



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)



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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.

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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 *



Report to **PARENTS**

Social Media Safety Tips for Kids

Social media helps people connect, learn, become engaged, and share information. But it also can affect children's mental health and safety. Take these steps to keep your child safe on social media.

Be Cyber Safe

Cyberbullying, hate speech, and harassment are just a few social media-related dangers. Talk to your child about how social media platforms work so they feel safe telling you about their experiences. Ask them what they saw on social media, how they understand what was posted, and how they would respond to various situations they might encounter online.

Limit Social Media Use

Developing brains are especially vulnerable to some social media features. Limit social media use on platforms that include counts of likes or encourage excessive use. Use screen time settings to help your child set limits and learn self-control. Prohibit screen time that interferes with at least 8 hours of sleep a night.

Stay Connected

When your child gets a phone, explain that posts and messages aren't private and often are permanent, which could affect them now and years from now. Inspecting your child's phone will reinforce that what they do on it isn't private and remind them to think through how they communicate before hitting



send or post. You can also link your account to theirs to monitor their use.

Watch for Problems

Consider whether any of these statements are true for your child:

- It interferes with their daily routines.
- They often choose social media over in-person social interactions.
- It prevents them from engaging in regular physical activity.
- They keep using social media even when they express a desire to stop.
- They experience strong cravings to check social media.
- They lie or use deceptive behavior to spend time online.

If you are concerned your child is dependent on social media or using it in unhealthy ways, consider enforcing new limits around accessing it. If you think your child is experiencing psychological harm, talk to a mental health professional to find healthier ways for your child to engage with the digital world.

Informe a los **PADRES**

Consejos de Seguridad en las Redes Sociales para Niños

Las redes sociales ayudan a las personas a conectarse, aprender, interactuar y compartir información. Pero también pueden afectar la salud mental y la seguridad de los niños. Siga estos pasos para mantener a sus hijos seguros en las redes sociales.

Sea ciberseguro

El ciberacoso, el discurso de odio y el hostigamiento son solo algunos peligros relacionados con las redes sociales. Hable con sus hijos sobre cómo funcionan las plataformas de redes sociales para que se sientan seguros al contarle sus experiencias. Pregúnteles sobre lo que ven en las redes sociales, su entendimiento sobre lo que se publica y cómo responderían a diversas situaciones que podrían encontrar en línea.

Limite el uso de las redes sociales

Los cerebros en desarrollo son especialmente vulnerables a algunas características de las redes sociales. Limite el uso de las redes sociales en plataformas que incluyan el conteo de los "me gusta" recibidos o que fomenten el uso excesivo. Use la configuración de tiempo en pantalla para ayudar a sus hijos a establecer límites y aprender el autocontrol. Prohíba el tiempo frente a la pantalla que interfiera con al menos 8 horas de sueño por noche.

Manténgase conectado

Cuando sus hijos reciban un teléfono, explique que las publicaciones y los mensajes no son privados y que, a menudo, son permanentes, lo que podría afectarlos ahora y dentro de años. Inspeccionar el teléfono de sus hijos reforzará que lo que hacen en él no es



privado y les recordará que piensen en cómo se comunican antes de hacer clic en enviar o publicar. También puede vincular su cuenta a la de ellos para monitorear su uso.

Esté atento a los problemas

Considere si alguna de estas afirmaciones es verdadera para el uso de redes sociales de sus hijos:

- interfiere con sus rutinas diarias;
- a menudo eligen las redes sociales en lugar de las interacciones sociales en persona;
- evita que realicen actividad física regular;
- siguen usando las redes sociales incluso cuando expresan un deseo de detenerse;
- experimentan fuertes deseos de revisar las redes sociales;
- mienten o usan un comportamiento engañoso para pasar tiempo en línea.

Si le preocupa que sus hijos dependan de las redes sociales o que las usen de manera poco saludable, considere imponer nuevos límites en torno al acceso a ellas. Si cree que sus hijos están sufriendo daños psicológicos, hable con un profesional de la salud mental para encontrar formas más saludables para que participen en el mundo digital.



Kids of Steel (Rangers of Steel)- Running starts Tuesday, February 6th!

Last day to sign up is February 1st!!!

Rangers of Steel is back! Training will be offered in person at the Elementary building. Running will be on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning February 6th.

Last day of running is April 18th.

If you do not want to sign up for the final mile downtown, your child can sign up on our **attached form and the Race Roster link** to still get 15 minutes of running in the morning. **Please complete both the attached form and Race Roster link sign up in order to participate in the program.** Thank you!

- The **Race Roster** link below is **ONLY** to sign up for the Kids of Steel program (Tuesday and Thursday mornings) **NOT** the final mile downtown Kids Marathon on May 4th.



