

FORT CHERRY ELEMENTARY

~TO ALL PARENTS ~

Just as a reminder.....

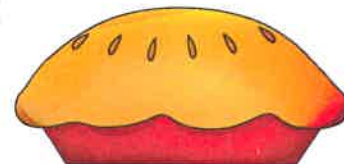
There will be NO SCHOOL from November 27-Dec 2
for Thanksgiving break.

Students are to return to school on Tuesday,
December 3rd

Have an enjoyable Thanksgiving!!!!



HAPPY THANKSGIVING



**JUST A REMINDER TO ALL
PARENTS/GUARDIANS:**

There is to be ***NO STUDENTS
dropped off before 8:45 a.m.***

**We do not have the staff to
monitor students before that
time.**

**This is for the safety
of all
children.**

8:45 a.m.

To Parents/Guardians...

**Do not send any medications to school
with your child.**

This includes all prescribed medication, inhalers
and over the counter medication.

Parents must bring all medication to the
school nurse.



McDonald Light Up Night

Wednesday

November 27, 2024

6:00-8:00

Tree Lighting
Face Painting



Fireworks
Ice Sculpting
Popcorn
Photo Booths
Live Performance
inside The Grande Theater

Horse & Carriage Rides



Santa & Mrs. Claus

Cookies

Vendors

DJ



MCDONALD
PARKS &
RECREATION



Class of 2031 Fundraiser



Who doesn't want an FC Christmas Tree Porch Sitter? The 6th Grade Class of 2031 will be holding a fundraiser selling only 100 of these custom trees. The trees stand over 4 feet tall can be used outside on a porch/stoop or inside, and are only \$20.00 per tree.

Orders are due no later than November 26, 2024. If you would like to support the 6th Grade Class, please send the attached order form, and payment (check or cash by 11/26/2024). Please mark the envelope for the Attention of the Class of 2031 Fundraiser. (Delivery will be no later than 12/20/2024)

All orders must be prepaid, or your order will be null and void. Checks can be made payable to 6th Grade Committee.

Please email Allie Schutz at @Allie.L.McClanahan@gmail.com with any question!

-----Please detach below portion and return-----

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Quantity:

FC:

Rangers:

Polka Dots:



RMU Trees Network November 2024 Newsletter



Assistive Technology Funding Workshop

Tuesday, November 12, 2024 6:00PM - 7:30PM

Join us virtually on Tuesday, November 12, 2024 from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM to learn how to get funding for Assistive Technology. Assistive Technology (AT) are the devices and/or equipment used by individuals with disabilities to improve their lives in education, employment, community recreation, and daily living activities. Paying for AT can be expensive, challenging, and overwhelming. We are pleased to have **Wendy Davis**, Director of Marketing and Outreach from PA Assistive Technology Foundation, **Jim Lilley**, Assistant District Administrator from PA Department of Labor and Industry/Office of Vocational Rehabilitation, **Bekah Nesbitt**, Assistive Technology Coordinator from Community Living and Support Services (CLASS), and **Mary Evrard**, Community and Communications Liaison Coordinator, Allegheny County Department of Human Services (AC DHS) Office of Developmental Supports (ODS), joining and sharing their experiences and expertise about assistive technology and the funding sources available for these impactful devices. To register for this free family/ parent workshop scheduled for **Tuesday, November 12, 2024 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm**, please contact contact Vicki Donne at donne@rmu.edu or Deanna Hiltz at hiltzd@rmu.edu, or register at [Google Registration](https://forms.gle/EPBu3QVdEw1cvgwv8). (<https://forms.gle/EPBu3QVdEw1cvgwv8>) Upon registration, registrants will be sent a Google Meets calendar invitation.

IEP vs. 504 Plan December Parent and Family Meeting

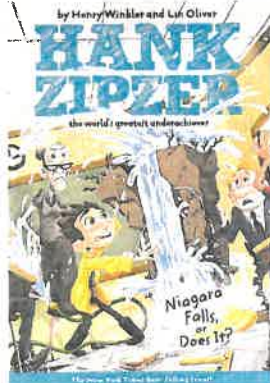
Monday, December 2, 2024 7PM - 8PM

To register for this family/parent meeting scheduled for **Monday, December 2, 2024 from 7:00 - 8:00 pm**, please contact contact Vicki Donne at donne@rmu.edu or Deanna Hiltz at hiltzd@rmu.edu, or register at [Google Registration](https://forms.gle/EPBu3QVdEw1cvgwv8). Upon registration, registrants will be sent a Google Meets calendar invitation.



