

Schools:**Junior/Senior High:**

- Ranger Rally on 10/4 - Homecoming Court
- Ranger Rally on 10/18 - Fall Sports Seniors & Who's Who
- The high school reported that the following students were recognized for the PBIS Principal's 200 chart. Those students who will be receiving our first round of rewards are: 1. Riley Campbell, 2. Jonah Bedwell, 3. Hong Da Chen, 4. Lila Blanchard, 5. Morgan Everly, 6. Oscar Villafana, 7. Naudia Best, 8. Evelyn Rohaley, 9. Emily Felton, 10. Christopher Clark.
- Chief Science Officer Training was held on 9/30 and 10/1.
- Principal has addressed two significant discipline issues during the month of October.
- Homecoming Dance was well attended and student behavior was excellent.

Elementary Center:

Ms. Carolena Gasbarro and Mrs. Sam Curtis will be joining forces along with their students to celebrate World Kindness Day. They will be making small bouquets of flowers with a kind sentiment that will be distributed to FC teachers and staff on November 13th. The flowers will be ordered through Mrs. Jodie Hoover. In addition, "The Flight School" teaching team of Mrs. Keara Welsh, Mr. Matt Parson, and Ms. Kiley Zibert were recognized at the Intermediate Unit 1 (IU1) and the West Virginia Public Education Collaborative (WVPEC) Innovation Showcase held at the WVU Erickson Alumni Center on October 10th. The teachers were chosen as the lead presenters and celebrated amongst fellow educators and students.

The Fort Cherry D2 Lil' Rangers will be playing in the D2 Super Bowl this upcoming Saturday. The team is undefeated and we will be having a parade with high school football players and cheerleaders in attendance on 10/25/24. Also, Junior Achievement Day was held on 10/10/24.

Athletics:

Football – Currently 9-0 will play Serra Catholic this Friday. Secured a WPIAL playoff berth and a back to back section championship. We will most likely host a first round playoff game on November 1st. In addition, Matt Sieg became the first QB in WPIAL history to both rush for 5,000 yards and pass for 3,000 yards.

JV football - currently 2-1 overall.

Cross Country – Varsity Girls Finished the season undefeated in section play and won the conference championship for the first time in school history. The Varsity Girls team won the county coaches championship at Mingo where Emily Frankovich finished first. Several Junior high runners medaled at Mingo. The team will compete at the WPIAL Championships at White Oak park on Thursday October 24th. Emily Frankovich is a top contender for a possible individual WPIAL championship. The team raised over 5,000 for the Washington City Mission Women and Children Shelter at their annual 5k on September 28th.

Volleyball – finished the year 7-9 overall. Had a successful dig pink fundraiser for breast cancer

awareness and research raising 4700. JV volleyball finished the year 14-1 and won the Jefferson Morgan tourney.

Washington Girls Varsity Soccer - Had a competitive year where 5 Fort Cherry girls competed on the team.

South Side Boys Varsity Soccer - Had a competitive year where 2 Fort Cherry boys competed. FC's Walker Sherwin made first team all conference.

7/8 Football - finished the year 6-2 overall.

7/8 Softball - finished the year 11-4 overall in their second year of existence.

Winter Sports – are scheduled to begin Friday November 15th

GUIDANCE

The counseling department held the following college visits:

- Waynesburg University
- Chatham University
- Allegheny College
- Penn State
- Washington & Jefferson College
- Duquesne University
- University of Pittsburgh
- Gannon University
- Westminster College
- IUP
- Slippery Rock University

The US Army visited on 9/25 during lunch.

Counselors completed visits to all remaining grades (7–10) to begin the process of career exploration and acquisition via Naviance. Ongoing visits will continue. Seniors individually scheduled 15 meetings offered by counselors related to college. Other seniors were scheduled by the individual counselor to discuss career/college options as a senior.

Counselors attended NCAA compliance training.

Technology

Attended IU1 Technology Council meeting and was able to see an in-person demo of interactive panels from Newline. These are an affordable option for the aging Promethean panels and have built-in

integration with Google. Also was able to see an in-person demo for ViewSonic here on campus and will look to get demo units for both boards for the district to evaluate.

