

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

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

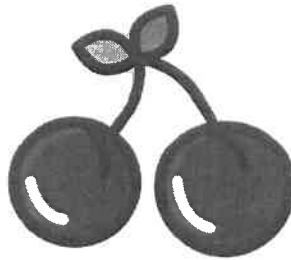
**We do not have the staff to
monitor students before that
time.**

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

8:45 a.m.

Fort Cherry Elementary Center

Tutoring Assistance Program



110 Fort Cherry Road
McDonald, PA 15057
724.796.1551 phone
724.356.2770 fax

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Once again, the Fort Cherry Elementary Center will be offering morning tutoring to students who qualify for additional academic instruction. **The tutoring program will begin the week of October 7, 2024.** Tutoring is scheduled from **8:15 to 8:45** on **Monday** or **Wednesday**, depending on the individual teacher's schedule.

A student may qualify for morning tutoring if his/her academic average within a specific curricular area is **below 70%** or if a teacher recommends it. Furthermore, participating students must have access to continual transportation from parents and a commitment to regular attendance.

A participatory form has been made available on the reverse side of this letter. If you are interested in enrolling your child in this tutoring opportunity, please complete the form and return it to the Elementary Center Office. The Student Support Office will review your request and provide verification of participation with the day of tutoring noted (Monday or Wednesday).

If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact Brianne Eiler, Student Service Coordinator, at 724.796.1551 ext. 2003. We appreciate your support regarding your child's educational success.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink. The signature is stylized, starting with a large 'D' and 'S' that are connected, followed by 'M' and 'y'. The 'y' has a long, horizontal tail that extends to the right.

Mr. Daniel S. Mayer
Elementary Principal

Elementary Tutoring Assistance Program Participatory Form

Please complete the following information and return this form to the Elementary Center Office.



Student's Name _____

Grade _____

Homeroom Teacher _____

Teacher Tutoring _____

Area of Tutoring _____
(Reading, Language Arts, Math, Science, and/or Social Studies)

Request By _____

I am interested in my child participating in the *Fort Cherry Elementary Center Tutoring Assistance Program*.

I understand that in order for my child to qualify for this program the following must be true:

- a. Meet the criteria set forth for this program
- b. Have accessibility to continual transportation
- c. Remain committed to attend

I understand that my child must meet the criteria for the *Fort Cherry Elementary Center Tutoring Assistance Program*. I am also aware that I must provide transportation on a regular and consistent basis in order for my child to remain a participant in this program. Further, I understand that only the child enrolled in the program may be dropped off at 8:15 AM. If my child is absent for three consecutive sessions or displays any disciplinary issues of concern, dismissal from the program may occur.

In reading and understanding the above information, I grant my child permission to participate in the *Fort Cherry Elementary Center Tutoring Assistance Program*.

Parent Signature

Date

Office Use Only

Student Meets Program Qualifications:

____ Students with academic averages under 70%

____ Teacher Recommendation/Student Service Recommendation

Parent/Teacher Notification Distributed _____ (date)

Start date _____ (date)



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.



Fort Cherry Elementary Center

FORT CHERRY RANGERS are *Respectful, Responsible, and Resilient!* Parent Involvement with PBIS

Dear Families,

We are excited to share with you our school-wide behavior system that we are implementing! PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions & Support) is a framework to promote and maximize academic achievement and behavioral competence. It is a school-wide strategy for helping all students achieve important social and learning goals. We know that when good behavior and good teaching come together, our students will excel in their learning.

Fort Cherry Elementary School is proud to be a part of this exciting initiative. As part of the PBIS framework, we have established clear rules for the behaviors we expect in all areas of our school. These expectations are explained in our behavior matrix, which you will find on the back.

We will teach and reteach these expectations to the students throughout the school year. Our staff will verbally and visually acknowledge students' appropriate behaviors by giving them a RANGER PRIDE TICKET for being RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE and RESILIENT. Students will add their ticket to the Rangers' 200 Club poster. When 10 students are in a row, students will have a chance to spin a wheel for a prize.

In order for PBIS to be successful at Fort Cherry Elementary, we need your help! Below is a list of suggestions of how you can support PBIS.

PBIS AT HOME

*Remind your child of the behavioral expectations on a daily basis.

*Review the following before leaving for school...

Be Respectful – I will treat each person the way I want to be treated.

Be Responsible – I will do the right thing even when no one is watching.

