

Chesterbrook Academy Wayne

June 2024 Newsletter



Ready for a Super Summer!

Summertime is HERE and we are so ready for it! The weather is warm, the sun is shining, and we are all set for Summer Camp fun! From splash days to special activities, we know this summer will be the best one yet! So take a dive into our June newsletter for all of the latest updates, announcements, and exciting events!

Classroom Happenings

Infants

Infants,

Welcome to the sunny days of June ! The month is packed with exciting activities and themed learning as we welcome summer.

Books

- Baby loves summer: we'll explore the joys and changes comes with the new season, introducing our infants to the concept of sun, beach and fun through vibrant illustrations .
- A Day at the Beach: Dive into a day at beach without leaving our classroom. This delightful story will help us talk about the ocean, sand and the creatures we find at the shore.

Art projects

- Watermelon 🍉 infants will use various a texture and colors to create their own watermelon slices.
- Ice cream Art 🍦 we will make colorful ice cream cone art collages that are as sweet as they are fun to make it .
- Flip Flop 🩴 A summer staple ! We'll make the a cute flip flop art using footprints 🐾
- Father's Day Special: Infants will be preparing a heartfelt, handmade gift to show their love for their dad's on Father's Day. ❤️

Young Tods

We have lots of fun planned for our Young Todds this June!

Our first week's theme is dinosaurs to celebrate International Dinosaur Day (June 1st).

Week two's theme is rainbows while we celebrate all kinds of people and families with PRIDE!

Week three we will be highlighting different kinds of music by Black artists while we recognize Juneteenth and African American Music Appreciation month.

Week four's theme will be Summer! We will be getting ready for the sunniest season with a fun summertime craft.

Tods

We are saying goodbye to the month of May and we are saying Hello to June!!!! We are going to be discussing the following topics this month:

- 6/3-7: Farm
- 6/10-14: Dinosaurs
- 6/17-21: Transportation
- 6/24-28: Summer

We will be reading books about summer. We will be doing sensory activities with painting, gluing different objects to paper to create a farm animal cut out of shapes, painting dinosaur feet, using different modes of transportation to create artwork and we will be talking about what we do during the summer time and so much more. We will also be having splash day on Tuesdays so please bring in a towel and a change of clothes and sneakers in a bag for after splashing is done to change into. On these days please dress your child in their swim suits and water shoes so that they are all ready to go.

Beginner 1

JUNE is here and so is SUMMER!!! We are so excited for all the fun camp activities and learning this month.

Week 1: June is National Camping Month and our theme this week is "Camping". From Tents to campfires, Sleeping Bags to S'mores, we will create some great memories with our buddies. We will read the book "Llama Llama Loves Camping" by Anna Dewdney.

Week 2: This is a very special week as we are excited to celebrate Father's Day. We will share experiences and stories of our awesome Dads and create surprise artwork for them. We will read the book "Biscuit Loves Fathers Day" by Alyssa Satin Capucilli.

Week 3: It's the official start to Summer on June 20th, a season of sunshine, warmth and unending fun. We will read the book "A Summery Saturday Morning" by Margaret Mahy. This week we welcome new friends into the Beginner 1 program and are going to miss our friends moving up. We wish you the best and we will see you around!

Week 4: We will take a virtual trip to the Zoo as we plan fun learning explorations of our favorite animals and their habitat. We will understand how the Zoo helps with the conservation and protection of wildlife. We will read the book "The View At The Zoo" by Kathleen Long Bostrom.

Here's wishing all the awesome Dads a Happy Father's Day!!!

Beginner 2

Welcome June ! We are so excited that Summer will officially begin on June 20! Bring on the warm weather, with the warmer weather please bring a sippy cup to school each day so we can fill it up and take it outside with us. If you have not already done so, please send in sunscreen and updated change of clothing. We will be going out as much as possible with the weather permitting!

We will continue to have books of the week which are as follows:

- Week 1 - A Summery Saturday Morning by Margaret Many- We will be making fun art projects to go along with the story, and we will do a popsicle matching game.
- Week 2 - Duck & Goose by Fad Hills- This will bring some feathery projects and the children will be honking and quacking a lot!
- Week 3 - Beach Day by Karen Roosa - We will be playing with beach toys, creating beach balls and playing in sand! Sounds like so much fun!
- Week 4 - Zigby Camps Out by Brian Peterson - The children will decorate tents and we will create a bug jar full of lightening bugs!

We have several important dates in June.

