

**NOTICE TO PARENTS
ACT 80 Day/Presidents' Day**



There will be an early dismissal on Friday, February 16th due to an ACT 80 day for teachers. Dismissal time for the elementary will be at 12:15 PM. Please make sure a parent/guardian is home for mid day bus drop off.

If your child is going to be picked up or ride a different bus, please make sure he/she has a note with specifics listed.

Breakfast will be provided. Lunch will not be provided.

**Also, there WILL BE NO SCHOOL
on Monday, February 19th**



Kindergarten



**Fort Cherry School District
2024-2025**

Kindergarten Registration Dates

**If your child will be attending kindergarten at
Fort Cherry Elementary Center for the 2024-2025 school year,
please save these dates...**

February 15th - 6:00 PM

Pre-registration will be online **beginning January 22, 2024** – instructions and information will be given to help parents/guardians complete the documents & we will complete the

Getting Ready for Kindergarten Session #1



March 14th - 6:00 PM

Pre-registration will be online **beginning January 22, 2024** – instructions and information will be given to help parents/guardians complete the documents & we will complete the

Getting Ready for Kindergarten Session #2

[Each "Getting Ready" session is different, please plan on attending both sessions]

Monday, June 10th

9:00 AM – 12:00 PM

1:00 PM – 3:00 PM



Screenings (appointment needed)

Please have online registration completed before the kindergarten screenings.

To make a screening appointment, please call (724) 796-1551 ext. 2000

Share this information with family and friends who may have children ready for kindergarten.

(Child must be 5 years of age by August 31, 2024)



Kindergarten



Fort Cherry Elementary Center

Kindergarten Registration Schedule



February 15th

Online registration information & Getting Ready for Kindergarten
Session #1

6:00 PM Elementary Cafeteria

Getting Ready for Kindergarten through Literacy and Math

Parents and children will participate in two hands-on learning sessions to help prepare for kindergarten...the evening will last approximately one hour with a parent/child learning session and refreshments...Make your Kindergarten Screening Appointment!

March 14th

Online registration information & Getting Ready for Kindergarten
Session #2

6:00 PM Elementary Cafeteria

Getting Ready for Kindergarten through Literacy and Math

This is a continuation from February. Parents will participate in a second hands-on learning session to help prepare their child for kindergarten...the evening will last approximately one hour with a parent/child learning session and refreshments. Make your Kindergarten Screening Appointment!

June 10th

Screening Appointment Required

Please complete the registration packet online prior to your child's screening appointment. The appointment will include a screening for speech, hearing, vision, and kindergarten readiness.



Fort Cherry School District Presents

DRONES | SPHEROS | MICROBITS
STEAM After-School Education



Grades 4-8

Flight SCHOOL

Flight School Dates

DATES: April 8, 9, 15, 16, 22, 23, 29, 30
May 6, 7, 13, 14
Mondays & Tuesdays @
3:45pm-5:15pm

Race Date

DATE: May 14th
3:45pm-5:15pm
Families are invited to attend
race day festivities.

JOIN THE FUN

Additional information to be found in the
Tuesday Packet starting on 2/27.



NATIONAL SCHOOL BREAKFAST WEEK March 4-8

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The Fort Cherry Food Service Department will be hosting breakfast for you and your child. We would welcome you to join us. Breakfast is an important part of everyone's day. It has been proven that students cope better with school activities and grades are improved when the students start the day off right.

The days we will be serving breakfast are **March 5-7**. Please select a day from the 3 days below; breakfast will be served from **8:30-9:00 a.m.** The cost is **\$3.50 for adults**. Adults will pay when they get their breakfast.

Please return your reservation form by February 23, 2024 to help us plan. We would also ask you to **park at the High School Gymnasium lot** so not to interfere with the school bus traffic. We look forward to seeing you.

I plan to attend and there will be _____guest(s) total.

Number of adults _____ Number of pre-school children _____

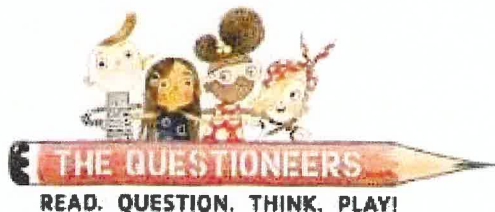
Please check one:

- I will attend: PreK-1 March 5th _____
- 2nd & 3rd March 6 _____
- 4th-6th MArch 7 _____

Students Name _____

Teacher's Name _____





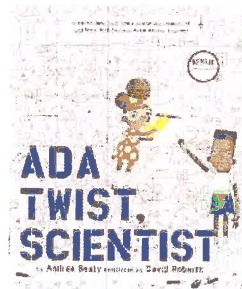
March 4th - 8th 2024

Read Across America Week

MONDAY

Lesson: Be Curious - Ask Questions

Dress like a scientist or
Mad Scientist Hair Day



Lesson: Everyone must work together
for things to get better.

