

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FCEC IN SEPTEMBER:



9/2	NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)
9/4	PTO Meeting
9/9	Tom Cherry Day
9/16-20	PTO Book Fair
9/18	Family School Night (K-3)
9/18	1 Hour Early Dismissal
9/19	Family School Night (4-6)
9/19	1 Hour Early Dismissal
9/23	School Board Meeting
9/25	Helping Hands



Fort Cherry Elementary Center

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**Mr. Mayer
Elementary Principal**

**Mrs. Brianne Eiler
Student Services Coordinator**



Dear Parents/Guardians:

Morning drop off procedures for students NOT riding the bus:

- Students CANNOT be dropped off before 8:45 a.m.
- Elementary drop off point is the front sidewalk. Please access at the parking lot by the water tower.
- NO cars should be in the bus lane before 9:00 a.m.
- Please DO NOT escort students to the door unless no school employee is visible

Afternoon pick procedures for students NOT riding the bus:

- Students will be dismissed no sooner than 3:35
- Parents CAN NOT enter the school during dismissal, please stay in your vehicles
- Parents should follow the last bus through the front circle to pick up students
- Parents CAN NOT enter the bus lane after 3:00 pm. or until all buses have left

During the first few weeks of school dismissal may take a little longer ensuring that all students know/get on the correct bus. Please be patient.

Thank you for your cooperation,

**Mr. Mayer
Elementary Principal**

If you have any questions or concerns please call Mrs. Goddard at 724.796.1551 ext. 2000.

"Student Success is Our #1 Priority"

Fort Cherry School District is an Equal Rights and Opportunities Educational Agency



Submitting an Absence Excuse on the Sapphire Community Portal

When your child is absent you must submit an excuse within five days of their return to school. You may (1) send in an excuse with your child to give to their homeroom teacher, (2) email the building secretary, (3) fax an excuse to the main office, or (4) use the Sapphire Community Portal.

Submitting an excuse using the Sapphire Community Portal is very easy and efficient.

- 1- Go to [Sapphire Community Portal](#).
- 2- Select your child's *Backpack*
- 3- Click on *Student Data Forms*
- 4- Complete the *Student Absence Report Form*
- 5- Click *Submit*

SAMPLE STUDENT
SAPPHIRE COMMUNITY PORTAL
Home **PARENT NAME**

MY BACKPACK

- Student Information
- Change Student Data
- Student Data Forms**
- Current Schedule
- Student Calendar
- Courses & Grades
- Fees
- Reports

Student Data Forms

Forms Awaiting Completion

No forms awaiting completion

On Demand Forms

Form	Description	Status	Open Until	Submissions	Last Submitted
2023-24 Student Absence Report Form	2023-24 Student Absence Report Form	Open	06/10/2024 12:00am	0	
2023-24 Educational Journey Form	Educational Journey Form	Open	06/10/2024 12:00am	0	
2023-24 Student Early Dismissal Form	2023-24 Student Early Dismissal Form	Open	06/10/2024 12:00am	0	

Submitted Forms

Recently Completed Forms

Last Days

Completed

Status

No recent forms returned

Should you have any questions please contact the building secretary.

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School success starts
with attendance



Fort Cherry School District

Attendance Protocol

Process for Unexcused/Unlawful Absences

of
Unexcused
Absences

Action
Taken

1

- A call is made via the Sapphire auto-caller to notify the family of the child's absence.

2

- A call is made via the Sapphire auto-caller to notify the family of the child's absence.

3

- A letter is mailed to notify the family of the absences.
- The family is offered a Student Attendance Improvement Conference.
- The student is referred to BluePrints.

4

- A letter is mailed to notify the family of the absences.
- A Student Attendance Improvement Conference is scheduled.
- A Student Attendance Improvement Plan is drafted.

5

- A letter is mailed to notify the family of the absences.
- The letter notifies the family that a citation will be filed on the next unexcused absence.

