

# December News



**Chesterbrook  
Academy**<sup>®</sup>

A Nobel Learning Community

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## One Warm Coat

**December 4<sup>th</sup> -December 15<sup>th</sup>**

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 Party

**Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>: 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 15<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30pm, we invite all of our families, friends, and relatives to our holiday classroom parties. You are able to participate with your child's class to sing 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 16<sup>th</sup>: 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 16<sup>th</sup> 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 through Links 2 Home notifying you of the closure and it will be updated on the home page of our website at [centreville.chesterbrookacademy.com](http://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 18<sup>th</sup> – January 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

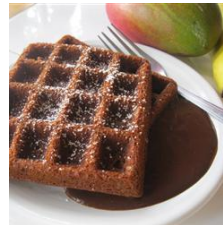
### Closings & Change of hours for the holidays:

Monday, December 25<sup>th</sup>: Closed

Monday, January 1<sup>st</sup>: Closed

Tuesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>: Limited Hours (approx.. 8am-3pm) \*based on attendance

## Recipe of the Month



### Gingerbread Waffles w/ Hot Chocolate Sauce

*Courtesy of allrecipes.com*

#### Ingredients

1 cup light molasses  
1/2 cup butter  
1 1/2 teaspoons baking soda  
1/2 cup of milk  
1 egg  
2 cups all-purpose flour  
1 1/2 teaspoons ground ginger  
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon

1/2 teaspoon salt  
2 cups boiling water  
1 cup white sugar  
2 tablespoons cornstarch  
1/2 cup unsweetened cocoa powder  
1 teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoons vanilla extract  
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 6<sup>th</sup>:

Jersey Day

\*December 16<sup>th</sup>\*

Parents' Morning Out: 9am-3pm

December 25<sup>th</sup>:

Closed for Christmas

January 1<sup>st</sup>:

Closed for New Years

January 11<sup>th</sup>

Hat Day! Wear your favorite hat to school.

January 15<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>

FCPS Student Holidays- Drop in care available for school age students