Chesterbrook Academy Wayne

November 2026 Newsletter



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!

Please welcome Ms.Morgan!

We are excited to welcome Ms. Morgan as our new Office Administrator at Chesterbrook Academy! She joins us with a B.A. in Public Relations, a love for teaching, and experience working with children ages 2 through 5. One of her favorite parts of working with children is seeing their imaginations come to life and helping them build confidence.
Morgan knew Chesterbrook would be a great fit when she saw how happy the teachers were and how comfortable everyone felt talking and sharing ideas with one another. She loves getting to do a little bit of everything, whether she's jumping into a classroom, helping families, or taking care of things in the office!
Outside of school, Morgan enjoys baking, crafting, and spending time with her family and her two dogs, Theo and Harvey.

A Few of Ms. Morgan's Favorite Things:

- **Season:** Fall
- **Color:** Green
- **School Subject:** History
- **Holiday:** St. Patrick's Day
- **Children's TV Show:** Bluey

Please join us in giving Ms. Morgan a warm welcome!

November Teacher Appreciation



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

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

Sarah, Morgan & 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.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AAAB2FA6FBC34-67165727-november



Celebrating Our Staff Anniversaries!

This November, we're excited to recognize a very special milestone for one of our amazing team member.

Ms. Suman! 11/2022 -4 years

Thank you, Ms. Suman, for your dedication, kindness, and the warmth you bring to our classrooms every day. We're so grateful to have you as part of our school family!

Help Us Feed Local Families!



Most Needed Food Items:

- Canned fruit
- Canned tuna and chicken
- Rice (16 oz bags only)
- Canned beans, such as kidney, pinto, or garbanzo beans

Other Welcome Items:

- Pasta, pasta sauce, and canned tomatoes
- Cooking oil
- Canned soups and stews (pop-top cans appreciated)
- Healthy, nut-free snacks for kids

Please donate **unopened, unexpired items in non-glass containers**.

Each donation provides more than food. It offers comfort, care, and support to our neighbors during the holidays and beyond.

Thank you for helping our school community share the spirit of giving this holiday season!

Click here to learn more about the Chester County Food Bank

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:

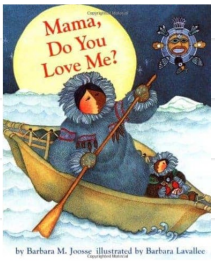
- Home | Native Knowledge 360° - Interactive Teaching Resources - Games, videos, and activities that teach about Native American life and history.
- Native Americans | National Geographic Kids -Discover cool facts about different tribes across North America.
- PBS KIDS Celebrates Native American Heritage 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:

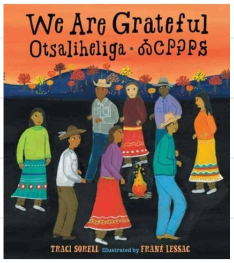
- **Mama, Do You Love Me?** by Barbara M. Joosse, illustrated by Barbara Lavalle
  An Inuit mother reassures her daughter that she is loved no matter what, with beautiful illustrations reflecting Inuit culture and landscapes.
  Find the book here
- **We Are Grateful, Otsaliheliga** by Traci Sorrell, 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

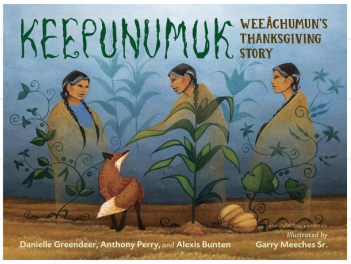
- **Keepunumuk: Weeâchumun's Thanksgiving Story** by Danielle Greendeer, Anthony Perry, and Alexis Bunten, illustrated by Garry Meeches Sr. (Wampanoag)
  Learn the Wampanoag perspective on the first Thanksgiving and how the First Peoples helped the Pilgrims, while honoring that many Indigenous communities see this day as a time of remembrance.
  Find the book here



Mama, Do You Love me?



We Are Grateful, Otsaliheliga



Keepunumuk: Weeâchumun's Thanksgiving Story

Other Important dates in November

November 1st - Daylight Saving Time Ends
Don't forget to fall back! Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 1st. Set your clocks **back one hour**.

November 1st & 2nd - Day of the Dead
Day of the Dead (Día de los Muertos) is a Mexican tradition that celebrates and remembers loved ones who have passed away. Families honor their memories with colorful decorations, flowers, photographs, and favorite foods.

November 3rd - Election Day
It's Election Day in Pennsylvania! Voting is an important way to help shape our communities and have a voice in our future.

November 8th - Diwali
Known as the Festival of Lights, Diwali celebrates light over darkness and good over evil. Many families celebrate with lamps, colorful decorations, special foods, and time together.

November 11th - Veterans Day
We honor and thank all who have served in the military. Our school will be **closed** today in observance of the holiday.

Explore more holidays and observances happening this month!
November 2026 Holidays and Observances

Events & Announcements

📸Picture Day📸

Tuesday, November 10th.

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 **Wednesday, 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 25th: Closing early at **3:00 PM**
November 26th-27th: Closed for Thanksgiving
Thanksgiving is a time to be thankful, enjoy good food, and spend time with family and friends.

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!

Important School Reminder

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 $100 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.*

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.

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.*
- **Afternoon 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 as 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

Get ready for a sweet and festive month ahead! We have an exciting lineup of weekly themes planned for November. Kick off the month with **Donuts** (11/1–11/7), followed by sweet **Cupcakes** (11/8–11/14), and a magical **Mickey Mouse** week (11/15–11/21). As we head into the holiday season, celebrate with our **Turkey** theme (11/22–11/28) and wrap up the month getting cozy with **French Toast** (11/29–12/4). We can't wait to share all the fun with you!

