## Brandywine Children's House 2025-2026 Calendar

9/1/2025	Labor Day—School Closed
9/2/2025	School Year Begins
10/31/2025	Trunk or Treat—Half Day—1:00 PM Close
11/3/2025	Teacher Inservice Day—BCH Closed
11/26/2025	Early Dismissal—3:00 PM Close
11/27 & 11/28/2025	Thanksgiving Break—School Closed
12/23/2025	Holiday Luncheon—Half Day—1:00 PM Close
12/24/2025	Winter Break Begins—School Closed
1/5/2026	School Reopens
2/16/2026	President's Day—School Closed
3/9/2026	Teacher Inservice Day—School Closed
4/3 & 4/6/2026	Spring Break—School Closed
5/8/2026	Muffins with Mom—3:00
5/21/2026	Spring Arts Festival—Half Day—1:00 PM Close
5/22 & 5/25/2026	Memorial Day Break—School Closed
6/19/2026	Donuts with Dad—3:00
7/3 & 7/6/2026	Independence Day Break—School Closed
9/1/2026	School Year Begins
9/7/2026	Labor Day—School Closed

<sup>\*</sup>For our three half days (Trunk or Treat, Holiday Luncheon, & Spring Arts Festival) parents are encouraged to attend the events with their children and should plan to be at school by 11:45. If parents cannot attend, their child(ren) must be picked up by 11:45. School closes at 1:00 following the events and activities on these days.

Dear Families,

We're excited to share a list of holidays that are recognized throughout the year. If your family celebrates any of these—or other holidays not included—we would love to learn more about your traditions!

We warmly invite families to volunteer by organizing some simple activities or sharing aspects of your culture with the children. In the past, families have participated in these events by bringing in special stories to read, showing short informational videos, leading arts and crafts projects, offering food tastings, and more.

These celebrations don't need to take place on the actual holiday. They are typically hosted on a Friday afternoon (that is close to the holiday) around 3:00 as a fun way to end the week. All parents are always welcome to join their children whether they help in the planning or are simply attending—it's a great opportunity for both children and adults to explore and appreciate the rich diversity of our school community! Those that volunteer to lead an event are encouraged to collaborate with other parents. BCH can share contact information of those that are interested in planning, with permission, to help open the lines of communication. BCH can provide basic supplies that we have on hand such as crayons, markers, scissors, staplers, glue, etc.—please just ask us first to see if we have what is needed. If other supplies are needed that we do not have on hand, families involved in the planning can ask for donations from parents if desired.

If you're interested in volunteering to lead a celebration, please let us know! Ideally, we'd love at least a month's notice so we can plan accordingly, notify families in advance, and ensure a meaningful experience for everyone.

Diwali: 10/21/25

Hanukkah: 12/15/25

Kwanza: 12/26/25

Lunar New Year: 1/17/26

Ramadan: 2/17/26-3/19/26

Holi: 3/4/26

Cinco de mayo: 5/5/26

Please reach out to us if you have any additions to this list! Thank you for helping us learn and create an engaging, inclusive environment for all!