6

- A citation for truancy is filed with the local magistrate.

8

- The student is referred via ChildLine to Children and Youth Services.

Please contact, Brianne Eiler, Elementary Student Service Coordinator, with any questions.
724.796.1551 ext. 2003 or beiler@fortcherry.org

RANGER CROSS COUNTRY 5K

SEPTEMBER 28TH 10-12AM

BENEFITING WASHINGTON CITY MISSION'S WOMEN WITH CHILDREN SHELTER

THE FORT CHERRY CROSS COUNTRY TEAM WILL BE HOSTING THEIR 3RD ANNUAL 5K. PREVIOUS FOUNDATIONS THE RANGER 5K DONATED TO WAS SUICIDE PREVENTION. AND WOUNDED WARRIORS PROJECT. THIS SEASON THEY WANTED TO FIND A FOUNDATION CLOSER TO US AND DECIDED ALL PROCEEDS MADE FROM THE 5K WILL GO TOWARDS WASHINGTON CITY MISSION'S WOMEN WITH CHILDREN SHELTER.

COST:

\$40 PER 5K RUNNER (INCLUDES SHIRTS)

\$10 PER KID 1/2 MILE RUNNER (SHIRT NOT

INCLUDED)

RAFFLE BASKETS

50/50

SCAN QR TO REGISTER



GRADES K - 6TH - SIGN UP NOW ONLINE!



FORT CHERRY **WRESTLING**

Register Online Only
FCRANGERSYOUTHWRESTLING.COM

Early Registration

August 15th - September 20th

\$100 (additional wrestlers in family \$75)

Regular Registration

September 21st - September 30th

\$125 (additional wrestlers in family \$100)

SINGLET DEPOSIT: \$75

(check, fully refundable upon
return of singlet)

Mark Your Calendars:

- **August 15th - September 30th**

Registration - online only @ FCRANGERSYOUTHWRESTLING.COM

**** We will have a table at open house, stop by to see us and ask questions!**

- **September 20th - September 30th**

Gear / Fan Store - Online - website to be shared soon

****Items purchased will be received before the season starts**

- **Wednesdays, October 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th**

Open Mat - 6pm - 8pm @ Fort Cherry High School Wrestling Room

- **Sunday, October 27th**

Cornhole Tournament Season Kick Off @ Celebrations, Imperial, PA

- **Week of November 4th - Practices begin**

Report to PARENTS

In the last decade, child sexual exploitation and abuse (CSEA) has increased exponentially. In 2023, the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children received 36 million reports of child sexual abuse material online—up from 1 million in 2014.

Armed with a greater understanding of the problem and strategies to take action, families can teach their children best practices in navigating the internet to keep them safe.

Know the Threats

Online CSEA can take many forms—from family friends to complete strangers. They work to earn a child's trust until the child feels comfortable doing things they wouldn't normally do, like sharing explicit images or videos of themselves.

The good news is there are strategies families can use to fight online CSEA. The know2protect campaign from the Department of Health and Human Services offers these 10 tips:

1. Start an open, two-way talk with your child.
2. Password-protect or control access to your child's app store and gaming downloads.
3. Set time and area limits for use of devices.
4. Set all apps, games, and devices to private.
5. Turn off location data services on social media and nonessential apps.
6. Talk about data permanency.
7. Create a contract with your child regarding online behavior.
8. Know your child's friend lists. Remove strangers.
9. Warn against leaving a game to chat with someone they don't know on another platform.
10. Do not delete messages, images, or videos from predators. Save usernames, screenshots, and images or videos as evidence for law enforcement to collect directly from the device.

10 Best Practices to Protect Kids Online



Take Action

Continuous talks and reminders are key to safe online habits. Here are ways to keep the conversation active for younger kids through their teenage years.

