

JUST A FRIENDLY REMINDER.....

Act 80 DAY ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

12:15 DISMISSAL

BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED BUT NO LUNCH

NO SCHOOL ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH

**HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND AND SEE YOU ON
TUESDAY!!**



FORT CHERRY ELEMENTARY CENTER

February 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please be advised that the Valentine's Day Parties will be on Friday, February 9, 2024

PTO will be providing ALL edible snacks/treats. Students may have Valentine's boxes, distribute Valentine's and share NON-EDIBLE gifts if you so choose. Please do not send in any edible treats.

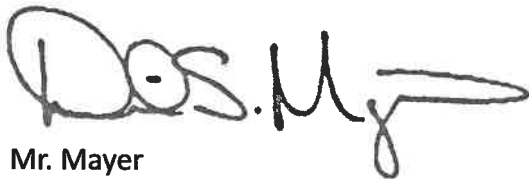
Due to our safety procedures, only Head Homeroom Parent and 2 parent volunteers are permitted in the classrooms. To those parents attending on behalf of the PTO, please go to the lobby to sign in.

If you are taking a child home from a different classroom than the one you attended, please go to the cafeteria starting at 3:00 pm. and they will meet you there. This allows teachers time to organize and dismiss students according to regular procedures.

These requests are for the safety and security of all students and building staff.

We appreciate your assistance.

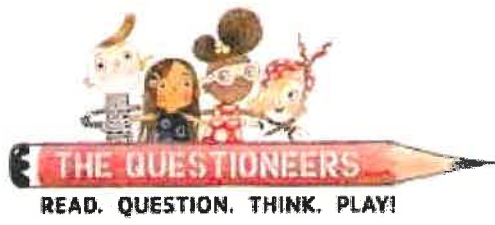
Sincerely,

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Mr. Mayer

Elementary Principal





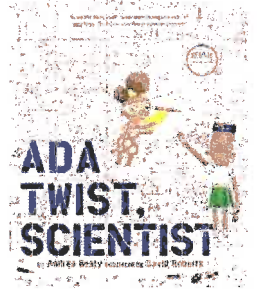
March 4th - 8th 2024

Read Across America Week

Lesson: Be Curious - Ask Questions

MONDAY

Dress like a scientist or
Mad Scientist Hair Day



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



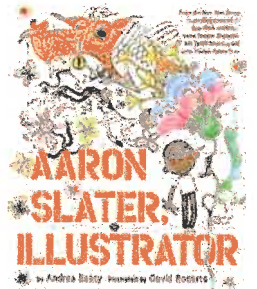
Dress to Impress:
Wear an outfit
that makes you stand out.

TUESDAY

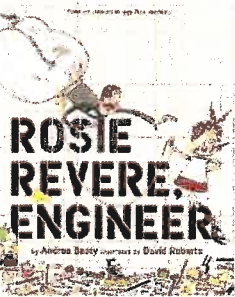
Lesson: We're all good at something,
just not all the same thing.

WEDNESDAY

Honor the illustrators:
Dress as your favorite
illustrated character.



Lesson: Failure is part of success.



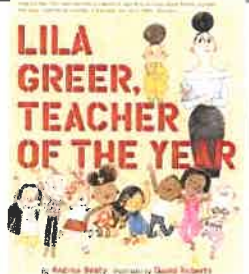
Builder Day:
Dress as a construction worker,
architect, or engineer

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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





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.



FCEC After School Acceleration Program

Invitation

We are proud to offer once again our After School Acceleration Program to all elementary students. The program is designed to provide an additional educational opportunity during the school year to remediate and enrich our students' education. The program will be held immediately after school every Tuesday and Thursday from 3:45 - 4:45 PM beginning February 13 through March 28. Kindly complete the interest survey below by **January 17th**. Please complete one survey for each elementary aged child you have in your household. More information will follow if you enroll your child(ren) in this amazing opportunity. Thank you!

* Indicates required question

1. Child's Name *

2. Child's Current Grade *

Mark only one oval.

- Kindergarten
- Grade 1
- Grade 2
- Grade 3
- Grade 4
- Grade 5
- Grade 6

3. Please indicate your child's anticipated participation below. *

Mark only one oval.

- Yes, my child would attend the After School Acceleration Program both Tuesdays & Thursdays.
- Yes, my child would attend the After School Acceleration Program on Tuesdays only.
- Yes, my child would attend the After School Acceleration Program on Thursdays only.
- No, my child will not attend the After School Acceleration Program either day.

4. If no, please indicate your reason.

Mark only one oval.

- No interest
- No transportation
- Extracurricular activities/Busy
- Other: _____

5. Name of Parent completing survey *

6. Phone Number of Parent completing survey *

7. Email of Parent completing survey *

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Music News

Kindergarten and First Grade Music

As we continue into the second semester of the 2023-2024 school year, the kindergarten and first grade music classes will learn some new songs each week, new movement activities, and we will spend a lot of time playing some games reviewing the concept of steady beat, loud and soft sounds, and fast and slow movements. These concepts are the building blocks for a solid foundation for learning how to play, dance, or even clap along with songs of all kinds of genres. I like to spend extra time on these skills to be sure that all of the students have a good understanding, before we move on in the Quaver curriculum.