- 14th- Flag Day
- 16th- Father's Day
- 17th- 1st day of Summer Camp
- 20th- 1st day of Summer

As always with Summer Camp, the children will have Splash Days Beginner 2's day will be Wednesday. On Splash Days please have your child come to school wearing their bathing suit and water shoes (shoes that can get wet), a towel and sunscreen already applied (we reapply for afternoon) and lastly a full change of clothing.



Hope everyone has an Amazing Summer!

Intermediates

Can't believe it's June already!! We have a ton of fun things planned. The first week of June we will talk about our feelings and emotions! We will talk about how certain things make us feel. Second week, we will talk about our families and why they are so important to us! We will make special Father's Day crafts for Father's Day! Then we will get into summer! We will talk about the beach, what is there to do on the beach, what's the best part of the summer! I'm so excited for the month of June!

Pre-K & Pre-K 2

Welcome June! This month is gonna be jam-packed with fun summer activities!

- For the first two weeks we will be wrapping up the school year! We will do some reviews of what we learned and what we might still need to work on going into kindergarten!
- Then we will be bringing in the summer with some fun summer crafts! Students will make their own Chica Chica Boom Boom trees, using some sight words we learned this year! And to welcome summer students will write and draw their favorite part of summer.
- To finish off the month and bring in summer camp fun, we will also be learning all about sea creatures! We will talk about different kinds of whales, crabs, sharks, turtles, and fish! Students will get to make their sea creatures and make their own oceans!

June here we come!!

Upcoming Events

Event Information

Pastries for Pals

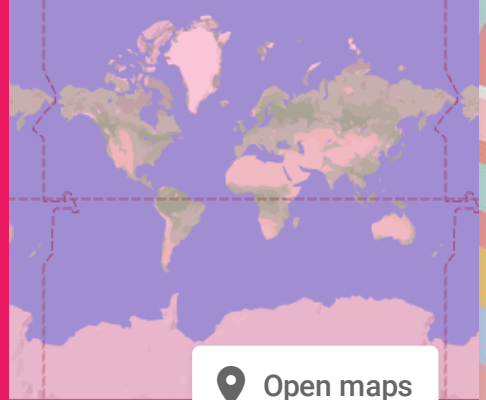
In celebration of Father's Day, we'll have our Pastries for Pals available for grab n' go in the lobby on the morning of **Friday, June 14th!**

When?

Friday, Jun 14, 2024, 07:00 AM

Where?

Our School



Event Information

School CLOSED for Juneteenth

School is CLOSED in observance of the Juneteenth holiday 🇺🇸

When?

Wednesday, Jun 19, 2024, 07:00 AM

Event Information

On Fridays, We Wear Camp Shirts!

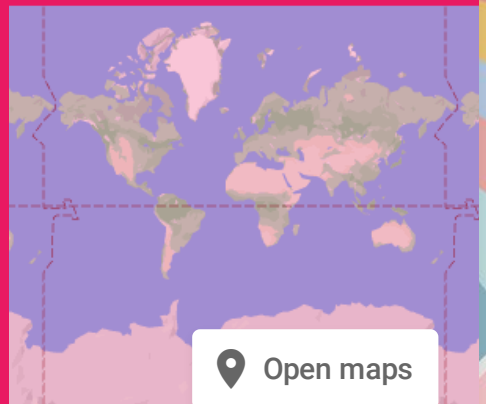
Summer Camp Shirt Days are BACK! Wear your Camp Shirts on Fridays to show off your camp spirit!

When?

Monday, Jun 17, 2024, 07:00 AM

Where?

Our School



Reminders & Announcements

June 16th: Happy Birthday, Ms. Sarah!

We are celebrating Ms. Sarah's birthday, right before Summer Camp starts! Don't forget to wish her a Happy Birthday on **June 16th!**

Happy Juneteenth!

In 1863, President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation, which declared a formal end to slavery in the United States. However, it was not until nearly two and a half years later, in June of, 1865, that enslaved African Americans of Galveston, Texas got the news that freedom had come at last.



Since that day, Juneteenth has become a celebration of freedom, and was finally officially recognized as a federal holiday in 2021. **We celebrate Juneteenth each year officially on June 19th**, but for many, this holiday is a month-long occasion! This is a time to celebrate Black liberation, culture and joy.

