

Chesterbrook Academy Wayne

October 2026 Newsletter

October Adventures Await at Chesterbrook!

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



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

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



October Teacher Appreciation 10/14

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

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

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AAAB2FA6FBC34-65975402-october>

Learning About October Holidays

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

- **Sukkot (through October 2):** A Jewish harvest festival centered around gratitude, gathering with family and friends, and spending time in a temporary outdoor structure called a *sukkah*. Sukkot begins in September this year and continues through October 2.
- **Hispanic Heritage Month (through October 15):** Hispanic Heritage Month celebrates the histories, cultures, traditions, and contributions of people with heritage from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.
- **Indigenous Peoples' Day (October 12):** A day to honor Indigenous peoples and celebrate the histories, cultures, traditions, and continuing contributions of Native communities.
- **Dussehra (October 20):** A Hindu celebration that marks the victory of good over evil. Families may celebrate with storytelling, gatherings, performances, decorations, and other traditions.
- **Halloween (October 31):** A fun fall tradition for many families that can include costumes, pumpkin decorating, trick-or-treating, and other seasonal celebrations.

Here are some resources to use to explore these traditions:

- **Sukkot:** [Sukkot with Kids](#) | [PJ Library](#)
- **Hispanic Heritage Month:** [Hispanic Heritage Month](#) | [PBS KIDS for Parents](#)
- **Indigenous Peoples' Day:** [Native Knowledge 360°: Interactive lessons and resources](#)
- **Dussehra & Hindu Celebrations:** [1.26_000.01-2026-Dharmic-Calendar.pdf](#)

Events & Announcements

Halloween Spirit Week! October 26–30

Get ready for a week of Halloween fun! We will have cozy pajamas to festive colors, we invite everyone to join the daily dress-up themes as we count down to our **Halloween Celebration on Friday, October 30!**

Check out the spirit week schedule and join us for a week of silly, spooky, sweet school spirit!



Halloween Spirit Week.pdf

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🎃 Happy Halloween! 🎃

Save the date! For October 30th for a Halloween celebration!

Get your costumes ready! We are reworking our Halloween celebrations to make sure everyone

gets to have fun and enjoy some spooky treats together. Keep an eye out for more updates as we plan something special!



Community Happenings

Wilson Farm Park has some fun community events lined up for October!

Community Day: On **Saturday, October 3rd** from **1:00 PM-5:00 PM**, head over to **Wilson Farm Park** for Tredyffrin Township's annual Community Day!

Trunk or Treat: Their annual **Trunk or Treat** will be held on **Saturday, October 24th** from **2:00 PM-4:00 PM** at **Wilson Farm Park**.

Both events are **free and open to the public, weather permitting**.

For more information, visit the Tredyffrin Township Community Events page:

<https://www.tredyffrin.org/Departments/Parks-Recreation/Community-Events>

Celebrating Our Staff Anniversaries!

We're excited to recognize some very special milestones for our amazing team members:

- **Ms. Emily G** - October 2022 - **4 years**
- **Ms. Liz** - October 2024 - **2 years**
- **Ms. Franny** - October 2024 - **2 years**

Thank you for all your hard work, dedication, and the joy you bring to our school every day.



Full-Day Kindergarten Coming to T/E!

The **Tredyffrin/Easttown School District** is preparing to launch a **Full-Day Kindergarten program beginning in August 2027!** The program is being designed to support children's academic, social, emotional, and physical development while giving them plenty of opportunities to learn, play, move, and explore.

The developing full-day schedule will include **daily language arts and math, science and social studies, special area classes, two recess periods, Active Playful Learning, and a calm “Read and Recharge” time during the day.**

Our families with upcoming kindergarteners can learn more about the program, curriculum, schedule, registration, and upcoming updates on the T/E School District website.