Second Grade Music

The second grade music classes are continuing to study note and rest recognition and durations. We use many different games offered on Quaver, and some others, to continue to help reinforce these sometimes very difficult concepts to master. We will also start singing some more songs out of our text books, and then add some more difficult piano, small instrument, and auto harp accompaniments to those songs, once we understand notes, rests, and their durations better.

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Special points of interest

* Star Music Students



Fifth / Sixth Grade Music



**American Composer
Danny Elfman**

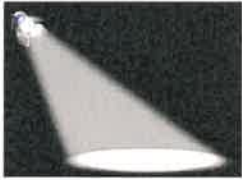
For the fifth grade music classes, they will be continuing their unit on American composers. We will finish up learning about the music of Henry Mancini and moving on to the music of Danny Elfman. Elfman who is most well-known for the music from *The Nightmare Before Christmas*, has many other works that we will be listening to.

The Beatles



In the sixth grade music classes, we will continue with the History of Rock n' Roll moving into the music and musicians of the 1960's. The students will get to see video's of the singers from the 60's, and learn how the music from that time period still influences music of today.

***Student spotlight....**



Star Music Students For February/March

*If you are picked as a star music student you will get the following:
Students in grades K-3– Free Prize Pick
4-6– 50 Music Bucks

Kindergarten:

Emily Wasko / Zihayla Wilson
Scarlett Caldwell / Caroline Ogburn
Austin Kahrig / Aria Thelusma
Remi Bauman / Eloise Libert

First Grade:

Blaine Blanchard / Gabby Beau
Scarlett Burfield / Jensen Hanna
Alexa Herbst / Andrew Wheeler
Peyton Irvine / Waylynn Zimmerman

Second Grade:

Nolan Farner / Mason Glasser
Nick Farner / Aubree Hector
Kinsley Call / Oliver Waren

Third Grade:

Owen Aleksiejczk / Lily Bauman
Sadie Hankle / Connor Rohaley
Adelina Gray / Silvia Tortorice

Fourth Grade:

Matthew Tharp / Liam Vidt
Emma McLaughlin / Haylee Vanderloos
Billy Lander / Sawyer Campbell

Fifth Grade:

Kylee Hayes / Henry Snatchko
Shae Bauman / Michael Kramer
Maxx Brown / Addie Duran

Sixth Grade:

Mia Huth / Leah Maydak
Noah Torboli / Luke Goddard
Peyton Hector/ Abby Washinski
Liam Desalvo / Colin Sieg

Elementary Band-Gr. 5/6

Elementary band students please be aware that you will need to remember to bring your instruments for band on days 6 and 1 for practice. Starting in January we will be rehearsing our songs for the Spring concert and we need everyone at every rehearsal with instruments. If possible, please eat breakfast at home in the morning on band days so that we can get every bit of rehearsal time in as possible. It is equally important that you continue to attend your lessons each rotation and continue to practice your music at home. If you are having difficulty or have questions about band or lessons, please contact Mr. or Mrs. Nelson.



The Spring Band Concert is currently scheduled to be at 7:00pm on Thursday, April 25, 2024 at the Fort Cherry High School Auditorium. More information will be coming soon.!!



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. The user is logged in as 'SAMPLE STUDENT' and 'RARENT NAME'. The 'MY BACKPACK' menu is visible on the left, with 'Student Data Forms' selected. The main content area shows 'Student Data Forms' with sections for 'Forms Awaiting Completion' (No forms awaiting completion) and 'On Demand Forms'. A table lists three forms: '2023-24 Student Absence Report Form', '2023-24 Educational Journey Form', and '2023-24 Student Early Dismissal Form'. Below the table is a 'Submitted Forms' section with a filter for 'Recently Completed Forms' (Last 30 Days) and a 'Completed' status filter.

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	

Should you have any questions please contact the building secretary.

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724-796-1551 ext. 2327 / 724-356-2769 (fax)



School success starts with attendance



Reading just got more rewarding!



We wanted to roll out an additional incentive this year to the Reading Rangers program. This year, we are able to enter students into a drawing at the end of the program (May 1, 2024) to win an Amazon Gift Card. For every tier that you have completed, you will be entered into the following drawings:

Tier 1 completed and into Tier 2 - \$10 Amazon Gift Card

Tire 2 completed and into Tier 3 - \$25 Amazon Gift Card

Tire 3 completed and into Tier 4 - \$40 Amazon Gift Card

Tier 4 completed and into Tier 5 - \$75 Amazon Gift Card

Tier 5 completed and invited to the end of year celebration - \$100
Amazon Gift Card

You can only win once starting with Tier 5 drawings and working down to Tier 1.

Dugout	Batter Box	1st Base	2nd Base	3rd Base	Home Plate
1st Grade	0-4.9	5-10.9	11-19.9	20-29.9	30+
2nd Grade	5-10.9	11-22.9	23-33.9	34-44.9	45+
3rd Grade	7-14.9	15-28.9	29-43.9	44-59.9	60+
4th Grade	10-20.9	21-37.9	38-55.9	56-74.9	75+
5th Grade	15-24.9	25-39.9	40-62.9	63-89.9	90+
6th Grade	18-37.9	38-58.9	59-81.9	82-104.9	105+

No tickets required; names will automatically be entered into the drawing.

Happy Reading!