For younger children:

- Teach them not to click on pop-ups.
- Caution against sharing passwords and personal information with strangers online.
- Help them identify a trusted adult.
- Identify steps to follow if they see inappropriate content, such as looking away and telling a parent.
- Tell them to tell a trusted adult if someone makes them feel scared or uncomfortable.

For tweens and teens:

- Talk about how they should never post personal information or inappropriate content.
- Discuss the permanency of online data.
- Teach them how to set up privacy controls on devices.
- Explain the characteristics of online predators.
- Tell them that safe adults won't ask them to keep secrets or disrespect their boundaries.

Learn how to report CSEA and find support for survivors at [know2protect](https://www.know2protect.org). Follow [#DigitalBoundaries](https://twitter.com/DigitalBoundaries) on social.

Informe a los PADRES

Las 10 mejores prácticas para proteger a los niños en línea

En la última década, la explotación y el abuso sexual infantil (CSEA) ha aumentado exponencialmente. En 2023, el Centro Nacional para Niños Desaparecidos y Explotados recibió 36 millones de denuncias de material de abuso sexual infantil en línea, en comparación con 1 millón en 2014.

Con un mejor entendimiento del problema y estrategias para actuar, las familias pueden enseñar a sus hijos las mejores prácticas para navegar Internet de manera segura.



Conocer las amenazas

La CSEA en línea puede manifestarse de diversas formas, desde amigos de la familia hasta personas totalmente desconocidas. Trabajan para ganarse la confianza de los niños hasta que se sientan cómodos haciendo cosas que normalmente no harían, como compartir imágenes o videos explícitos de ellos mismos.

La buena noticia es que existen estrategias que las familias pueden usar para luchar contra la CSEA en línea. La campaña know2protect del Departamento de Salud y Servicios Humanos ofrece estos 10 consejos:

1. Tenga una charla abierta y bidireccional con su hijo.
2. Proteja con contraseña o controle el acceso a la tienda de aplicaciones y a las descargas de juegos de su hijo.
3. Establezca límites de tiempo y áreas para el uso de dispositivos.
4. Configure todas las aplicaciones, juegos y dispositivos en modo privado.
5. Desactive los servicios de datos de ubicación en las redes sociales y en las aplicaciones no esenciales.
6. Hable sobre la permanencia de los datos.
7. Haga un acuerdo con su hijo respecto al comportamiento en línea.
8. Conozca las listas de amigos de su hijo. Elimine a las personas desconocidas.
9. Advierta sobre los riesgos de salir de un juego para conversar con desconocidos en otra plataforma.
10. No elimine mensajes, imágenes o videos de depredadores. Guarde nombres de usuario, capturas de pantalla e imágenes o videos como evidencia para que las autoridades puedan recopilarlos directamente desde el dispositivo.

Tomar medidas

Las conversaciones y recordatorios frecuentes son fundamentales para mantener hábitos seguros en línea. A continuación encontrará maneras de mantener la conversación activa con los más pequeños y durante la adolescencia.

Para los niños más pequeños:

- Enséñeles a no hacer clic en las ventanas emergentes.
- Advértales sobre no compartir contraseñas e información personal con desconocidos en línea.
- Ayúdelos a identificar a un adulto de confianza.
- Identifique los pasos a seguir si se encuentran con contenido inapropiado, tales como apartar la vista e informarle a un padre.
- Dígales que hablen con un adulto de confianza si alguien los hace sentir asustados o incómodos.

Para los preadolescentes y adolescentes:

- Explique la importancia de no publicar nunca información personal ni contenido inapropiado.
- Hable sobre la permanencia de los datos en línea.
- Enséñeles a configurar los controles de privacidad en los dispositivos.
- Explique las características de los depredadores en línea.
- Dígales que los adultos de confianza no les pedirán que guarden secretos ni que hagan algo que los haga sentir incómodos.

Sepa cómo informar a CSEA y encontrar apoyo para sobrevivientes en [know2protect](#). Siga a [#DigitalBoundaries](#).