



## **NOTICE TO PARENTS**

**Just as a reminder.....there will be an early dismissal on Friday, October 6<sup>th</sup> due to an ACT 80 day for teachers. Dismissal time for the elementary students is 12:15. 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, October 9.**

## WHAT'S GOING ON AT FORT CHERRY ELEMENTARY IN OCTOBER:



10/4	PTO Meeting
10/6	ACT 80 Day (½ day for students) 12:15 dismissal
10/9	Teacher In Service Day (NO SCHOOL for students)
10/9-13	Fire Prevention Week
10/16-20	School Bus Safety Week
10/18	Helping Hands Pick Up 12-2 p.m.
10/19	Picture Make Up Day
10/23-27	Red Ribbon Week
10/23	School Board Meeting
10/27	Halloween Parties (tentative)
10/31	End of 1st Marking Period

# FORT CHERRY ELEMENTARY CHALKBOARD

## ATTENTION PARENTS...

### REVISED DATE...Picture Retake Day

If you missed Picture Day or would like to have your child's pictures redone, have them prepared on

**October 19th**

If you are having them redone, please send the original pictures back with them.



# FORT CHERRY ELEMENTARY CENTER

October 2023

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Please be advised that **Halloween celebrations will be on Friday, October 27, 2023.** In accordance with school guidelines, students must wear respectable costumes for school day activities. **Students are prohibited from having any costume or accessory that in any way represents a weapon, violence, blood or acts of destruction.** Any student possessing items of this nature will be required to change and will be disciplined accordingly.

**All students (K-6) will bring their Halloween costumes to school.** Students will dress at school during appropriate times. All make up must be applied at home.

**PTO will be providing ALL snacks/treats. Please DO NOT send anything in with your child.**

We appreciate your assistance. Have a spook-tacular Halloween!

Sincerely,

Mr. Mayer

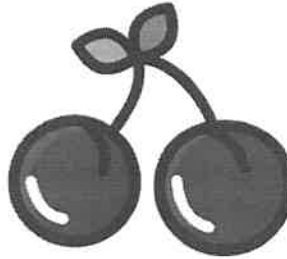
Elementary Principal



# Fort Cherry Elementary Center

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## 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 2, 2023.** 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 that reads "D.S. Mayer". The signature is stylized and includes a long horizontal flourish at the end.

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)



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 the start of the school year through May 1<sup>st</sup> this year.
- The Read N' Quiz program is explained and supported by our Librarian, Mrs. Risacher, 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 book 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 (1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> 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 quarterly for prizes based on each level they complete.
  - August 28 – November 1
  - November 2 – January 23
  - January 24 – March 27
  - March 28 – May 1 (RR program end date)
- If your student earns enough points to reach the final tier, they will be invited to a party to celebrate at the end of the school year (sometime in May).
- Points standings will be posted in the Hallway outside the Library and updated after the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade families will receive additional information on how this program runs in conjunction with Book It.

Happy Reading!



This year's Reading Rangers theme will be:

# Take me Out to the Ball Game

Each student will do their best to round the bases and make it home to the end of year celebration and a free ticket to the Washington Wild Things Celebration Game. Please reference the chart below by grade to determine how many points you need to move around the diamond. As you earn points you will move as follows:

- Dugout to the Batter Box
- Batter Box to 1<sup>st</sup> Base
- 1<sup>st</sup> Base to 2<sup>nd</sup> Base
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Base to 3<sup>rd</sup> Base
- Round 3<sup>rd</sup> Base and slide into Home Plate

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

Don't forget to check your standings outside the library monthly to see how your name is moving around Ranger Stadium.





# 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

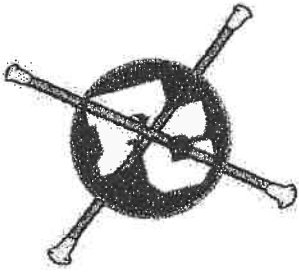
## Examples of needed items:

*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*

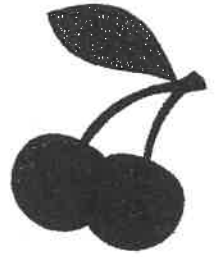




# Fort Cherry Majorette

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual

### Mini-Camp 2023



Would you like to see what it is like to be a Fort Cherry Majorette?  
Come Join Us and See!