[Full-Day Kindergarten - Tredyffrin/Easttown School District](#)

Important School Reminders

Seasonal Safety Note

As our **black walnut tree** starts dropping its walnuts, please be extra careful when walking up the path. Watch your step as those sneaky walnuts like to roll! And keep an eye above too... you never know when one might decide to drop in to say hello!

Vacation Credit, Hiatus, & Withdraw Reminders

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

Vacation Credits:

- Vacation credits require **two weeks' written notice via email** in order to be utilized
- Credits reset on July 1st.
- Credits can only be utilized for a Monday-Friday absence. If a child is present for any portion of the week, regular tuition will apply.
- New students must be **enrolled for 6 months** to be eligible for a vacation credit.
- Students who have taken a **recent hiatus** will need to wait **6 months** to be eligible for a vacation credit.
- Vacation credits do not "carry over" from year to year.
- You are **not eligible** for a vacation credit **if you are within 30 days of your withdraw date.**

Hiatus:

- We require a 30-day (4 week) written notice via email for a hiatus date
- A hiatus must be a minimum of three weeks long
- We will require a specified **return date** before we can place your child on hiatus in order to maintain their spot on our roster.
- Families who have notified us of a hiatus date are *no longer eligible for a vacation credit*. Students returning from hiatus *are not eligible for a vacation credit until they have been back at school for 6 months.*

Withdrawals:

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

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

Health & Illness Policy

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Cubbies Reminder: Fall Spare Clothes

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Drop Off & Pick Up Reminders

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

- **Morning Drop-Off: Between 7AM-9AM.**

You can drop your child off directly in their classroom. If you are going to be late, please send us a message via Tadpoles. Please note that consistently late drop-offs impact your child's routine as well as the classroom's routine.

- *Please note: our school is not open for operation prior to 7AM.*

- **Half-Day Pick-Up: Between 12:30PM-1PM.**

Come right to your child's classroom for pickup!

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

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

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

Parking Lot: Idling Reminder

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

Science says that idling cars is not only bad for the environment as a whole, but **it creates local hot spots of pollution** that our children then must walk through and breathe! Air pollution caused by vehicle exhaust can aggravate asthma, allergies, and cardiovascular and respiratory disease. **Children are especially sensitive to air pollution** because they breathe 50% more air per pound of body weight than adults!

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

For more information on idling, check out this site:

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

Classroom Happenings

Infants

Welcome back to a fantastic new school year in infants!

We are so excited to kick off **Week 1 (8/31–9/4)** by welcoming our students back and diving into our crisp **Apples** theme.

The learning and fun continue in **Week 2 (9/7–9/11)** as we celebrate literacy and our love for **Books**, followed by a delicious **Week 3 (9/14–9/18)** focused on all things **Cheeseburgers**.

We'll grab another favorite slice of fun in **Week 4 (9/21–9/25)** with our **Pizza** theme, and finally, we'll warm up and wrap up the month during **Week 5 (9/28–10/2)** with a cozy **Ice Coffee** theme.

It's going to be an incredible month filled with engaging activities, so get ready for a wonderful September!

Young Toddlers

This October we will be discussing the changing seasons! This month we will learn about the following topics through story time, nursery rhymes, activities, and sensory experiences!

Week 1 & 2 - Fire Safety/Community Helpers

Week 3 - Leaves & Acorns

Week 4 - On the Farm

Week 5 - Halloween!

This month we will read the following books, "Not a Pumpkin!" By Susie Lee Jin Scholastic, "Sunrise, Moonrise" by Betsy Thompson, "Over on the Farm" by Marianne Berkes, and our "Look and Learn Word Book!"

We will learn through various activities and sensory play, such as: Hand, finger, and footprint art, dot paint, visuals & sounds, and sensory bins!

Toddlers

We are so excited to fall into learning this October! 🍁 Our little learners will explore a new fun theme each week as we enjoy the sights, sounds and excitement of the season.