Be Resilient- I will perform my best because I am prepared.

*Use the same language that is being used at school with your child.

*Review the behavior matrix on the back.

*Ask your child if he/she has received a RANGER PRIDE TICKET and why they got it.

*Reinforce positive behaviors that your child is showing at school.

Email Mrs. Oberly at aoberly@fortcherry.org with any questions.



At F.C.E.C., Rangers Will Be...

	HALLWAY	CAFETERIA	BUS	PLAYGROUND	RESTROOM	CLASSROOM
RESPECTFUL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 0 Voices (quiet zone) Hands at side Quiet walking feet Keep body off of hallway work 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 1 Voices (inside voice) Eat your lunch Use good manners/ kind words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 1 Voices (inside voices) Keep hands and feet and objects to yourself Use kind words Listen to the driver 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 2 Voices (outside voices) Respect equipment & area Use good sportsmanship Be aware of inside students' learning Include others 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Level 0 Voices Keep hands and feet and objects to yourself Use ONE pump and ONE towel Honor others privacy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Be Kind to classmates Listen to teacher Raise your hand Follow directions
RESPONSIBLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Walk with eyes forward Stay with class Stay to the RIGHT Quiet feet on stairs Carry materials with both hands 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clean up after yourself Stay in your seat Keep food in the cafeteria Tell the adult in charge about any issues Raise your hand for help 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remain seated in your assigned space Ready to exit at your stop Phones inside backpack Keep food and drink inside your bag 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use equipment safely & appropriately Tell the adult in charge about any issues Eyes on the teacher when the whistle blows Hands to self Dress for outside weather 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use, Flush, Wash, Leave Clean up after yourself Report any problems to an adult 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Turn assignments in on time Follow directions Enter the classroom quietly with all materials Put equipment and toys away properly
RESILIENT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow directions when others are not Fix mistakes and move forward 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on eating your food neatly Try to problem solve by yourself 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Follow directions when others are not Model safe choices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pick yourself up and try again Accept others / celebrate differences 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Only pay attention to you Wait your turn Use during your scheduled breaks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Give your best effort Correct your mistakes Organize personal space Make positive choices

Fort Cherry Elementary Center

Attendance Matters



Student Success Starts with Excellent Attendance!

Student attendance is a priority in Fort Cherry School District and in our school. If students are not in school, they are missing valuable instruction. Academic success begins with sending your child to school every day.

Our goal is for all students to have great attendance. Great attendance means no more than five absences throughout the academic school year.

You are your child's first teacher. We are partners with you and we are here to support your child's education.



WHAT PARENTS CAN DO

- Create morning and evening routines
- Schedule all appointments for your child during non-school hours
- Plan family vacations on non-school days only
- Help your child develop a positive attitude towards school by encouraging him/her to participate in school activities
- Talk to your child about the importance of attending school every day
- Communicate with your child's teacher, academic counselor, or student service coordinator
- Send in excuses when children must miss school

Be here. Every day. All day.





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 SAPHIRE 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 30 Days Completed Status

No recent forms returned

Should you have any questions please contact the building secretary.

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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



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



T-SHIRT PRESALE



2024 *Dig Pink* T-shirts are on sale until
Friday, 10/4!

\$20 for all sizes

Payment is due when ordering - Cash or checks
payable to "FC Volleyball Boosters-Dig Pink"

Dig Pink Game Day

Wednesday, Oct. 16 - FC vs. Lincoln Park at 6 PM



Support the Fort today!



Want to support our FCEC PBIS program?

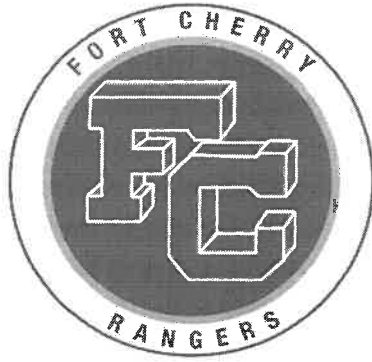


Check out our
Amazon wishlist!



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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are happy to offer you the **Fort Cherry Helping Hands Program**. The district is collaborating with local providers to continue this program. Helping Hands is offered to families that are *Directly Certified* by the State (formerly those families that qualified for Free/Reduced Meals). To note, you will have received a letter from Sally Cowden, FC Food Service Director, if you are considered *Directly Certified* based on income.