#### Who Can Participate? ANY 5<sup>TH</sup> – 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADER

#### ● WHEN?

We will have practice on the following days  
from 6 pm – 8pm:

- Monday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup>
- Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>
- Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup>

- You will get to perform during Pre-Game of the football game on Friday, October 27<sup>th</sup>.

- Participant needs to be at the school for 5:00 pm that day.

#### ● Shirts are available for purchase!

The cost is \$16.00. (More information on the order form.)

#### ● Sign-Up/Order Form Scan QR Code Below

\*MUST SIGN UP BY FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13<sup>TH</sup> in order to participate. Payment is due by the same day (if purchasing shirt and/or baton)



SCAN ME to Sign Up!

- Have a baton? Great! Be sure to bring it with you.

#### ● Need a baton? No problem!

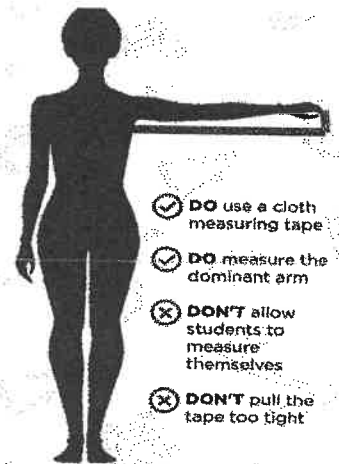
*Option 1:* You can either order your own on Amazon, Star Line Baton Company or another website you might find.

- If you would like to order the type we use, it is the "Venus 3/8 Inch Shaft" Baton.

*Option 2:* We can order you a baton and you can pay us for it. The cost is \$19.00.

#### How to measure for a baton:

- 1.) Have the student stand with legs together, back straight, and baton twirling arm extended parallel with the floor.
- 2.) Using a cloth measuring tape, measure from under the arm from the arm pit to the end of the middle finger.
- 3.) If the number falls between lengths, size up. (Baton lengths only come in whole inch sizes.)



- ✓ DO use a cloth measuring tape
- ✓ DO measure the dominant arm
- ✗ DON'T allow students to measure themselves
- ✗ DON'T pull the tape too tight

📣 remind Join the Remind Group using the information on the back of this page for important updates on Mini Camp '23.



# Sign up for important updates from Mrs. K. Gordon.

Get information for Fort Cherry Junior-senior High School right on your phone—not on handouts.

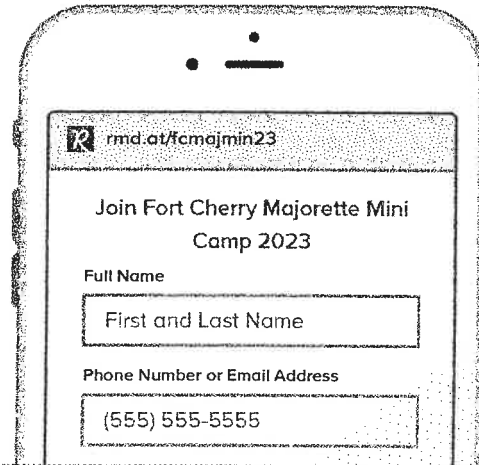
Pick a way to receive messages for Fort Cherry Majorette Mini Camp 2023:

**A** If you have a smartphone, get push notifications.

On your iPhone or Android phone, open your web browser and go to the following link:

[rmd.at/fcmajmin23](https://rmd.at/fcmajmin23)

Follow the instructions to sign up for Remind. You'll be prompted to download the mobile app.



**B** If you don't have a smartphone, get text notifications.

Text the message @fcmajmin23 to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @fcmajmin23 to (810) 250-7858.

\* Standard text message rates apply.



Don't have a mobile phone? Go to [rmd.at/fcmajmin23](https://rmd.at/fcmajmin23) on a desktop computer to sign up for email notifications.

**JOIN US IN SUPPORTING THE NOSE 2  
TAILS CAT RESCUE**



# **CAT SUPPLIES DRIVE**

**SUPPLIES ARE DUE OCTOBER 31ST**

The shelter is in need of:  
wet cat/kitten food, dry  
cat/kitten food, cat toys,  
cat beds, unscented kitty  
litter, cardboard  
scratches, paper plates,  
paper towels, garbage  
bags, Clorox wipes, AA  
batteries, pet store  
giftcards



**H.G.  
PARKINSON**

**AG DEPARTMENT**

Donations may be left in the  
greenhouse by Door 18



# Rangers Cross Country

2nd Annual Charity

# 5K RUN & WALK

Proud  
Supporter of



**SUNDAY OCTOBER 29**  
**1:00PM**

LOCATION:

