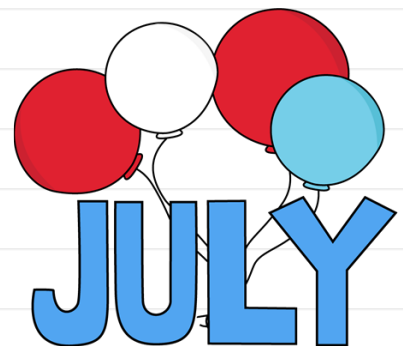


Chesterbrook Academy Wayne

July 2024 Newsletter

Jumping July!

Get your sun screen and sun glasses ready, summer is in full swing! We are so excited to be continuing our summer camp, full of super fun activities & learning. Your kids will be having so much fun they won't even realize how much they are expanding their brains at the same time! Fun in the sun, our splash days are also back and better than ever! We can't wait to spend the summer, laughing, learning, and making memories with your sweet kiddos!



Upcoming Events

Event Information

Red, White, & Blue Day

Wear red, white, or blue (OR all 3!) for our Red White & Blue theme day!

When?

Wednesday, Jul 3, 2024, 07:00 AM

Event Information

School CLOSED for Independence Day

School is CLOSED in observance of the Independence Day holiday on July 4th

When?

Thursday, Jul 4, 2024, 07:00 AM

Event Information

Friday Tie-Dye!

It's Friday Tie-Dye Day! Bring a white piece of COTTON clothing (socks, tshirt, pants, you name it!) & your student(s) will get creative with some tie-dye!

Please note: if you do not provide an item to be dyed, your child will not be able to participate in the activity.

When?

Friday, Jul 19, 2024, 07:00 AM

Where?

Our School



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Event Information

On Fridays, We Wear Camp Shirts!

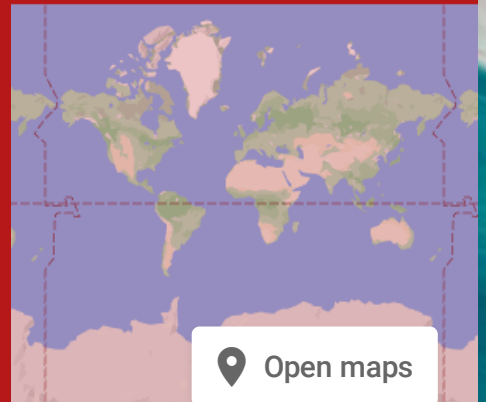
Summer Camp Shirt Days are BACK! Wear your Camp Shirts on Fridays to show off your camp spirit!

When?

Monday, Jun 17, 2024, 07:00 AM

Where?

Our School



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Reminders & Announcements



Happy Independence Day!

Also called the Fourth of July, America's Independence Day marks the historic date in 1776 when the Declaration of Independence was approved by the Continental Congress. The written declaration stated that the American colonies were tired of being ruled by Great Britain. They wanted to become their own country!

Check out these resources for celebrating Independence Day with your kids:

- National Geographic Kids:

<https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/history/article/independence->

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- Ducksters:

https://www.ducksters.com/holidays/independence_day.php

- Feels Like Home Blog:

<https://feelslikehomeblog.com/15-ways-to-celebrate-independence-day-with-kids/>

July Teacher Appreciation

Our Teacher Appreciation Day this month is Wednesday, July 17th! Click the link below to sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AAAB2FA6FBC34-50074388-july>

Splash Day Reminders

Splash Days will run from **June 24th to August 22nd!** The schedule will be as follows:

- **Tuesdays:**
Young Toddlers, Toddlers, & Beginner 1
- **Wednesday:**
Beginner 2 & Intermediates
- **Thursday:**
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!

Note: on Friday, July 5th, Pre-K & Pre-K 2 will have Splash Day to make up for the July 4th holiday.

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!

Summer Olympics

Going for the gold! The summer Olympic Games are being held in Paris from Friday, July 26 to Sunday August 11th, and Ms. Sarah will be keeping up with the winners! Stop by her office to see which Olympians have brought home the bronze, silver, and gold!

Vacation Credit, Hiatus, & Withdraw Reminders

If you are traveling, let us know if you are planning on using your vacation credit. Please remember:

- 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"
- You are **not eligible** for a vacation credit **after you have notified us of the withdrawal** of your child from the school (including graduation).

If you are taking a **hiatus**, please note:

- 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.

If you are planning to **withdraw** your child from our program:

- 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.
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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!