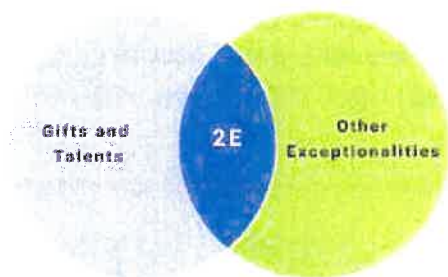
Virtual Book Club for Kids

Starting Tuesday, February 4



We have picked the book **Niagara Falls, Or Does It?** by Harry Winkler and Lin Oliver for our next book club. The book is inspired by true life experiences of Henry Winkler whose undiagnosed dyslexia made him a classic childhood underachiever. The Hank Zipzer series is about the high-spirited adventures of a boy with learning differences. In **Niagara Falls, Or Does It?**, Hank needs to create a summer vacation project. He loves science, but he hates writing reports. Join us to read about the adventures of Hank as he navigates school, hobbies (magic), and friendships. This book is recommended for children ages 8-12 but is a great read for all ages. We will meet for four weeks **virtually Tuesdays from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. A hard copy of the book will be provided to all participants who register by Wednesday, December 18, 2024.**

Sign up by emailing Deanna Hiltz at hiltzd@rmu.edu



Twice-Exceptionality Parent and Family Meeting Summary

On Monday, November 4 the Trees Network hosted a meeting on Twice-Exceptionalities. Dr. Jennifer Shuman, Director of Special Education and Student Services from Mt. Lebanon School District, along with her colleague Nicole Glover, Coordinator of Secondary Gifted Education, presented their

knowledge, experience, and personal background with working and advocating for students with two exceptionalities. Attendees got a lot of valuable information and resources. Some of the resources shared are included under the Resources for Parents and Educators section of the newsletter. You can also find these resources on our website.

Upcoming Events Around the Area

The RMU Trees Network is a member of the Special Needs Consortium, a group of service providers in the Pittsburgh area. The consortium exists to provide a place where all service providers can network and opportunities can be shared, promoted, and advocated for to increase awareness of resources available to the community. The following is a list of events found through our contacts and/or were shared by members of the consortium. We hope you will find something of interest to you.

Caregivers' Yoga Tuesdays 10:30 - 11:30 AM at Open Up

Caregivers' Yoga class is an experience curated for those who dedicate their time and energy to caring for others. This class emphasizes mindfulness and rest, and provides a supportive space for caregivers to take care of themselves. In this class there are optional opportunities to share experiences and find support among fellow caregivers. More than movement and mindfulness this class is a chance to pause, reflect, recharge, and nurture yourself. Through mindful awareness and community support, Caregiver's Yoga encourages self-exploration and personal growth, making it an ideal space for anyone looking to enhance their wellbeing. Register here

<https://www.open-up.org/schedule>

November 9th 12:00 - 3:00 PM Autism Caring Center: Friendsgiving

Join for a luncheon with friends to celebrate the season. Bring dessert or a drink to share if able. Bring a \$10 or less prize to use for Bingo, if you are able to. Check in is 12-12:30PM. Lunch will be served from 12:30-2. Bingo 2-3 PM. Location: 1000 Horizon Vue Dr Ste 400, Canonsburg, PA 15317

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0B48A8A62FABFF2-52242308-friendsgiving>

November 10th 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM Sensory Sensitive Science hours at the Carnegie Science Center

Sensory Sensitive Science Hours are held on select Sunday mornings. Exhibit lights and sound effects are adjusted and special hands-on activities are added to foster a safe, welcoming, and most of all, fun, environment for all visitors. As always, visitors can borrow a sensory backpack from the Ticket Counter and access a quiet space if you need a break. This event is included in Science Center general admission. For any additional questions about our sensory sensitive offerings or for any general accessibility questions, please email Emily Tremain at

Accessibility@CarnegieScienceCenter.Org

November 16th 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM Goalball Clinic - Envision Blind Sports

RMU North Athletic Complex, 6001 University Blvd. Moon PA

Lunch, Snacks & Drinks provided. Cost is \$10. To sign up email or text Jillian Stringfellow jstringfellow@envisionblindsports.org or 251-610-3244.