Young Tods

This November we are embracing the autumn season! This month we will learn about and explore the following topics through story time, nursery rhymes, activities, and sensory experiences!
Week 1 - Changing Seasons (Weather, colors, nature)
Week 2 - Gratitude (Thankfulness, Friendship, family)
Week 3 - Autumn Vegetables
Week 4 - Thanksgiving!
This month we will read the following books, “Not a Pumpkin!” By Susie Lee Jin Scholastic, “A Bedtime Hug” by Patricia Hegarty, “Edible Colors” by Jennifer Vogel Bass, and our “I spy!” books! We will explore these topics through various activities and sensory play, such as: Hand, finger, and foot print art, paint, paper crafts, visuals & sounds, matching/puzzles, and sensory bins(or toys)!

Toddlers

We are excited for a fun-filled month of learning and exploring with our Toddlers! Each week, we will discover a new theme through stories, songs, art, sensory play, and hands-on activities.

Week 1 - Forest Animals: We will learn about forest animals, their sounds, movements, and where they live.
Week 2 - Fruits & Vegetables: We will explore colorful fruits and vegetables while learning about healthy foods.
Week 3 - Family: We will celebrate our families and talk about the special people who love and care for us.

Week 4 - Thanksgiving: We will learn about being thankful, sharing, kindness, and gratitude.

We look forward to a wonderful month filled with learning, laughter, friendship, and fun! 🌈❤

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 read the book " The Wolf's Chicken Stew " by Keiko Kasza.
Week 4: This week is about Thanksgiving and Celebrations at Home. 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 book “ Thanksgiving is for Giving Thanks” by Margaret Sutherland.

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 & Ms. Becky

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! If you have any questions, please see Ms. Jen or Ms. Franny.

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.
Please keep spare clothing at school for your child - accidents happen! Spills happen!

We are thankful to have you and your child in our school and in our classroom!

Have a great Thanksgiving!!

Intermediates

Happy November! We are continuing our fall fun and introducing thankfulness!
Week 1: Animal Habitats

- This week we will learn about where animals live and how each habitat is different from each other! Can you name all the habitats?

Week 2: Farm Animals

- We will be getting our Cow Kit this week! So, to learn more about cow we will dive deep into our farm animals! More info about cow kits will be out soon!

Week 3: Hibernation

- Late fall into winter animals go into hibernation! We will discuss which animals and where they go! We will also be doing a lot of dramatic play to create our own hibernation station!

Week 4: Thankfulness

- Happy Thanksgiving! This week will be short so we will be making different turkey crafts and learning what it means to be thankful!

If you have any books related to the theme you are more than welcome to bring them in to share with the class!
If you have any questions feel free to reach out!
Thank you! Ms.Emily and Ms.Alexis

Pre-K

Happy November! We are excited for a month full of learning, exploring, and making memories together.

This month, our Pre-K friends will explore voting, our five senses, dairy farming, and Thanksgiving.

Here is a look at what we will be learning throughout the month!
Week 1: All About Voting
We will kick off the month by learning about voting and how people make choices together. The children will discover what it means to vote, why voting is important, and how everyone can have a voice. We will practice making choices, counting votes, and graphing our classroom results!
We will be learning about:

- Making choices and sharing our opinions
- Taking turns and listening to others
- Counting and comparing votes
- Being fair and respectful of different choices

Week 2: Our Five Senses
Get ready to explore the world around us! This week, we will learn about our five senses: sight, hearing, smell, taste, and touch. Our students will discover how their senses help them learn about the world and also how other animals use their senses!
We will be learning about:

- Identifying our five senses and the body parts we use
- Exploring different textures, sounds, colors, and smells
- Describing what we see, hear, smell, taste, and feel
- Using our senses to observe and investigate

Week 3: Our Adopted Dairy Cow & Dairy Farming

Moo-ve over, because we are learning all about dairy farming! We are excited to learn more about our adopted dairy cow Artemis and discover how dairy farmers care for their cows and provide us with delicious dairy products. The children will explore where milk comes from and how it travels from the farm to our tables.

We will be learning about:

- Our adopted dairy cow and how farmers care for cows
- Where milk comes from
- How milk is collected and processed
- Dairy products such as cheese, yogurt, and butter
- Why dairy foods are part of a balanced diet

We can't wait to learn more about our girl Artemis and the important work dairy farmers do!

Week 4: Thanksgiving & Gratitude

Our final week will be a short but meaningful one as we celebrate Thanksgiving! We will talk about gratitude, family, friendship, and the many things that make us feel thankful. Through stories, art projects, and classroom conversations, we will practice recognizing the kindness and goodness around us.

We will be learning about:

- What it means to be thankful
- Showing kindness and appreciation
- Sharing what we are grateful for
- Celebrating Thanksgiving through stories and crafts

Please remember: As the weather gets cooler, please send your child with a jacket or coat for outdoor play everyday.

Thank you for being such an important part of our classroom community! We are grateful for the opportunity to learn and grow with your little ones every day. We look forward to a wonderful November filled with curiosity, kindness, and fun!

Wishing all of our families a happy and healthy 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 lifecycles differ from an animal or human lifecycle? Finally, we will finish up with a short week to celebrate all we have to be thankful for!

Wednesday, November 25th, we will be closing at 3pm. Closed November 26th and 27th.

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 lifecycles
- 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

Let's have a great month!
-Mr. SJ and Ms. Emily

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