

Chesterbrook Academy Wayne

August 2026 Newsletter

Amazing August!

We can't believe summer is almost over! August here we come! Summer camp will continue through August 27th, and it will be full of fun activities and learning! We will continue splashing and having awesome activities such as, Judy Tudy, Kona ice, and so much more so keep reading to discover all of the latest Chesterbrook news for this month!



Oh, the Places We've Been!

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



Last day of Summer camp

The last day of summer camp is Thursday, August 27th, 2026.

WE ARE CLOSED! Friday, August 28th for our professional development day!

We are closed for our professional development day on August 28th! This time will help us prepare for the new school year while allowing our team to collaborate, discuss student growth and development, strengthen school operations and safety practices, and prep the classrooms for this year's students. We cannot wait to see everyone August 31st for the fall school year!

Tadpoles Photo Download

With the school year coming to an end, we wanted to share a Tadpoles update that allows families to bulk download their child's photos. Please see link below. Once children are no longer enrolled, you will not be able to retrieve their photos.

<https://teachingstrategies.my.site.com/portal/s/article/Now-Available-Family-Bulk-Download-of-Pictures-and-Videos>

Events & Announcements

Alex's Lemonade Stand Fundraising Event

We are so excited to share that, thanks to our amazing Wayne community, as we raised **over \$700** for Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation!

Our Pre-K, Pre-K 2, and Intermediate students had so much fun participating in this special fundraiser. They proudly served lemonade, helped make signs, and spread awareness for such an important cause. Along with our lemonade stands, we also hosted a Guess the Number of Candy contest, a raffle basket, and a Parents' Night Out fundraiser. It was wonderful to see our school community come together to support children and families affected by childhood cancer.

Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation began with one little girl, Alex Scott, who wanted to help children with cancer by selling lemonade from her front yard. Her simple idea grew into a nationwide movement that has raised millions of dollars to fund childhood cancer research and support families. We are honored to be a small part of continuing her incredible legacy.

Congratulations to the **Sinclair Family**, who won our Guess the Number of Candy contest, and to the **Hunsberger Family**, who won our raffle basket!

Thank you to every family who donated, stopped by for lemonade, participated in our fundraisers, and supported this cause. We truly could not have done it without our incredible families and staff. Your generosity helped make this fundraiser a huge success, and we are so grateful for everyone who helped us make a difference.

2026 calendars

Just because we are in August does not mean we stop the summer fun yet! We still have many fun activities which you can find in the summer calendar below!

Our new and updated 26-27 academic calendar is now complete! Please take a peek and mark any important dates!

IMPORTANT On the following days, our school will close 1 hour and 15 minutes early to allow our staff to have professional development.

- September 17
- January 14
- March 18
- April 15
- May 13
- June 17



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26-27 school calendar.pdf

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August Teacher Appreciation

This month's Teacher Appreciation Day will be **Wednesday, August 19th**. Appreciation Days are always the highlight of our month, and it truly makes our teachers feel the love! THANK YOU to all who participate!

Click the link below to sign up or scan the QR code:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AAAB2FA6FBC34-64935079-august>



Important School Reminders

Splash Day Reminders

Splash Days will run **until August 21st!** The schedule will be as follows:

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

Some quick reminders about Splash Days:

- Please bring your child to school dressed in their splash gear (i.e. swimsuit or water clothes) with sunscreen already applied.
- Please provide a towel & a bag to place wet clothes into after splashing.

- Please provide a change of clothes (including dry shoes) for after splashing - we will help your child change into dry clothes!
- Remember, close-toed shoes **ONLY!** Water shoes, crocs, and other waterproof shoes are acceptable. **NO FLIP FLOPS!**
- No swim diapers - regular diapers/pull-ups only

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

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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 **after you have notified us of the withdrawal** of your child from the school (including graduation).

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 have notified us of their withdrawal from the school are *no longer eligible for a vacation credit*.
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Health and Illness Policy

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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Shoe Policy

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

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

Please let us know if you have any questions!

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Sunscreen & Water Bottles!

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

Sunscreen:

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

Water Bottles:

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

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



Weather Policy for Outdoor Time

In line with **PA licensing standards**, we take our students outside **twice daily** for gross motor play, as long as the following conditions are met:

- **Wind chill is above 25°F**
- **Temperature is below 90°F or the real feel is below 93°F**
- **No active precipitation**
- **No air quality alert**



Please dress your child in weather-appropriate clothing each day so they're ready for fun, no matter the forecast!