Cubby Clothes Reminders

As the weather is warming up, remember to change out your child's spare cubby clothes accordingly! As a reminder, we recommend all children have extras of the following clothing items in their cubbies:

- Shirts
 - Pants
 - Undies
 - Socks
 - Shoes
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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!

Parking & Pickett Post Swim Meets

As many of you know, the Pickett Post Swim Club is officially open! Considering this, we ask that all families continue to be mindful of heightened traffic in our parking lot during pick-up times. As always, we highly recommend families pick up their students as early as possible & limit the amount of time we are in the lot on these days in order to cut down on traffic congestion. We will

notify all families via email when the Swim Club is hosting events or swim meets so that everyone can prepare accordingly.

For more information, please check out this link:

https://picketpostswimteam.swimtopia.com/swim_meets

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to reach out!

2024 Summer Camp Calendar

Our 2024 Summer Camp calendar is now available! You can find it on our website, pick up a paper copy in the lobby, or click the attachment below to view:



CBA Wayne Summer Calendar.pdf

[Download](#)

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Classroom Happenings

Infants

Joyous July! Summer, slow down!! We are so excited for the infants to learn all about how fun the beach, water, and sea creatures can be!!

For a slimy, sensory experience - we will be creating the cutest little handprint jellyfish using finger paint, construction paper, and of course...our hands!

We can't forget the big, blue ocean! These babes will have a blast using their hands (or practicing holding a paint brush if they're feeling crazy) to make their very own ocean scenes through a free/process art method.

They will also get to add some splishy, splashy fish to their masterpiece as well!

Next up...paper plate pufferfish! Say that 3 times fast! We will dip our textured/spikey blocks into finger paint and dab them on paper plates in order to make some beautiful blowfish!

Lastly, we can't forget Independence Day! To celebrate the 4th, we will take our time making red, white, and blue free art sensory stars! We can't wait!

So much art followed by lots of class reading, musical expression, practicing meeting physical milestones, and of course, smiles and laughter all day long! :)

Young Todds

Summer is in full swing! This month our students will be enjoying all kinds of festive summertime activities.

Week one we will be celebrating July 4th with a fun firework fingerpaint! We will decorate some shining stars, and make our own noise makers.

Week two will be focused on water. Students will be able to explore the sensations of water with different temperatures and additives like soap and ice!

Week three we will be off to the beach! We will learn about different sea life, and create ocean scenes with paper shapes and coloring utensils.

Week four of the month is National Moth Week. We will be learning about these fuzzy friends with some fun stories, and a pretty moth craft.

The month will close with the beginning of our Summer Junior Olympics, beginning 7/29!

A few books we will be looking at this month:

You're My Little Firecracker by Nicola Edwards

Bears at the Beach: Counting 10 to 20 by Niki Yektai

Not a Butterfly Alphabet Book by Jerry Pallotta

Tods


Welcome July and Splash Day!!! We have splash days on Tuesday mornings!!!!

This month we will be talking about:

- 7/1 – The 4th of July we will be making fireworks using paint and different art materials to create our designs. We will listen to the story “You Are My Little Firecracker” by Nicola Edwards.
- 7/8- Tinkering around we will be talking about inventing things. We will be using different materials to create a work of art. We will listen to the story “How Ben Franklin Stole the Lightning” by Rosalyn Schanzer. We will be doing some science experiments to.
- 7/15- Build it better we will be talking about building and what can we do to fix problems. We will be using different shapes to create a building or an object. We will listen to the story “Let’s Build” by Sue Fliess.
- 7/22- Zoo we are going to be singing the song “We Are Going to the Zoo” as we draw a lion using paint and a paint brush as we practice using the art easel. We will listen to the story “Night Night Zoo” by Amy Parker.
- 7/29- Beach we are going to be discussing what we would find at the beach. We are going to read the story “Llama Llama Sand and Sun” by Anna Dewdney. During Art this week we will be making a beach scene using crushed cheerios for the sand and glue to make it stick to the paper. We are going to sing the song “Mr. Sun” because the beach is very sunny.

Beginner 1

We are in the heart of Summer and our summer camp is in full swing with hands-on learning activities, music, splash day, and fun adventures with our friends. Here's everything we will be learning in July.

Week 1: Happy Birthday America  This week we will learn about our great nation and the birth of American Independence. We will celebrate the 4th of July by creating festive patriotic artwork in Red White and Blue. We will read the book " The Night Before Fourth of July " by Natasha Wing.

Week 2: Summer is officially the travel season and we set out to explore the world through the travel adventures of Maisy. We will read the book " Maisy Goes on a Plane " by Lucy Cousins.