November 18th 6:00 PM - 6:45 PM OR November 19th 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM Parent Information Sessions - Include Me

Join the Include Me team for an online series on transition. Learn about the steps to take after your student turns 14 and how to be engaged in their education and transition plans as a parent or guardian. Sessions will be held on zoom and recordings will be posted online. Register here:

https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_qERARYYsRoSDQN-vxA4-iw#/registration

November 23rd 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM Friendsgiving Event - Exceptional Adventures

American Serbian Club, South Side

Enjoy lunch, music and friendship to welcome the holiday season and give thanks.

Register here.

https://travefy.com/website/ndvrxgixbgib6nqx24rznn-ywtar32qstnhzq2?fbclid=IwZXh0bgNhZW0CMTEAAAR1jI7zZ-O3DxffYohL7p1GqkzXyAx1OjWRiofptoz5LSH2nTgwAh5eAECI_aem_wPpA6D_xsHQWTWBOv16u2Q

Resources for Parents and Educators

The Network provides resources for parents and teachers and these resources can be found at the [RMU Trees Network Website](https://donne94.wixsite.com/rmu-trees-network) (<https://donne94.wixsite.com/rmu-trees-network>).

Information on RMU Trees is also posted on the RMU website

and the previous newsletters can be read and viewed at

<https://www.rmu.edu/academics/provost/trees>. In each newsletter we provide links to resources of topics discussed in

our parent meetings and workshops as well as other information that may be helpful to families, schools, and the community. Below are some links to resources on twice-exceptionalities.



Beast Academy - Beast Academy is the elementary school math program created by Art of Problem Solving (AoPS), a global leader in advanced K–12 math education. AoPS trains the intellectual leaders of the next generation by preparing motivated students for college and career success. <https://beastacademy.com/>

Belin-Blank Center - From student programs to professional learning; psychological services to research; Belin-Blank operates one of the most comprehensive gifted and talented centers. <https://belinblank.education.uiowa.edu/>

Bureau of Special Education - Gifted Education - Gifted education is the shared responsibility of the Bureau of Special Education and the Bureau of Teaching and Learning Support. The integrated approach commits both Bureaus to providing support for Chapter 16. Learn more here:

<https://www.pa.gov/en/agencies/education/programs-and-services/instruction/elementary-and-secondary-education/gifted-education.html>

University of Connecticut - Curriculum Compacting: A Research-based Differentiation Strategy for Culturally Diverse Talented Students

https://gifted.uconn.edu/schoolwide-enrichment-model/compacting_for_at_risk/

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[RMU Trees Website](https://donne94.wixsite.com/rmu-trees-network) (<https://donne94.wixsite.com/rmu-trees-network>)

[RMU Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/RMUtrees/) (<https://www.facebook.com/RMUtrees/>)



Allegheny Health Network

**Canonsburg
Hospital**

Holiday Basket RAFFLE

Dec. 2 – Dec. 16, 2024



Holiday baskets overflow
AHN Canonsburg Hospital's lobby and hallways.
Purchase your ticket and select your favorites.
All proceeds go back 100% to benefit
AHN Canonsburg Hospital.

Tickets can be purchased in the main lobby of hospital.



