

**Fort Cherry Elementary**  
**FAMILY SCHOOL NIGHTS**  
**September 18 & 19**  
**FROM 6-8 PM**



**REMINDER TO PARENTS/GUARDIANS**

**Fort Cherry School District *Family School Nights* (Open House) are scheduled for September 18(K-3) and September 19(4-6). There will be a one (1) hour early dismissal each day. Students will go home on the buses as scheduled, just 1-hour earlier.**

**Dismissal times are as follows:**

**Elementary buses at 2:25 p.m.**

**Parent pick up at 2:40 p.m.**

***The Book Fair will also be open on both elementary Family School Nights. The prices of the books will vary. Books make wonderful gifts for the holidays for people of all ages!! Also, if you are looking for something in particular, please ask and we can order it for you.***

# **FORT CHERRY ELEMENTARY CENTER FAMILY SCHOOL NIGHTS 2024**

Fort Cherry Elementary Center will observe our Family School Nights with two (2) evening programs on **September 18 & 19 from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM**. The schedule for your child/ren is below. This is a time to visit your child's classroom to familiarize yourself with their educational environment. Please refrain from inquiring about individual situations. If you would like to arrange a conference with a teacher, please call or email them directly to schedule an alternate day and time.

## **September 18th:**

### **Grades K-3**

Mrs Eiler  
Librarian  
Mrs Kramer  
Mrs Irvine  
Mrs Curtis  
Mrs Hoffman  
Ms Carnahan  
Mrs Hendricks  
Mrs Johns

## **September 19th:**

### **Grades 4-6**

Miss Kosky  
Mrs Spellman  
Mrs Presutti  
Mrs Cieply  
Mrs Harvey  
Mr Parson

**There will be a 1 hour dismissal on September 18 & 19. Dismissal will be at 2:25. Parent pick up will be at 2:40.**

Recommended parking will be at the high school parking lot near the football field.

The PTO Scholastic Book Fair will be in the library both nights for you to shop.



# OPEN HOUSE BAKE SALE



## DONATIONS NEEDED

Fort Cherry's PTO is holding a BAKE SALE during OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, September 18 and Thursday, September 19 from 6 pm to 8 pm in the cafeteria. Baked goods will be available BOTH nights.

ALL money raised will benefit student activities including educational field trips, reading programs, the yearbook, fun days and Junior Olympics.

We need YOUR help! If you are interested in donating baked good items or helping at the bake sale, please contact Carla Fugitt at [carla.fugitt@gmail.com](mailto:carla.fugitt@gmail.com) or 412-977-6027. We appreciate your support!



### Recommendations:

- Please individually wrap the items for easy resale. If you are unable, I can help with that before the sale begins.
- Please indicate on each package any special notes regarding your baked goods such as contains peanuts, tree nuts, gluten free, dairy free, etc. Again, if you are unable, I can help with that before the sale begins.
- Please drop off your baked good items before the start of the open house (5 pm – 5:30 pm). If you need me to pick-up the items a day or two before open house, I can make arrangements with you.

\*\*\*\*\*THANK YOU FOR HELPING MAKE THIS A GREAT EVENT\*\*\*\*\*

# **FORT CHERRY ELEMENTARY CHALKBOARD**

**~TO ALL PARENTS ~**

**School Picture Day**

**October 1**

School pictures will taken on October 1.

Please watch the Tuesday packet or your child's backpack for upcoming information.



# 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**
SAPPHIRE 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.

**ELEM:** Mrs. Tami Goddard [tgoddard@fortcherry.org](mailto:tgoddard@fortcherry.org)  
724-796-1551 ext. 2000 / 724-356-2770 (fax)

**HS:** Mrs. Jodi Partozoti [jpartozoti@fortcherry.org](mailto:jpartozoti@fortcherry.org)  
724-796-1551 ext. 2327 / 724-356-2769 (fax)





# 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](mailto:beiler@fortcherry.org)

# OPEN HOUSE BASKET RAFFLE



## DONATIONS NEEDED

Fort Cherry's PTO is holding a BASKET RAFFLE during OPEN HOUSE on Wednesday, September 18 and Thursday, September 19 from 6 pm to 8 pm in the cafeteria. Tickets will be available both nights and baskets will be raffled at the end of the second night. ALL money raised will benefit student activities including educational field trips, reading programs, the yearbook, fun days and Junior Olympics.

We need YOUR help! If you are interested in donating a basket or helping to sell tickets at Open House, please contact Carla Fugitt at [carla.fugitt@gmail.com](mailto:carla.fugitt@gmail.com) or 412-977-6027. We appreciate your support!