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.**
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Classroom Happenings

Infants

Hello parents! We have one more month of summer and we are planning to make the most of it! We had so much fun with our sea animals that we decided to continue it throughout August. Our first ocean animal of course is doing our baby sharks, then we will recreate the majestic seahorse, next is starfish, and finally we will end with whales.

We will also continue to help our little ones with their motor skills and fine motor skills. Our babies are masters at making work look fun and we will continue to follow their lead.

Young Todds

Dear Families,

Welcome to August! This month we will be learning through hands-on play, songs, stories, and exploration. Our classroom themes are Shapes, Colors, Our Emotions, and Back to School. We look forward to a month full of fun, learning, and growing together!

Shapes

This month we will explore basic shapes such as circles, squares, triangles, and rectangles. Children will learn to recognize shapes in everyday objects through play and discovery.

Activities:

- Shape sorting with colorful blocks
- Create shape pictures using paper cutouts
- Read books about shapes and sing shape songs
- Shape stamping with paint

Colors

We will discover a variety of colors through art, sensory activities, and playful experiments. Children will practice identifying and naming colors while exploring the world around them.

Activities:

- Finger painting with primary colors
- Rainbow collage craft
- Mixing colors during art time

Our Emotions

Helping Young toddlers recognize and express their feelings is an important part of their development. We will talk about different emotions and practice using kind words and gentle actions.

Activities:

- Read stories about feelings

- Sing songs about emotions
- Practice making happy, sad, surprised, and angry faces in a mirror
- Create an "All About My Feelings" art project

Back to School

As we settle into our classroom routine, we will focus on making new friends, learning classroom expectations, and building confidence in our daily schedule.

Activities:

- Name recognition activities
- Decorating school backpacks or name tags
- Friendship bracelet or handprint craft
- Practice lining up, cleaning up, and sharing with friends

Reminders for Families

- Please label all backpacks, water bottles, and extra clothing.
- Send a complete change of clothes in your child's backpack.
- Dress your child in comfortable clothing and closed-toe shoes for active play.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are excited to make August a month filled with learning, laughter, and wonderful memories!

Tods

Summer is almost over! With the fall looming close and camp coming to an end, we're doing our best to pump up the fun in toddlers. This month we will continue to sing, dance, read, craft, play, and explore. As per usual we will be reading a book each week to encapsulate our weekly theme prelude our daily fun activities. Our weekly themes include...

Week 1 - mysteries at the museum

Week 2 - hiding in the garden

Week 3 - foods and fantasy

Week 4 - around the world we go

Beginner 1

We are making the most of summer with exciting and memorable camp adventures along with engaging classroom experiences. Here's everything we have planned for August.

Week 1: Our theme this week is the whimsical world of Fairy Tales. They are not just stories but a doorway to build our imagination, wonder and creativity. We can't wait to read our favorite fairy tale books that help us focus on language development as we learn about different characters and creatures from these tales.

Week 2: "With great power comes great responsibility" - Spider-Man. This week our theme is Superheroes who use their power and empathy for the great good. We can't wait to read and learn about their characteristics, their skills and strengths as we engage in dress up during pretend play and vote for our favorite Superhero.

Week 3: What is Summer without Pizza? Our theme this week is Pizza as we will read the book "Peppa's Pizza Party" by Rebecca Potters. We will work on sensory activity by creating pizza dough.

Week 4: We will take a peek into the secret magical world of Dragons. We will discover a few interesting fun facts about these mythical and legendary creatures as we read the book "Dragons

Are Real " by Holly Hatam.

As we conclude our camp, we will host a summer themed party sometime in August. Please be on the lookout for a sign up sheet in our classroom with details. Have a great rest of your summer !!
~ Ms. Suman

Beginner 2

August is here and so are the dog days of Summer. So, as the dog days howl in we will close out camp barking through the days with Kona ice, Judy Tidy ☺ and her "Special As camp comes to an end, we will be Game On, Eco Explorers, so we will go to Lights, Camp & Action as we are Kids Helping Kids, and we become Inventors in our Innovation Hub.

Some of the books we will read and explore will include Dinosaur Bones by Bob Barner, The Bug Book by Sue Fliess, Where is the Sun? By Eric Carle and Lastly, Paletero Man by Lucky Diaz.

Please keep in mind that we are a potty-training classroom. Your child should come to school wearing a pull up, or underwear if they are ready. Please no more diapers or onesies. Thank you!

As the new year starts right around the corner, we are in need of a few donations- we are looking for fake leaves, gourds, apples and back to school items for our sensory table!

And as a class we would like to send a warm Congratulations to Ms. Franny as she welcomed her new son, Felix to her family!