Check out these resources below for tips and ideas on how to celebrate Juneteenth with your little ones:

- Time for Kids:
<https://www.timeforkids.com/g56/a-juneteenth-celebration/>
- Boys & Girls Club of America:
<https://www.bgca.org/news-stories/2022/May/what-is-juneteenth-information-for-kids-and-families>
- PBS Kids:
<https://www.pbs.org/parents/thrive/5-ways-to-celebrate-juneteenth>
- Book List from KB in Bloom:
<https://kbinbloom.com/childrens-books-about-juneteenth/>

June is Pride Month!

The month of June is Pride Month! This month gives members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community the space to celebrate authentic love and life, and to remember our history. The first Pride parade was organized to celebrate the anniversary of the 1969 Stonewall Riots, when a group of queer folks fought back against a police raid in New York City. Each June, we commemorate this moment in history and utilize this time to celebrate individual identity, self-expression, and love.



Check out these resources below for tips and ideas on how to celebrate Pride month with your little ones:

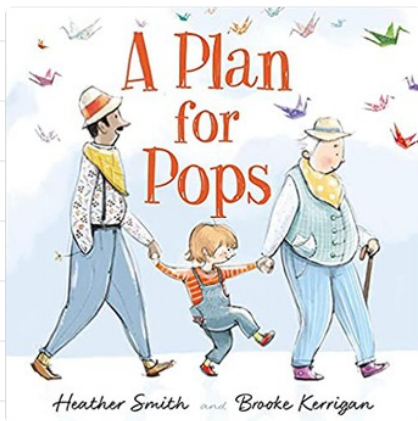
- [Fatherly.com](https://www.fatherly.com/entertainment/how-celebrate-pride-month-with-your-kids)
<https://www.fatherly.com/entertainment/how-celebrate-pride-month-with-your-kids>
- [ADL.org](https://www.adl.org/resources/tools-and-strategies/lgbtq-pride-month-and-education-resources)
<https://www.adl.org/resources/tools-and-strategies/lgbtq-pride-month-and-education-resources>
- Connecticut Children's
<https://www.connecticutchildrens.org/diversity-equity-and-inclusion/8-ways-to-celebrate-pride-month-with-kids/>

LGBTQ+ Pride Children's Books:

- "A Plan For Pops" by Heather Smith & Brooke Kerrigan (*This is one of Mx. Valerie's favorites!*)
<https://www.amazon.com/Plan-Pops-Heather-Smith/dp/1459816145>
- "Julián is a Mermaid" by Jessica Love
[Amazon Link](#)
- "Mama and Mommy and Me in the Middle" by Nina LaCour & Kaylani Juanita
<https://bookshop.org/p/books/mama-and-mommy-and-me-in-the-middle-nina-lacour/17747275?ean=9781536211511>

For more books about pride, diversity, and inclusion, check out this website:

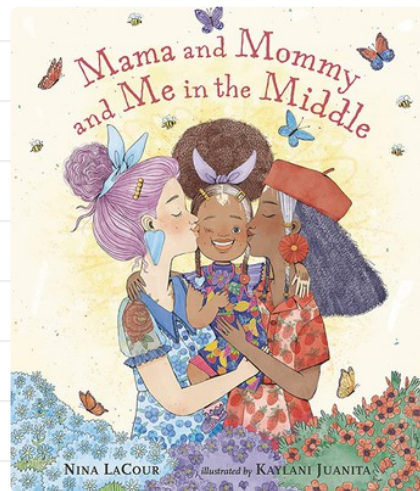
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"A Plan for Pops"

by Heather Smith & Brooke Kerrigan

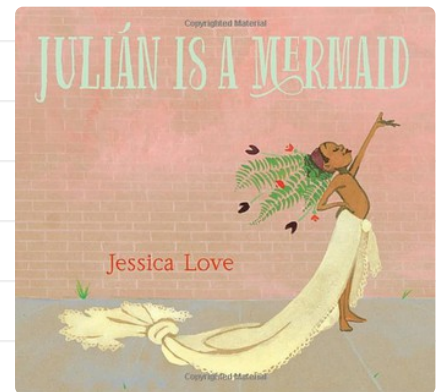
Lou spends every Saturday with Grandad and Pops. But everything changes one Saturday when Pops has a fall. Now, Pops will need to use a wheelchair from now on, and the news brings up hard feelings for Pops. But Grandad & Lou are inspired to make a plan to cheer up Pops!