**FORT CHERRY HIGH SCHOOL**

110 Fort Cherry Road, McDonald, PA

REGISTRATION FEE:

**\$40 PER PERSON** INCLUDES TSHIRT

## REGISTRATION & INFO

- CHECK-IN BEGINS AT 12PM AT THE FOOTBALL FIELD
- PRIZE FOR 1ST PLACE FINISHER
- CHINEESE AUCTION TO BE HELD AFTER RACE

**KIDS 1/2 MI FUN  
RUN @ 12:30**

REGISTRATION FEE:

**\$10 PER CHILD**

A 1/2 mile race for children ages 5-10 will take place around the football field prior to start of the 5K race. Does not include t-shirt

TO REGISTER OR DONATE  
SCAN QR CODE



OR EMAIL [CGASBARRO@FORTCHERRY.ORG](mailto:CGASBARRO@FORTCHERRY.ORG)

REGISTRATION WILL REMAIN OPEN UNTIL DAY OF RACE.  
REGISTRATION AFTER OCT. 3 NOT GUARANTEED EVENT TSHIRT

FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION, EMAIL [CGASBARRO@FORTCHERRY.ORG](mailto:CGASBARRO@FORTCHERRY.ORG)

Race will be held rain or shine. 2023 race proceeds will benefit Wounded Warrior Project.

# McFall Fest



**Saturday, October 14, 2023**

**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 14<sup>th</sup>, 8 am - 4 pm**

**McDonald Presbyterian Church**

**119 Station Street, McDonald, PA 15057**

**724-926-8561 [www.mcdonaldpres.org](http://www.mcdonaldpres.org)**

**100% of proceeds benefit mission & ministry**



**AHN CANONSBURG**  
Hospital



# TRUNK OR TREAT



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19TH**  
**5PM TO 6:30PM**



CAMP AGAPE

# FALL

OCTOBER 21 2023

# FESTIVAL

COME EXPERIENCE THE BEST  
FALL HAS TO OFFER IN THE  
SCENIC HILLS OF HICKORY PA!

1:00 - 4:00 PM

**Chili Cookoff**

**Hotdogs and Sauerkraut**

**Farm Animals**

**Tour renovated McGugin's Inn**

**Candy Trail**

**Live Music**

**And more!**

72 AGAPE ROAD  
HICKORY, PA 15340  
[WWW.CAMPAGAPE.ORG](http://WWW.CAMPAGAPE.ORG)





**EVERYONE'S TALKIN'  
BOUT  
WRESTLING**



## **REGISTRATION**

In person early special @ Open House  
**September 27th & 28th**

\$100 (additional wrestlers in family \$75)

Online: [FCRANGERSYOUTHWRESTLING.COM](http://FCRANGERSYOUTHWRESTLING.COM)

**September 29th thru November 17th**

\$125 (additional wrestlers in family \$100)

SINGLET DEPOSIT: \$75  
(check, fully refundable  
upon return of singlet

**CASH OR CHECK**

**RANGERS**

# Help Your Child Succeed in School

## Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early



### DID YOU KNOW?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10%, or about 2 days each month over the course of a school year can make it **harder to learn to read**.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just 1 or 2 days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in kindergarten so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day is important. Eventually, good attendance will be a skill that will help them succeed in high school, college, and in the workforce.

### WHAT YOU CAN DO?

- Set a regular bedtime and morning routine.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpacks the night before.
- Develop backup plans for getting to school if something comes up. Call on a family member, a neighbor, or another parent.
- Try to schedule medical appointments and extended trips when school isn't in session.
- If your child seems anxious about going to school, talk to teachers, school counselor, student support coordinator, and other parents for advice on how to make your child feel comfortable and excited about learning.
- If your child must stay home due to illness, ask the teacher for resources and ideas to continue learning at home.
- Send in excuses within 5 days via note, email, fax, or through Sapphire.

3 unexcused absences = Blue Prints referral

4 unexcused absences = improvement plan conference

6 unexcused absences = citation to magistrate

### When Do Absences Become a Problem?



**CHRONIC TRUANCY**  
18 or more days



**WARNING SIGNS**  
10 to 17 absences  
doctor excuses required



**SATISFACTORY**  
9 or fewer absences

*\*based on a 180-day SY*