Some basket ideas include: kids baskets, camping baskets, pasta baskets, gift card baskets, movie night baskets, candle baskets, book baskets, chocolate baskets, beach day baskets, cooking baskets, coffee and tea baskets, spa baskets, pet baskets, summer fun baskets, baking baskets, craft baskets, FC baskets, and more!

\*\*\*\*\*THANK YOU FOR HELPING MAKE THIS A GREAT EVENT\*\*\*\*\*







September 16<sup>th</sup> – September 24<sup>th</sup>

Monday 9/16 – Zibert and Deveaney

Tuesday 9/17 – Putt, Gilbert, Klobuchir, Kelley and Kirby

Wednesday 9/18 – Ellis-Lewis, Cortese, Kampian, Lieb and Renz  
**\*\*OPEN HOUSE\*\***

Thursday 9/19 – Zofchak and Welsh  
**\*\*OPEN HOUSE\*\***

Friday 9/20 – Evans, Gallagher, Shea and Kramer

Monday 9/23 – Walker, Biagini, Kreefer, Stewart and Newman

Tuesday 9/24 – **MAKE-UP DAY** – for anyone who missed their  
above class time or would like to purchase additional items.

**\*\*We are always in need of volunteers (must be a paid PTO Member with clearances on file at the school) to help students shop during their class time. Keep an eye out for a Sign-Up Genius link that will be going out.\*\***

If you can't make it to the Fair, you may also shop our school's Online Book Fair. All orders ship directly to your home and shipping is free for book orders over \$25. Your online orders will also benefit our school.



# SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Your student will have the opportunity to purchase books, bookmarks, pens, pencils, etc. during their library class! See the classroom schedule on the reverse side of this flyer for your reference.



The above QR Code will redirect you to our Book Fair Website where you can create an e-wallet, shop or make a donation to Share the Fair (Previously All for Books).

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/fortcherryelementarycenter2>

You will also have the opportunity to visit the library and purchase items from the Book Fair during Open House on Wednesday, 9/18/24, and Thursday, 9/19/24, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

If you are able, and would like to further support your child's teacher, please consider browsing their book bin during Open House to purchase a wish list book for their classroom.

Lastly, during **Open House** we will be participating in the **Share the Fair Charity Donation Program**. This program asks if you would like to round up your total to the nearest dollar during check-out. That change is then collected to use in purchasing new books for our School Library for all students to enjoy in the future. Additional donations to **Share the Fair** can be made when creating your student's e-Wallet.

Happy Reading!



SEE REVERSE SIDE FOR  
SCHEDULE



# 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](mailto:aoberly@fortcherry.org) with any questions.



## Fort Cherry School District

110 Fort Cherry Road  
McDonald, PA 15057  
724.796.1551  
[www.fortcherry.org](http://www.fortcherry.org)

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](mailto: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: \_\_\_\_\_

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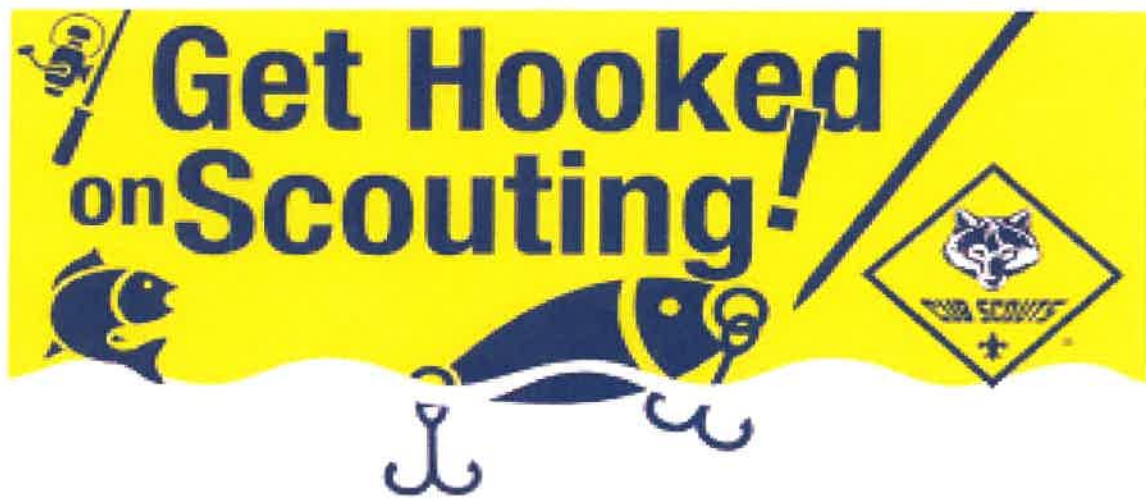
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address:

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\_ For more information, you may call Sally Cowden at 724-796-1551 Ext. 2391 or [scowden@fortcherry.org](mailto:scowden@fortcherry.org).