Once a month, you will have the opportunity to pick up a box with food items for all of the children in your household under the age of 18. A schedule will be provided to the families who confirm their participation in the program. This is at NO COST to your family. We ask that all eligible families accept this monthly contribution and support this worthwhile program. The school district is proud to offer this initiative.

To take part in "Helping Hands" this school year you:

- must be *Directly Certified* by Pennsylvania.
- must complete and return the 'Opt-In' form. (one per household only)
- must complete and return the 'Permission to Share' form. (one per household only)
- must be able to pick up food between **12:00 - 2:00 pm** at the High School door 27. A schedule of pick-up Wednesday dates will be provided.

If you choose to participate in the Fort Cherry Helping Hands Program, please complete the attached Opt-In form and Permission to Share form. Return these forms to **Brianne Eiler, Elementary Student Service Coordinator**. If you already take part in the Helping Hands program you do not need to complete this Opt-In again, but you **MUST** complete the Permission to Share form. If you wish to be removed from this program please call.

If you have any questions regarding the program, please contact **Brianne Eiler at 724-796-1551, ext. 2003** or email her at **beiler@fortcherry.org**.

Thank you, and we look forward to helping.

Fort Cherry Helping Hands Opt-In Form

Please complete this form and return it to Mrs. Brianne Eiler at the Elementary Center.

☐ **YES, I am interested in participating in the Fort Cherry Helping Hands Program.**

Please list all children living in the household and their ages:

(Name/Age)

(Name/Age)

(Name/Age)

(Name/Age)

(Name/Age)

(Name/Age)

Parent's/Guardian's Name _____

Signature _____

*Phone Number _____

**We will add this number to an automated calling system to remind you of pick up dates/times.*

Please list any designated adult(s) that may pick up the food for your family if you are unable to do so.

(Name)

(Phone Number)

(Name)

(Phone Number)

☐ **My family is not able to pick up the food at the school between 12:00 - 2:00 pm. This time is when I or a designated adult is available:**

SHARING INFORMATION WITH OTHER PROGRAMS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

To save you time and effort, the information you gave on your Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application may be shared with other programs for which your children may qualify. For the following programs, we must have your permission to share your information. Sending in this form will not change whether your children get free or reduced price meals.

- ☐ Yes! I DO want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with all Federal and/or State testing ex. SAT, ACT . . .
- ☐ Yes! I DO want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with Chromebook distribution program.
- ☐ Yes! I DO want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with Angel Tree program.
- ☐ Yes! I DO want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with Pay to Participate program.
- ☐ Yes! I DO want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with Helping Hands program.
- ☐ Yes! I DO want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application with Academic Grant, Scholarships, and Programming Assistance.
- ☐ No! I DO NOT want school officials to share information from my Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application.

If you checked "Yes" to any or all of the boxes above, fill out the form below to ensure that your information is shared for the child(ren) listed below. Your information will be shared only with the programs you checked.

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____ Child's

Name: _____ Grade: _____ Child's Name:

_____ Grade: _____ Child's Name:

_____ Grade: _____ Child's Name:

_____ Grade: _____ Signature of

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed

Name: _____

Address:

_ For more information, you may call Sally Cowden at 724-796-1551 Ext. 2391 or scowden@fortcherry.org.



Dear Families

It's that time of year again to hit the books and start earning points for the Reading Rangers Program. Your child can read books, take a quiz through the online program, Read N' Quiz, and earn prizes quarterly. Below are some details to keep in mind:

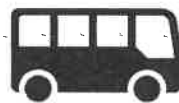
- Our Reading Rangers program runs from June 7th, 2024 through May 12th, 2025 this year for students in 1st Grade through 6th Grade.
- The Read N' Quiz program is explained and supported by our Librarian and our Teachers, but funded by PTO.
- The Librarian provides students with their log-in information in First Grade and ensures they know how to access the quizzes on their devices. She reviews this information yearly and anytime a student needs assistance.
 - Once a student logs in once, their log-in information is saved.
- Books borrowed from the Fort Cherry Elementary Library that are eligible for quizzes will typically have a Read N' Quiz number located on the front cover or the inside title page.
- Students may also search for titles of books they already own or borrow from the public library.
- **Every book a child reads does not have a quiz through Read N' Quiz** so we encourage your student to search for the title before reading a book in hopes of earning points.
- Once a quiz is taken on a book it will not be available again for the duration of the students' elementary career (1st through 6th grade). This applies to passed or failed tests.
- Points are awarded based on the difficulty/reading level of each book and how many questions the student answers correctly.
- Points are evaluated per the below schedule for quarterly prizes based on each level they complete.
 - June 7th – October 31st
 - November 1st – January 6th
 - January 7th – March 3rd
 - March 4th – May 12th (RR program end date)
- If your student earns enough points to reach the final tier, they will be invited to celebrate at the end of the school year (sometime in May or June).
- Point standings will be posted in the hallway outside the Library and updated after the 1st of each month.
- 1st Grade families will receive additional information on how this program runs in conjunction with Book It.
- 4th, 5th and 6th Grade ELA teachers will also be offering additional opportunities for students to earn points towards their Reading Rangers goals. Students will be given more information from their teachers.