- Worked with several trainers to schedule professional development sessions for the October in-service day. These sessions provided in-depth training to all K-12 teachers for both Kami and Securly Classroom, and also provided additional training for the Securly Pass system for HS teachers.
- Worked with Fedora Intertech to transfer and upgrade the Access It program to a new virtual security server and upgraded all client devices for compatibility.
- Attended an extensive onboarding meeting for SentinelOne and have deployed this cutting-edge cybersecurity software to all of our servers and teacher laptops. Have been fine-tuning this software for optimal usage in our environment and will continue to deploy to new desktop workstations.

Pupil Services

Elementary Life Skills (currently 6 students): We anticipate one additional student joining the classroom for 2024–25, as a student is moving into the district.

Monitoring: Corrective action items have started and are nearly complete. Items will be submitted to PDE when complete.

Paraprofessionals: Due to 1 retirement, we are still hiring for 1 FT vacancy. We will be seeking a FT para, pending board approval.

GUIDANCE

PSAT discussion during Guidance advisory committee on 10/24 regarding the number of students and locations for testing.

The guidance advisor committee also met to continue the discussion on how to more effectively address and serve students in the college search and application process.

The committee also discussed how to better serve students that were not college bound and were not attending CTC.

GIFTED

A new gifted procedures manual is continuing development, similar to the District's special education guidance manual. Training will be given in Fall 2024.

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Monitoring: Attending the next Federal Programs meeting that is scheduled for November 06, 2024.

Building and Grounds

Due to the installation of the new gym bleachers, we ended up hosting more games than usual during the second half of the fall season. We also held an open house at the elementary school and multiple evening events at the high school. Additionally, we have begun the process of cleaning up leaves outside while keeping up with the grass.

We hosted three additional high school games, multiple JV and junior high games, and the Little Rangers had their last few games at the stadium as well. These events are labor-intensive, involving both field

and stadium maintenance. We have also spent time working on the junior high softball field. Inside the schools, time has been spent on various maintenance tasks.

Over the past few weeks, the maintenance staff worked to build new raised garden beds, which are now in place between the two schools on the island. We have also switched the chiller to the boilers as the weather turns colder, and staff have been addressing HVAC issues in both schools—specifically in room 201 at the elementary school, where we worked to remove nests built inside the unit. Last week, our battery backup failed on the boiler system. Although we did not lose power, the system shut down because the power runs through the backup, and the battery had aged out. We are now back up and operational. We have also begun the process of replacing a pump inside the elevator shaft at the EC, which was discovered to have stopped working during a semi-annual inspection.

We have also initiated evening inspections of the cleaning staff. Monthly staff meetings have been held and will continue. We welcomed two new staff members: a four-hour cleaner and a new evening floater. Both have shown great care and attention to their roles and are expected to grow into valuable team members.

My department will continue to experience staff turnover in the coming months as we replace employees who have taken new roles within the district and prepare for impending retirements. I am excited to see new faces throughout the buildings as we work to change the culture of the department to better serve all stakeholders at Fort Cherry.

State Funding Applications, Mandates and Updates:

The 24-25 PCCD grant was submitted and number of tier 1 and 2 items will be addressed.

Met with of McKinnely Engineering regarding project design and potential timelines and concerns.

Met with Fire Department and police to address safety concerns and operational issues.

Met with Mt. Pleasant Police Chief regarding SRO performance. Please note all feedback has been excellent.

Attended IU1 and IU16 superintendent training.

Planning to submit PA Smart Grant prior to November 1st

Addressed parent concern regarding student discipline at the high school

Addressed concerns regarding policy issues on facility use and athletic boosters

Conducted security guard interviews

Conducted assistant principal interviews

Attended Western Area superintendent advisory meeting.

Attended “Watts and Learn” meeting regarding potential solar funding

Attended parent and teacher meeting regarding district grading practices

Attended and spoke at Governor’s meeting regarding the Imperial Land Development and potential impact of additional funding and how it will impact the community and student learning.

Discussed Solar Project with Coral Renewables.

Attended Penn State Student Teacher Advisory Meeting