"Mama & Mommy & Me in the Middle"

by Nina LaCour & Kaylani Juanita

For one little girl, there's no place she'd rather be than between Mama & Mommy. But then Mommy goes on a work trip. As the days go by, Mama brings her to the library, they watch movies, but she still misses Mommy. When Mommy finally comes home, all is well again!



"Julián is a Mermaid"

by Jessica Love

While riding the subway home from the pool with his abuela one day, Julián notices three women spectacularly dressed up. When Julián gets home, all he can think about is dressing up in his own fabulous mermaid costume. A story of self-love and a radiant celebration of individuality.

June Teacher Appreciation

Our Teacher Appreciation Day this month is Wednesday, June 12th! The theme is "Summer Sips" - click the link below to sign up!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F48AAAB2FA6FBC34-49819623-june>

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.

New Ancillary Program: Soccer Stars

We are excited to announce that we will be partnering with a new youth soccer program beginning this June! **Soccer Stars** is a fun, non competitive educational program that uses the soccer all as a vehicle to develop skills, teach teamwork, and build confidence!

With over 20+ years of experience and sessions developed by early childhood experts, we are pleased to offer Soccer Stars as **our newest ancillary program for students ages 2 and up**. Sessions will begin **June 24th** - stay tuned for details on how to sign up!

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!

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.

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!

Communication Courtesy Reminders

As a friendly reminder, when **emailing** your Chesterbrook Academy Wayne administration team, **be sure to copy both Sarah & Valerie on all correspondences!** This is important so that everyone can remain in the loop & provide the best service and communication possible.

Additionally, please keep in mind that if you are sending a Direct Message via Tadpoles in the late afternoon or evening, it is possible that your child's teacher has left for the day and is not available

to respond to your message. **When this happens, we will be sure to get in touch with you ASAP during the next business day.**

Thank you everyone for your continued cooperation and partnership!

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

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.

As of now, the tentative schedule for swim meets is as follows:

- June 17th at 4PM
- June 20th at 6PM
- June 25th at 6PM
- June 27th at 6PM

For more information, please check out this link:

https://pickettpostswimteam.swimtopia.com/swim_meets

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

Toys from Home

As a friendly reminder, we typically ask that all families **refrain from sending toys from home to school**. Students are permitted to have **one soft toy** to utilized at **naptime only**, and otherwise be kept in their cubby. Toys or other objects from home such as action figures, cars, trains, books etc. are not permitted, as they can be lost/broken/cause classroom disagreement.

Thank you for your flexibility!

Continuous Improvement: Thank You for Your Feedback!

We wanted to take a moment to thank all of our wonderful families who participated in the Parent Survey this past month! We appreciate all of the feedback we received to help us continue to make our little school community a wonderful place for your children to learn & grow! Here are some systems you can expect to see us continuously improve upon to ensure a quality learning experience for all students & families:

- **Communication:** We pride ourselves on having excellent school-to-home communication! We will continue to practice appropriate methods of communication, including ensuring that all child daily reports are detailed & updated for each student, corresponding with families for school-wide updates in a timely manner via email, Links2Home, & our monthly newsletters, and ensuring that all of our wonderful teachers understand expectations with appropriate communication.
- **Cleanliness & Facility Maintenance:** We are so very proud of the fact that our school is located within a historic community building, but we know this comes along with some drawbacks! We are continuing to partner with the **SEG Facilities Team** to ensure that our facility receives appropriate building & campus maintenance. We also are working

continuously with our **custodial team** to ensure that everyone is aware of the expectations to keep the facility in tip-top shape, as well as implement new cleaning initiatives, such as having our carpets deep-cleaned!

- **Staffing & Turnover:** We are so pleased with the recent success we have seen in new teacher recruitment, onboarding, and retention. While staffing challenges are not always unavoidable, we are committing to continuing to hire effective teachers to continue providing the high quality of care you've come to expect from us. We are also thrilled to welcome *back* several of our beloved team members, including Mr. Will, Ms. Jenn B, and our Assistant Principal Mx. Valerie!

Again, we appreciate all of our Chesterbrook families for continuing to make our school the amazing community that it is! If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out.

Books & Bundts | Nothing Bundt Cakes

Reading Makes Summer Sweeter!

Books & Bundts is a youth reading program by our local Nothing Bundt Cakes shop, and they are inviting YOUR family to participate! From June 1st to August 31st, students will receive a free Bundtlet for each month that they read 400+ minutes!

Contact them today to get started!

Nothing Bundt Cakes Wayne - KOP

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Wayne, PA 19087

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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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