

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT FCEC IN SEPTEMBER:



9/2	NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)
9/4	PTO Meeting
9/9	Tom Cherry Day
9/16-20	PTO Book Fair
9/18	Family School Night (K-3)
9/18	1 Hour Early Dismissal
9/19	Family School Night (4-6)
9/19	1 Hour Early Dismissal
9/23	School Board Meeting
9/25	Helping Hands



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



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
 Submitted Forms
 Recently Completed Forms
 Last 30 Days
 Completed
 Status

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	

Should you have any questions please contact the building secretary.

ELEM: Mrs. Tami Goddard tgoddard@fortcherry.org
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



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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.



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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

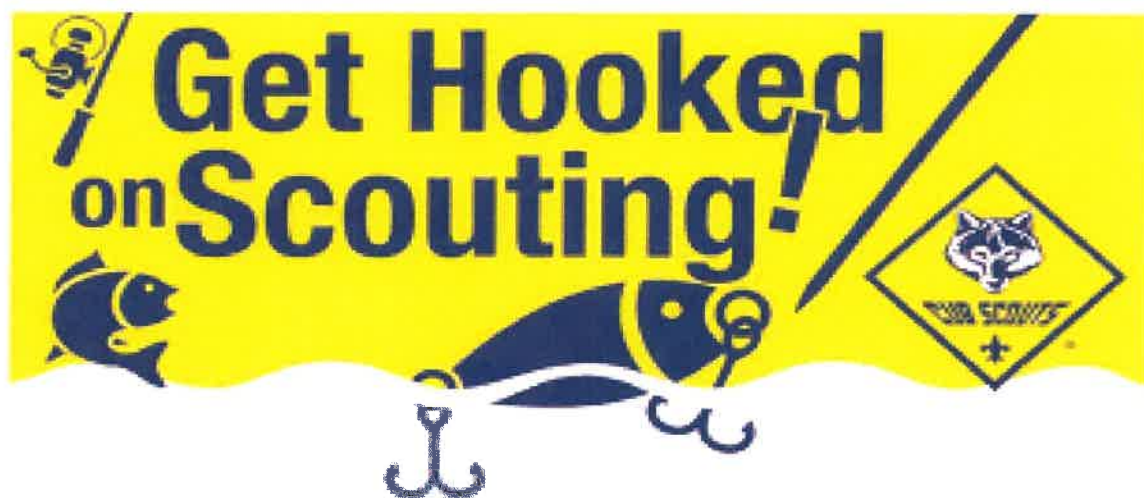
Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

Printed

Name: _____

Address:

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



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**

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.

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 - 6TH - SIGN UP NOW ONLINE!



FORT CHERRY
WRESTLING

Register Online Only
FCRANGERSYOUTHWRESTLING.COM

Early Registration

August 15th - September 20th

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

Regular Registration

September 21st - September 30th

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

SINGLET DEPOSIT: \$75

(check, fully refundable upon
return of singlet)

Mark Your Calendars:

- **August 15th - September 30th**

Registration - online only @ FCRANGERSYOUTHWRESTLING.COM

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

- **September 20th - September 30th**

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

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

- **Wednesdays, October 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th**

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

- **Sunday, October 27th**

Cornhole Tournament Season Kick Off @ Celebrations, Imperial, PA

- **Week of November 4th - Practices begin**