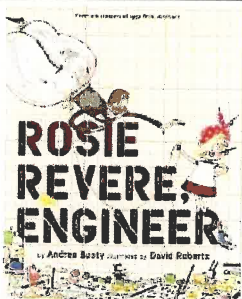
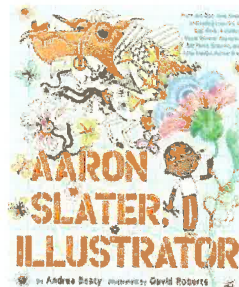
Dress to Impress:
Wear an outfit
that makes you stand out.

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

Lesson: We're all good at something,
just not all the same thing.

Honor the illustrators:
Dress as your favorite
illustrated character.



Lesson: Failure is part of success.

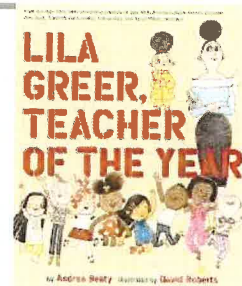
Builder Day:
Dress as a construction worker,
architect, or engineer

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

Lesson: What if some "What ifs"
aren't bad at all?

Dress like your favorite teacher, principal,
custodial staff, or school personnel.



BENEFITS FORT CHERRY
CLASS OF 2025

MARCH 9TH
6-9PM
HS GYM

PARENTS *Night Out*

**SCAN
HERE!**



STUDENTS IN GRADES
K-4 ARE INVITED TO BE
DROPPED OFF FOR THE
EVENING WITH THEIR
FAVORITE HIGH
SCHOOLERS

Activities :

- Games
- Movies
- Dinner
- Snacks

Click Here

\$20
PER CHILD

contact lshoup@fortcherry.org with questions



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*

The screenshot shows the 'Sapphire Community Portal' interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with 'SAMPLE STUDENT', 'SAPPHIRE COMMUNITY PORTAL', 'Home', and 'PARENT NAME'. Below this is a 'MY BACKPACK' sidebar with menu items: Student Information, Change Student Data, Student Data Forms, Current Schedule, Student Calendar, Courses & Grades, Fees, and Reports. The main content area is titled 'Student Data Forms' and contains sections for 'Forms Awaiting Completion' (No forms awaiting completion), 'On Demand Forms', and 'Submitted Forms'. The 'On Demand Forms' section contains a table with the following data:

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	

The 'Submitted Forms' section shows 'Recently Completed Forms' with a filter for 'Last 30 Days' and a 'Completed' status. It indicates 'No recent forms returned'.

Should you have any questions please contact the building secretary.

ELEM: Mrs. Tami Goddard tgoddard@fortcherru.org
724-796-1551 ext. 2000 / 724-356-2770 (fax)

HS: Mrs. Jodi Partozoti jpartozoti@fortcherry.org
724-796-1551 ext. 2327 / 724-356-2769 (fax)



School success starts with attendance



Food Collection

The Fort Cherry School District is collecting canned goods, non-perishable foods, and toiletries for our ***FC Helping Hands Program***. This program provides qualifying Fort Cherry families with monthly boxes of food and self-care items. If you wish to donate, we would greatly appreciate it.

Elementary Drop Off: Fish Bowl/Lobby - buzz and a secretary will accept the donations

Examples of needed items:

Pasta Noodles
Pasta Sauces
Macaroni & Cheese
Spaghetios
Granola bars
Syrup
Dried fruits
Applesauce
Protein shakes
Breakfast bars
Poptarts
Tissues
Toothpaste
Toothbrushes

Raisins/Craisins
Cereal
Pretzels
Trail Mix
Oatmeal
Crackers
Dental floss
Hand soap
Canned /pouch meats
Peanut Butter
Body wash
Shampoo/conditioner
Band-aids
Peaches

Pears
Fruit cocktail
Mandarin oranges
Applesauce
Corn
Peas
Green beans
Carrots
Popcorn
Rice Cakes
Juice
Lysol Wipes





Fort Cherry Elementary Center GROUP PERMISSION

We are pleased to share that Eva Kramer, high school mental health consultant and licensed professional counselor is able to meet with our elementary students in small groups during the school day.

Throughout the school year groups will be offered to our students during their AIRE, recess, lunch or another time agreed upon by you.

The **PERMISSION** form is on the bottom of this letter. If you feel your child would benefit from any additional support, please fill in your child's name and check off the topics in which you would like them to participate. **Please return the permission form to your child's homeroom teacher.**

Sincerely,

Amy Oberly, M.S.Ed

Elementary School Counselor

- _____ Social Skills (K-2: understanding feelings and behavior; 3-6: empathy, conflict resolution and peer pressure.)
- _____ Expectations (K-2: listening skills, following directions and self-control; 3-6: organizational skills, setting priorities and goals.)
- _____ Self-Management (Self-esteem, impulse control and self-regulation / coping skills)
- _____ Changing family (grief / death / divorce / new sibling - moved sibling / blended families)
- _____ Anxiety (dealing with worries, separation anxiety and stress management.)
- _____ Friendship (making friends, keeping friends, dealing with unkind friends and what to do when we fight with a friend.)

Parent / Guardian

Childs name

Grade / homeroom

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Eva Kramer at evakramer@fortcherry.org or Amy Oberly at aoberly@fortcherry.org. You may also call at: (724) 796-1551 ext. 2615 or 2201 . You may also email your permission, indicating your child's name and group(s) topic.