is really flying by!

This month in our Intermediate classroom, we have some exciting themes planned! We'll begin exploring transportation by learning about different modes of transportation and sharing our favorites. It's always fun to hear where our imaginations take us! As the month continues, we'll shift our focus to our community. We'll talk about the places that make our neighborhoods special and invite children to share some of their favorite spots to visit. To wrap up the month, we'll spend the final two weeks reviewing the alphabet and numbers, helping to reinforce these important foundational skills in a fun and engaging way. We're looking forward to a month full of learning and great conversations!

Just a few reminders!

- Please change your child's cubby clothing into cooler clothing!
- Warmer weather is here! Please bring in lotion or roll on sunscreen for your child!

If you have any questions or concerns feel free to reach out to Ms.Emily or Ms.Alexis! Thank you!

Pre-K

Hello Families!

It's hard to believe we're already in the month of May! This month, we're diving into the wonderful world of our **community**. From the people who help us every day to the places we visit and the ways we get around—our little learners will explore what makes our neighborhoods so special. Here's what we'll be learning each week:

Week 1: Emergency Services

This week, we're learning about the heroes who help keep us safe! We'll talk about firefighters, police officers, and paramedics.

Ask your child: "Who do we call in an emergency?" or "What do we do if we hear sirens when we are in the car?"

Week 2: Important Places in the Community

Our class will take a "pretend trip" around town to explore places like the post office, library, grocery store, and park. We'll talk about what people do in each place and how these places help our community.

Week 3: Local Transportation

Planes, trains, and automobiles—oh my! This week is all about how we get from here to there. We'll sort vehicles by land, air, and water, and even create a classroom "transportation station" where students can pretend to drive buses, fly planes, or sail boats. *"Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus!"* always brings lots of giggles!

Week 4: Community Workers

To wrap up our community theme, we'll focus on the people who work hard every day—teachers, construction workers, doctors, mail carriers, and more! We'll role-play different jobs and talk about what we might want to be when we grow up. We may even have a few special guests come talk to us!

Dress-up Day: Friday, May 39th – Kids can come dressed as their favorite community helper!

Thank you for your continued support! As always, feel free to reach out with any questions or if you'd like to volunteer in the classroom. Let's make May a month full of fun, friendship, and learning!

With gratitude,

Ms. Racheal and Mx.Hannah ✨

Pre-K 2

May is here, and summer is just around the corner! PreK2 will begin this month with some brief review from the beginning of our year, practicing all our letters and the sight words we've learned. We will also spend plenty of time focusing on family, and how special and unique families can be. Be on the lookout for a cute holiday craft celebrating our moms! After Mother's Day we will get back into discussing healthy body choices both physically and with our diet. We will finish up the month learning about a timeless PreK favorite: DINOSAURS! Some highlighted books include: *How to Raise a Mom* by Jean Reagan, *Clothesline Clues to Sports People Play* by Kathryn Helling and Deborah Hembrook, *Errol's Garden* by Gillian Hibbs, and *Edwina, the Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct* by Mo Willems

Weekly Themes:

Week 1: Family & Mother's Day

- Reviewing sight words and simple sentences
- Beginning Spanish family member vocabulary
- **Let's Learn About:** Mother's Day (May 10)

Week 2: Sports & Exercise

- Keeping healthy bodies, brains, and hearts
- Comparing sports in different seasons
- Reviewing addition and subtraction 0-20

Week 3: Gardening & Farming

- What is a fruit? What is a vegetable?
- Comparing crops in different seasons
- Reviewing mixed Spanish and ASL vocabulary

Week 4: Dinosaurs & Fossils

- How are fossils made?
- Reviewing animal groups and characteristics
- Finishing "All About my Family" books

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