- **Week 1: Down on the Farm** - We'll learn about farm animals, explore farm-themed sensory activities, and enjoy fun songs, stories, and crafts.
- **Week 2: Fall Leaves** - We'll discover the colors and changes of fall through leaf scavenger hunts, art projects, sensory play, and nature activities.
- **Week 3: Pumpkins** - We'll explore pumpkins through counting, colors, sensory activities, stories, and pumpkin-themed crafts.
- **Week 4: Halloween** - We'll celebrate with spooky-but-silly stories, crafts and fun Halloween crafts.

It's sure to be a boo-tiful month filled with learning, laughter, creativity, and lots of Fall fun!

Beginner 1

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

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

Week 2 : It's Fire Prevention Week from Oct 4th - 10th. This week we prepare to learn about our Firefighters, safety practices and build a better understanding of community helpers. We will engage in dramatic play as we dress up like Firefighters and practice " Stop, Drop and Roll". We will read the book " Fire Engines " by Anne Rockwell and " FireFighter Frank " by Monica Wellington.

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

Week 4: Teachers' Choice : This week we will explore familiar farm animals and their habitats. We will understand the concept of farm life during fall including the changes in nature, crops that are harvested, and animals that live on the farm. We will read the book " All Around The Sunny Farm".

Week 5: The Spooky season is here and we conclude the month learning about all things Halloween. We will read a spooktacular book " Pete The Cat : Trick or Treat " by James Dean.

On Friday, October 30th we are excited to host our Halloween class party, there will be a sign up sheet for families to bring in a treat. If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to us and we thank you for your continued support.

~ Ms. Suman & Ms. Becky

Beginner 2

Happy Fall Ya'll! October is here; the sounds of firetrucks are in the air! Teaching fire safety here and there! We will learn about Stop, Drop, Cover and Roll and we will practice 911! Along with

watching the leaves changing colors and learning about Halloween. We have a super busy month ahead of us and there will be so many cool projects and pumpkin carving happening, too!

This month our books will be.

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

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

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

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

Other notes for the month,

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

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

Intermediates

Happy October! We are excited for a fun filled month of fall fun and exploring!

Week 1: 5 Senses

1. We will begin the month learning about our 5 senses: seeing, hearing, tasting, smelling, and touching! We will do so through sensory activities and experiments!

Week 2: Apples

1. We will explore Apples! We will be tasting and doing art activities with apples!

Week 3: Pumpkins

1. We will start our Halloween fun by carving a pumpkin as a class, counting pumpkin seeds and much more! We will also take a look into scarecrows!

Week 4: Halloween

1. Happy Halloween! We will discuss what everyone is being for Halloween and who we go trick or treating with! Then, we will explore bats, monsters, and read. "there was an Old Lady who Swallowed a Bat!"

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

October is going to be a fun-filled month of learning, exploring, and celebrating the changing season! We'll be discovering signs of fall, learning about fire safety, exploring Indigenous history and the story of Columbus, investigating pumpkins, and finishing the month with some Halloween fun.

Here's a look at what we'll be learning each week:

Week 1: All About Fall

We'll kick off October by exploring the sights, sounds, and changes that come with fall!

Our classroom will be filled with opportunities to investigate leaves, changing colors, cooler weather, apples, and other signs of the season. We'll use our senses to explore fall materials, create seasonal artwork, read fall-themed books, and talk about how nature changes during this time of year.

We'll also have a special day focused on Fire Safety!

During our fire safety lessons, we'll learn:

- What a smoke detector does
- Why we should never play with matches or lighters
- What to do if we see or smell smoke
- How to "Stop, Drop, and Roll"
- Why we should have a safe meeting place at home
- How to practice safely leaving a building during a fire

We'll make learning about fire safety fun, memorable, and age-appropriate!

Week 2: Indigenous History & Columbus

This week, we'll learn about the people who lived on the land long before Columbus arrived and explore the history surrounding Christopher Columbus's voyages.

We'll introduce students to Indigenous peoples and cultures in an age-appropriate way, focusing on families, communities, traditions, homes, food, art, and the ways people lived and cared for their communities and environment.

