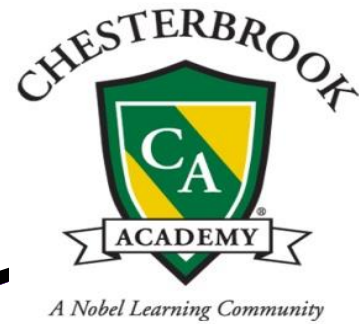


December News



December 1st, 2016

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One Warm Coat

Now-December 16th

We will be collecting coats for One Warm Coat and you can help!

One Warm Coat is a national non-profit organization that works to provide a free, warm coat to any person in need and raises awareness of the vital need for warm coats. The coats we collect will be distributed here in our local community, to any person in need, without charge, discrimination or obligation.

You can help us spread warmth! Simply go through your closets and pull out your gently worn coats, place the coats in the box at the front desk – it's that easy!

Holiday Musical and Party

Friday, December 16th: 3:30pm

Our students will be learning about all types of holidays and celebrations from around the world throughout the month of December. Each classroom will be learning about holidays celebrated throughout the world including Diwali, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanzaa, Los Pasados, and more!

On Friday, December 16th, at 3:30pm, we invite all of our families, friends, and relatives to our holiday musical and classroom parties. Your child's class will sing a variety of songs and then celebrate the holidays with treats. Sign-ups for the treats will be located on the classroom doors the week before.

Thank you for celebrating with us!

Parents' Morning Out

Saturday, December 17th: 9:00am-3:00pm

Need to finish up Christmas shopping? Perhaps you would like to enjoy a quiet morning or go out to breakfast? We will be hosting a morning out on Saturday, December 17th from 9am-3pm. We will provide breakfast, lunch, crafts, a movie, and accommodate our normal naptime routine. Everyone will have fun and be well rested for pickup at 3pm.

All for only \$30 per child! Spots are likely to fill up quickly, please sign up at the front desk as soon as possible.

Weather Related Closings

The cold is here along with the possibility of snow! Chesterbrook Academy strongly considers the safety and security of our students, parents, and teachers when deciding whether to close our school or not. In the case that we decide to close or open late, an email will be sent by the principal notifying you of the closure and it will be updated on the home page of our website at, centreville.chesterbrookacademy.com. We will also have it on our school voicemail at (703)968-2939.

In the case we close early while your children are still here, you will receive an email, it will be updated on our website, and your child's teacher will call you to let you know. If the forecast calls for bad weather during a normal school day, please plan ahead and anticipate a longer commute. We will look at this closely and keep you updated as the winter progresses.

Winter Break

Fairfax County public schools will be closed December 19th -30th. We will be providing a winter break camp for these two weeks. Please see the front desk for additional information and registration.

Christmas/New Year Holiday

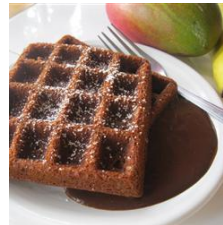
We know a lot of our families travel during the week of Christmas and/or New Years and may not attend much those weeks. Signup sheets for attendance will be posted on each classroom door by at least the week before. This way if attendance is low, we are able to schedule time for our teachers as well. We also wanted to remind you that if you are planning on using a vacation credit for the upcoming December holidays, you must complete a vacation request form at least four weeks before the vacation week for approval.

Closings & Change of hours for the holidays:

Friday, December 23rd: Open 6:30-3:30pm
Monday, December 26th: Closed

Friday, December 30th: Normal Hours *may change based on enrollment
Monday, January 2nd: Closed

Recipe of the Month



Gingerbread Waffles w/ Hot Chocolate Sauce

Courtesy of allrecipes.com

Ingredients

1 cup light molasses	1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup butter	2 cups boiling water
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda	1 cup white sugar
1/2 cup of milk	2 tablespoons cornstarch
1 egg	1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder
2 cups all-purpose flour	1 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger	2 teaspoons vanilla extract
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon	2 tablespoons butter

Directions

1. In a small saucepan, heat molasses and 1/2 cup butter until almost boiling. Remove from heat and let cool slightly. Stir in baking soda, milk and egg.
2. In a large bowl, sift together flour, ginger, cinnamon and salt. Make a well in the center and pour in the molasses mixture. Mix until smooth.
3. Spray preheated waffle iron with non-stick cooking spray. Pour mix onto hot waffle iron. Cook until golden brown. Serve hot with chocolate sauce.
4. To make chocolate sauce: In a saucepan, combine water, 1 cup sugar, cornstarch, cocoa powder and 1 teaspoon salt. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a boil. Remove from heat and add vanilla and 2 tablespoons butter; stir until smooth.

Looking Forward

December 9th:
Jersey Day

December 17th
Parents' Morning Out: 9am-3pm

December 23rd:
Closing at 3:30pm

January 2nd
Closed for New Years

January 11th
Hat Day! Wear your favorite hat to school.

January 16th & 20th
Student Holidays- Drop in care available for school age students