Happy Reading!

See Reverse Side for Program Details and Point Structure

This year's Reading Rangers theme will be:

Reading Rangers Road Trip



Pack your bags, we're hitting the road as we tour through some of America's monuments and attractions. Please reference the chart below by grade to determine how many points you will need to journey on to the next great location. As you earn points you will move as follows:

- RV to Golden Gate Bridge in California
- Golden Gate Bridge to Grand Canyon in Arizona
- Grand Canyon to Mount Rushmore in South Dakota
- Mount Rushmore to the Gateway Arch in Missouri
- Make the final leg of the trip home to our very own Fort Cherry Elementary Library.

RV	Golden Gate Bridge, CA	Grand Canyon, AZ	Mount Rushmore, SD	Gateway Arch, MO	Fort Cherry Elementary Library, PA
1st Grade	2 to 7.99	8 to 13.99	14 to 19.99	20 to 24.99	25+
2nd Grade	5 to 11.99	12 to 17.99	18 to 23.99	24 to 29.99	30+
3rd Grade	7 to 13.99	14 to 21.99	22 to 29.99	30 to 39.99	40+
4th Grade	10 to 17.99	18 to 27.99	28 to 38.99	39 to 49.99	50+
5th Grade	12 to 23.99	24 to 35.99	36 to 47.99	48 to 59.99	60+
6th Grade	15 to 29.99	30 to 44.99	45 to 59.99	60 to 74.99	75+

Don't forget to check your standings outside the library monthly to see how your name is traveling across the United States.

McFall Fest



Saturday, October 12, 2024
11 am - 4 pm

Good old-fashioned fun for the whole family!
Bake Sale & Homemade Food, Vendors & Crafters,
Games for Children, Mums for Sale,
Sandi's Treasure Chest Resale Shop,
Basket Raffle & More!

Treasure Chest Resale Hours :

Saturday, October 12th, 8 am - 4 pm

McDonald Presbyterian Church

119 Station Street, McDonald, PA 15057

724-926-8561 www.mcdonaldpres.org

100% of proceeds benefit mission & ministry



**All are welcome,
but you must register!**



Mt. Pleasant Township's Trunk or Treat

October 20, 2024

12:00 – 2:00 pm

Mt. Pleasant Township Park

Please register by texting

Becca Farner at

(724) 724-678-3430

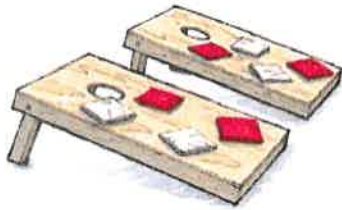


All families registered are required to pass out treats!

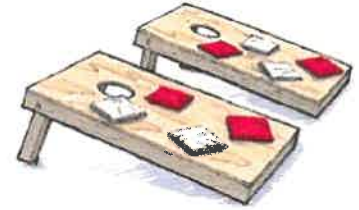


There will be prizes for best decorated cars!

CORNHOLE



FORT CHERRY
WRESTLING



Youth Season Kick Off Tournament

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024

@ Celebrations

8110 Steubenville Pike, Imperial, PA 15126

Doors open at 12pm, Play at 1pm



CASH PRIZES!



Non - League players, grab a partner & register with Sign Up Genius:

3 SEPARATE BRACKETS

Kid teams - \$10 per team

Adult teams - \$40 per team

League Players - \$30 each, through Score Holio ONLY

**BIG TICKET
RAFFLE ITEMS!**

Food and drinks available for purchase

No corn bags



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TRUNK OR TREAT



THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24TH • 5PM TO 6:30PM



**NOW LOCATED AT CANON MAC HIGH SCHOOL
314 Elm St Ext. Canonsburg**