We'll also talk about Columbus and his 1492 voyage across the Atlantic. Rather than presenting the story as simply a celebration, we'll help children begin to understand that historical events can affect different groups of people in different ways.

Through stories, maps, artwork, and classroom discussions, children will practice learning about the past while developing curiosity and respect for different people and cultures.

Week 3: Pumpkin Week

Get ready for a pumpkin-filled week!

We'll investigate pumpkins from the inside out and use our classroom as a mini pumpkin laboratory. Children will have opportunities to observe, touch, count, compare, measure, and explore pumpkins and their seeds.

We'll be learning:

- What pumpkins look and feel like
- How pumpkins grow
- What is inside a pumpkin
- Pumpkin vocabulary
- Comparing pumpkin sizes and shapes
- Counting and sorting pumpkin seeds
- How pumpkins can be used for food and decoration

Of course, we'll also have plenty of pumpkin-themed stories, songs, sensory activities, crafts, and math and science activities!

Week 4: Halloween Fun!

Our final week will be a **4-day school week** filled with Halloween-themed learning and fun!

We'll explore Halloween through stories, songs, crafts, dramatic play, and classroom activities. We'll practice counting with Halloween manipulatives, work on colors and patterns, explore spooky sensory materials, and enjoy some festive art projects.

We'll also talk about Halloween safety, including staying with trusted adults, being aware of our surroundings, and making safe choices while trick-or-treating.

Halloween will be a special celebration of creativity, imagination, and classroom community!

Throughout the Month

Along with our weekly themes, we'll continue working on our Pre-K skills, including:

- Letter recognition and phonics
- Name writing and early writing skills
- Counting and number recognition
- Shapes, colors, patterns, and sorting
- Fine-motor development
- Cutting, gluing, drawing, and painting
- Social-emotional skills
- Sharing, turn-taking, and problem-solving
- Listening and following directions
- Building independence and classroom routines

We're looking forward to a wonderful October filled with learning, exploration, creativity, and lots of fall fun!

Thank you for partnering with us as we help your little learners grow!

Happy October!

-Mx.Hannah and Ms.Racheal

Pre-K 2

Can you believe our first month is over? Time flies when we're having fun! Now that fall is fully upon us, we have a month filled with some awesome autumn activities ahead! This month students will explore the elements that make up our world, and the kinds of people and creatures we get to share it with. All throughout the month we will be getting more practice with writing numbers, as well as how to say them in Spanish and American Sign Language. We will also take some time at the end of the month to learn about the history of Halloween and some different ways people celebrate. Finally, we will have a fun Halloween celebration as a class to finish up!

Please be on the lookout for emails, Tadpoles messages, or daily report notes for information about our party and anything else that may come up this October.

- Ms. Emily & Mr. SJ

Highlighted books: *The Rain Came Down* by David Shannon, *Here We Are: Notes for Living on Planet Earth* by Oliver Jeffers, *The Very Quiet Cricket* by Eric Carle, *How Big Does Your Pumpkin Grow?* by Wendell Minor

Week 1: Seasons & Weather

- Letter and number writing practice, U-W & 16-20
- Beginning Spanish & ASL numbers 0-10
- Understanding comparisons by amount (most, more, less, least...)
- Describing and identifying seasonal qualities

Week 2: People & Places

- Letter and number writing practice, X-Z & 0-100 by tens

- Continuing Spanish & ASL numbers 11-20
- Sharing and understanding different ways of communicating
- Learning about Pennsylvania symbols & history

Week 3: Living Things Big & Small

- Alphabet and number review
- Understanding characteristics of living things
- Comparing plants and animals with describing words
- Beginning "PreK2 A to Z Zoo" class project

Week 4: Pumpkins & Halloween

- Understanding differences in plant and animal life cycles
- Ordering the lifecycle of a pumpkin sequentially
- Reviewing Spanish 1-20 and song
- **Let's Learn About:** Halloween on Oct. 31

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