AHN CANONSBURG

Hospital

ANNUAL HOLIDAY BASKET RAFFLE

TICKET SALES DATES AND TIMES

(MAIN ENTRANCE)

MON, DEC 2 TO WED, DEC 4 – 8AM TO 4PM

THURS, DEC 5 – 8AM TO 7PM

FRI, DEC 6 – 8AM TO 4PM

SUN, DEC 8 – 12PM TO 3PM

MON, DEC 9 – 8AM TO 4PM

TUES, DEC 10 – 8AM TO 7PM

WED, DEC 11 TO FRI, DEC 13 – 8AM TO 4PM

SAT, DEC 14 – 8AM TO 12PM

MON, DEC 16 – 8AM TO 12PM



FORT CHERRY YOUTH BASKETBALL



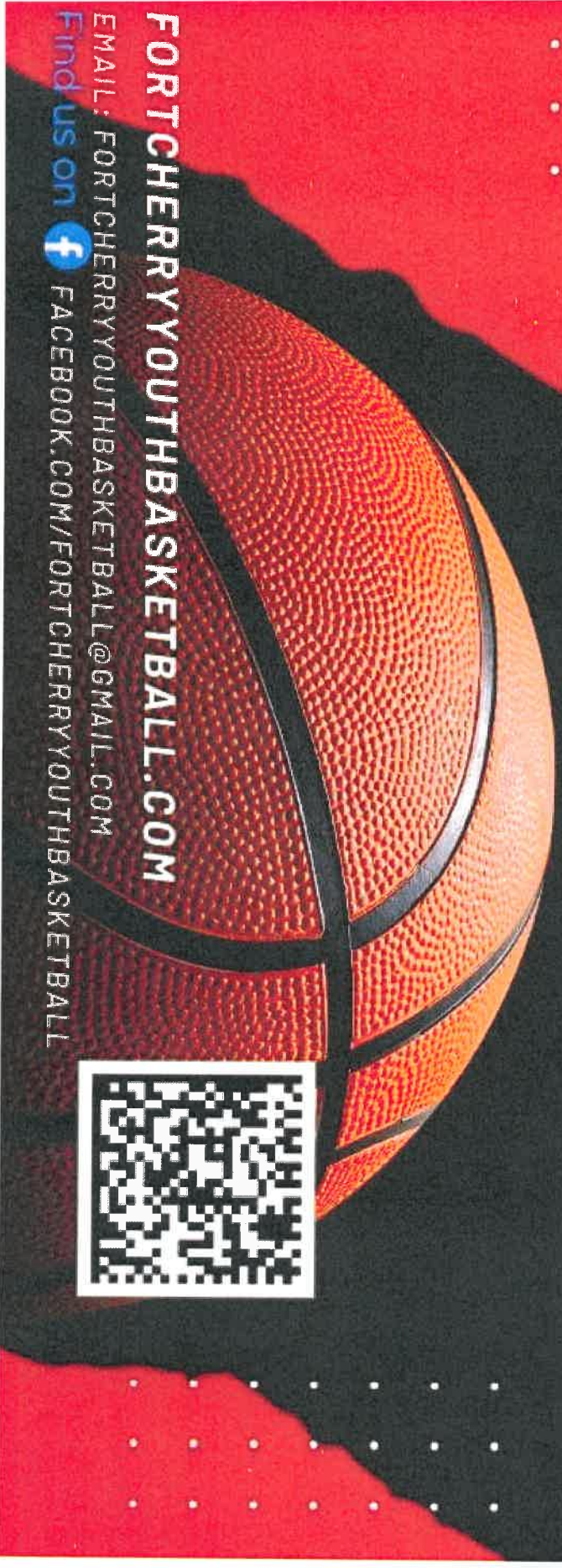
BOYS WINTER REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!!

BOYS - GRADES 3-6
DEADLINE IS NOV. 15TH

FORTCHERRYOUTHBASKETBALL.COM

EMAIL: FORTCHERRYOUTHBASKETBALL@GMAIL.COM

Find us on  FACEBOOK.COM/FORTCHERRYOUTHBASKETBALL



Donkey Basketball Game

**PROCEEDS BENEFITING
THE CLASS OF 2025**



**Nov.
27th**

7:00 PM

FCHS Gym



Tickets will be on sale in the high school lobby for \$8 during the week of 11/19/24 - 11/26/24. Tickets are \$10 at the gate.



Fort Cherry Elementary Center GROUP PERMISSION

We are pleased to share that Emma Neel, elementary center mental health consultant, 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

Child's name

Grade / homeroom

If you have any questions, feel free to contact, Amy Oberly at aoberly@fortcherry.org. You may also call at: (724) 796-1551 ext. 2007 or 2000 . You may also email your permission, indicating your child's name and group(s) topic.