Week 3: We will deep dive into the bottom of the ocean as we are intrigued to learn about sea creatures and their habitats. We will read the book " Way Down Deep In The Deep Blue Sea " by Jan Peck.

Week 4: " Ahoy, Mateys " says Captain Pete as he sets sail on a high sea adventure in his big ship. Did he find a Treasure map to Secret Island? Well, we will find out as we read the book " Pete The Cat And The Treasure Map " by James Dean.

Beginner 2

We are well into Summer Camp! The children are adjusting to their new room, and the teachers are having a blast teaching many new and exciting things. As, we stated we are going to be using many of the items we requested for Science experiments this month. Some of the items we have asked for are Chopsticks, Ping Pong balls, Skittles (to create a rainbow), empty water bottles, empty cereal boxes, baking soda, bubbles, chalk, Gummy Bears (we are going to make them grow), Marshmallows (we are going to build with them and use them like play doh), if you have any questions, please see Ms. Jen. Thank You!

The month of July brings the birthday of the USA! We will be creating a firework picture for this! The rest of the themes are as follows:

Kids Helping Kids- During this time we will be making 'Thank you cards' for our local heroes!, We will look at 'The Giving Tree' and we will talk about ways to be kind/ nice to our peers, Lastly, we will create a bookmark project.

Minute to Win It-This week is more action packed as we will be using chopsticks to pick items up and we will have a spider web activity for the children to get the bugs out of the web without getting caught. Plus, the children will have a chance to explore nature and 'draw' pictures.

Listen to your ART-This week we will focus on all things art as we paint to drums, we will have a 'Sock hop" and a glow stick party! We will read 'Brown Bear' and 'The Artist who Painted a Blue Horse', the children will have fun coloring and painting different animals!

Build it Better-This week will be about working together to create 'friendship blocks', windchimes, and bridges. We will also try to create a rainbow using Skittles!

Splash-tacular-All about water and things that live in water! As we have a number match sensory play, we create a sailboat, and we soak a shark!

On Fridays we wear our Epic Moment camp shirts, as we have fun activities planned, such as Sam Sandler's magic show (Ms. Jen's favorite!), Tye-Dye, Spin- art and a music show!

Lastly, every Wednesday is Splash Day! Please send your child to school ready to SPLASH! They are to wear their swim clothing and water shoes to school, please bring a towel and change of clothing (Please label everything with your child's name).

Lastly, please send your child to school with an already filled water bottle, we will refill it throughout the day. Also, send your child to school wearing sunscreen, we will re-apply in the afternoon!

Have a happy and safe 4th of July!

Intermediates

Happy July! We are super excited out new friends are adjusting so well in here!! For the first week in July we will be talking about the circus and 4 of the July! We will be doing some cool crafts and activities with both themes! Next is Camping, we've noticed a lot of our students love making camp fires and s'more's with different centers, so we'd thought this was the perfect activity. ☺ For the last two weeks we will be doing some outdoor science and the Summer Olympics! Get ready for a jam packed summer! We cannot wait to spend it together!

Pre-K

July is an exciting month in PreK we will talk about Independence Day! Pretend we are an act in a circus. Next we will sail on the sea and be mermaids and pirates. Our journey continues into the world of castles, kings ,queens and dragons! We will finish July by learning about the summer Olympics. It's a fun filled month that I can't wait to dive into!

Pre-K 2

July here we come! This month is full of fun activities!

- We will begin with some fun 4th of July activities. Students will get to make fireworks with forks and paint, and share what fun things we can do on our day off! It will be an exciting short week, and will finish up with an extra fun Friday splash day.

- We will then move on to beaches! We will explore the texture of sand, build sand castles, and create our own beaches. Students will discuss the power of the sun and why we need to protect our bodies from it. We will learn about many summer safety tools, like sunscreen, sunglasses, umbrellas, and more!

- Week three we will be talking about the kinds of fruits that grow in the summer, like watermelon, peaches, strawberries, and blueberries. We will discuss why certain fruits taste better in different seasons, and how we help plants grow! Students will make a number of crafts to create their own fruit garden.

- Lastly, to wrap up the month, we will be talking about all kinds of ways to keep our bodies happy, healthy, and strong! We will look at the different food groups and identify the kinds of foods that help us grow, and those that aren't as useful to our bodies. We will also discuss how important it is to drink water and be hydrated, especially when playing outside in the sun!

The month will close with our Summer Junior Olympics starting 7/29.

I'm so excited to see what these campers enjoy the most this coming month!

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