**Cub Scout Pack 1396 Sign Up Event**  
**Tuesday Sept. 10th 6:00 pm**

**Join us at a local pond for a campfire and  
an evening of fishing.**

**Family event open to grades K-5**

**For directions to pond email:  
[CubScoutMaster1396@gmail.com](mailto:CubScoutMaster1396@gmail.com)**

**Events for 2024/2025**

**Fishing, Hiking, Camping, Rain-Gutter-Regatta, PineWood Derby,  
Swimming, Boating and Summer Camp**

**Troop 1396 was established in 1959 and has over 50 Eagle Scouts to date.**

**Meetings Tuesday evenings at Burgettstown Grange Sept-March.**

**Scout from home options are available to work around fall sports.**

# JOIN CUB SCOUTS!

**PACK  
1365**

*Cub Scouts provides an enriching experience for kids in grades K-5, promoting character growth, values, and leadership abilities. Come join us every 2nd and 3rd Wednesday night for a memorable journey!*

**SEPTEMBER 25TH 7PM**

📍 Hickory United EPC Church  
210 Main St. Hickory, PA  
15340



## CUB SCOUTS ACTIVITIES

- Outdoor Adventures
- STEM Challenges
- Character Development
- Skills for Life

**ONLY FOR**

**\$143**

*Does not include uniform,  
or handbook*

Scan our QR code  
for registration



For More Information Please Call/ Text  
Tim Growden 412-721-5284 or  
MegAnn Warren 724-469-0922



# RANGER CROSS COUNTRY 5K

SEPTEMBER 28TH 10-12AM

BENEFITING WASHINGTON CITY MISSION'S

WOMEN WITH CHILDREN SHELTER

THE FORT CHERRY CROSS COUNTRY TEAM WILL BE HOSTING THEIR 3RD ANNUAL 5K. PREVIOUS FOUNDATIONS THE RANGER 5K DONATED TO WAS SUICIDE PREVENTION. AND WOUNDED WARRIORS PROJECT. THIS SEASON THEY WANTED TO FIND A FOUNDATION CLOSER TO US AND DECIDED ALL PROCEEDS MADE FROM THE 5K WILL GO TOWARDS WASHINGTON CITY MISSION'S WOMEN WITH CHILDREN SHELTER.

COST:

\$40 PER 5K RUNNER (INCLUDES SHIRTS)

\$10 PER KID 1/2 MILE RUNNER (SHIRT NOT INCLUDED)

RAFFLE BASKETS

50/50

SCAN QR TO REGISTER



**GRADES K - 6<sup>TH</sup> - SIGN UP NOW ONLINE!**



**FORT CHERRY**  
**WRESTLING**

**Register Online Only**  
**FCRANGERSYOUTHWRESTLING.COM**

*Early Registration*

**August 15<sup>th</sup> - September 20<sup>th</sup>**

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

*Regular Registration*

**September 21<sup>st</sup> - September 30<sup>th</sup>**

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

**SINGLET DEPOSIT: \$75**

(check, fully refundable upon  
return of singlet)

***Mark Your Calendars:***

- **August 15<sup>th</sup> - September 30<sup>th</sup>**

Registration - online only @ FCRANGERSYOUTHWRESTLING.COM

**\*\* We will have a table at open house, stop by to see us and ask questions!**

- **September 20<sup>th</sup> - September 30<sup>th</sup>**

Gear / Fan Store - Online - website to be shared soon

**\*\*Items purchased will be received before the season starts**

- **Wednesdays, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> & 30<sup>th</sup>**

Open Mat - 6pm - 8pm @ Fort Cherry High School Wrestling Room

- **Sunday, October 27<sup>th</sup>**

Cornhole Tournament Season Kick Off @ Celebrations, Imperial, PA

- **Week of November 4<sup>th</sup> - Practices begin**



# **Fort Cherry Elementary Center**

**110 Fort Cherry Road  
McDonald, Pennsylvania 15057  
(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 3:35
- 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"**

Fort Cherry School District is an Equal Rights and Opportunities Educational Agency