○ <https://raceroster.com/events/2024/78859/kids-of-steel-program-2023-2024>

Registration link for the final mile downtown Kids Marathon



<https://p3r.org/races/chick-fil-a-pittsburgh-kids-marathon>



****If attending the May 4th run, you will be responsible for bringing your child and staying with them. We will not have a bus for transportation. Please contact Ms. Carnahan, if you have any questions jcarnahan@fortcherry.org**

Kids of Steel Form

Please fill out this form in order to help us organize with the buses for the morning runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

*In addition, don't forget to sign up for the Kids of Steel program on the Race Roster website (this is the first link listed on the flyer). Both this paper form and the Race Roster sign up link must be completed in order to participate. Thank you!

Student Name: _____

Student Grade: _____

Student Homeroom Teacher: _____

AM Bus Number: _____

Is your child signed up for the Kids Marathon Run downtown on May 4th?

_____ Yes

_____ No

_____ Not Yet

Please return this form to Ms. Carnahan immediately



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

Spaghettios

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.



**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

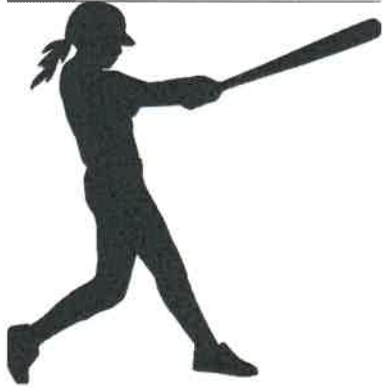
Tier 5 completed and invited to the end of year celebration - \$100
Amazon Gift Card

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!



FORT CHERRY YOUTH BASEBALL

- **Meeting 2/1/2024 beginning 6:30pm @ Elementary School Cafeteria. Open to the Public.**
- **Registration Now Open! Early Bird Discount expires 2/2/2024. Sign up now to receive the discounted rate!!!**

FCYB offers a program for boys and girls ages 4-14 which promotes clean, wholesome competition while furthering the physical, social, and emotional development of children while learning and mastering the fundamentals of baseball.

For more information, visit our website

www.fcrangersyouthbaseball.com



FC Youth Softball Online Spring Registration opens January 1st!



Follow us on Facebook to access the online spring registration link or email us below!

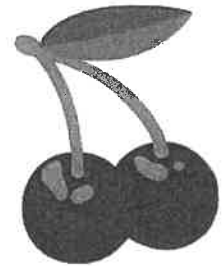
Facebook: [@FortCherryYouthSoftball](#)

Online registration will close 1/31/24. No exceptions.



Online Spring Softball Registration: January 1 - 31, 2024.

FCYS offers both fastpitch and slowpitch programs for girls ages, 4–18. We are truly proud of our girls and softball programs - it not only teaches players the core principles of softball, but also develops teamwork, self-discipline, confidence, and leadership skills. Most importantly, we want our girls to truly



F.C.E.C. ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

No student should arrive at school prior to 8:45 AM unless they are enrolled in morning tutoring. However, students will be marked tardy if arriving after 9:00 AM. Parents bringing children to school between 8:45 AM and 9:00 AM should drop them off in the drop-off zone behind the water tower.

A parent desiring an early dismissal needs to send a note to the school with the child's name, date of dismissal, time of dismissal, and reason. These notes are to be given to the homeroom teacher who sends them to the office for recording. If you are picking your child up from school, please go to the main entrance and ring the buzzer. You will be required to have a photo ID.

In case of emergency when a child is already in school and a written request is not possible, the parent must phone the school office at 724.796.1551, ext. 2000 giving the information as noted above. The call may be verified on the basis of information indicated in Sapphire.

No student will be dismissed unsupervised to get into a car in the parking lot under any circumstances.

If a student wishes to go home with another student, the office will need notes from both students' parents/guardians. This will assure the school that both families are aware of the situation.

For parent pick-up at the end of the school day, parents should get in line behind the school buses. Once busses are loaded and departed parents may pull in front of the Elementary Center. This will be at approximately 3:35. We will bring your child out to your car.

AS ALWAYS, A DRIVER'S LICENSE OR PHOTO I.D. IS REQUIRED TO PICK YOUR CHILD UP FROM SCHOOL.

Fort Cherry Elementary Center

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(724) 796-1551
(724) 356-4445
fax (724) 356-2770

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 3:45
- 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"

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FORT CHERRY ELEMENTARY CENTER STUDENT EXCUSE FORM

Today's Date: _____ Elem. Secretary: Mrs. Tami Goddard

Student Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Please check all that apply:

_____ Student is returning after being absent on (date/s) _____

_____ Student will be dismissed on (date) _____ at (time) _____

_____ Student has my permission to ride the bus home with _____

on bus # _____ on (date) _____

Parent Signature _____ Phone Number _____