Have a great rest of your Summer!

Ms. Jen & Ms. Galina

Intermediates

Wow August already! As summer winds down, we have more exciting activities to get through!

Week 1: Fairytales

- We stepped into the magical world of fairytales, we read some of our favorites books, building castles, dragons, and dressing up as knights, princesses, and princes!

Week 2: Pirates

- Ahoy Mateys! Our pirates will be searching for hidden treasure, counting gold coins, and working together to "Walk the Plank"

Week 3: Dinosaurs

- We will be exploring fossils, acting out like dinosaurs, and creating some fun Dino prints!

Week 4: End of summer fun!

- We are sadly wrapping up summer fun! We will discuss our favorite activities we've done in intermediates and play some fun backyard games to wrap it all up! We wish the very best to friends that are moving into prek!!!

Reminder: Splash Days are on THURSDAYS!!!

If you have any books that relate to these theme you are more than welcome to bring them!

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to reach out to Ms.Alexis or Ms.Emily! :)

Pre-K

Dear Parents and Families, August is here and we're ready to wrap up our summer with a magical journey through stories, mythical creatures, and fun-filled farewells. This month's themes are designed to spark imagination, build storytelling skills, and create joyful memories as we get ready to say goodbye to Summer Camp. Check out what your little explorer will be discovering each week!

Week 1: What's a Fairytale? (Aug 3 –Aug 7)

This week, we're stepping into a world of castles, talking animals, and happily-ever-afters. Children will learn what makes a story a fairytale and explore beloved tales like *Cinderella*, *Jack and the Beanstalk*, and *The Three Little Pigs*.

Activities include:

- Making magic wands and crowns
- Story sequencing with fairytale characters
- Building a fairytale castle with blocks

Week 2: Dinosaurs! (Aug 10–Aug 14)

Get ready to roar! This week we're diving into dinosaurs and learning all about these prehistoric creatures—friendly and fierce!

Activities include:

- Dinosaur egg science experiment
- Making a handprint stegosaurus
- Dinosaur movement games (flying like pteradons, stomping like T-rexs, running like velociraptors)
- Reading educational books about Dinosaurs and some fun Dinosaur Tales like *Land Before Time*

Week 3: Pirates & Mermaids (Aug 17–Aug 21)

Ahoy, matey! This week brings salty sea adventures and underwater wonders. We'll talk about ocean life while pretending to sail the seas with pirates and swim with mermaids.

Activities include:

- Treasure hunt in the classroom
- Create ocean bottles and seashell art
- Learn pirate songs and ocean dances

Week 4: Goodbye to Summer Camp! (Aug 24–Aug 28)

Our final week is all about celebration! We'll reflect on all the fun we've had this summer and get ready for the new school year ahead.

Activities include:

- Camp Memory Book project
- Outdoor field day games
- Sharing circle: "My favorite summer memory"

Reminders:

- Please send your child with a labeled water bottle and sunglasses/hats each day.
- Water play days will continue each Friday, weather permitting. Splash will be finished on August 21th!
- Watch for a take-home packet at the end of the month with artwork and photos from summer camp!
- August 27nd will be our End of the Year Party. We will be having a water ice party! :)

Thank you for sharing your wonderful children with us this summer. It's been a magical journey, and we can't wait for all that the new school year will bring!

With joy,

Ms.Racheal and Mx.Hannah 💖

Pre-K 2

Summer has just soared by! This month we will be finishing up talking about history, and gardening before working through a review of the whole school year. From letters to numbers, capital and lowercase, addition to subtraction, and plenty of Spanish vocabulary, PreK2 is going to feel super ready for their next adventures in kindergarten. We can't believe it's almost time to say goodbye! We will end the month with a farewell party for all of our incredible students (Be on the lookout for more information on daily reports). We're so proud of them all! Let's finish strong! - Mr. SJ & Ms. Emily

Week 1 : Museums Mysteries

- Understanding the purpose and types of museums
- Discussing the importance of world history
- Creating our own "exhibits"

Week 2 : In the Garden

- Understanding the purpose of community gardens
- Reviewing citizenship and community care
- Judy Tudy Wednesday morning! (8/12)

Week 3 : School year review

- Reviewing literacy and math skills
- Sharing and commemorating favorite parts of the school year
- Last Kona Ice visit Monday (8/17)

Week 4 : Kindergarten Ready!

- Discussing what skills we can use next years
- Solidifying social emotional skills, including self regulation
- End of the year party time! (TBD)

August 21 is our last Splash Day.

School is closed Friday, August 28 for teacher set up day.

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