

Schools:

The High School faculty has continued to implement ESSER-related acceleration programs in grades 7-12.

The high school faculty, students, and booster organizations assisted with the Apple Festival set-up. The Apple Festival volunteers and coordinator were grateful for the assistance.

The Fort Cherry Education Foundation sponsored a "FC Foundation Logo" contest. A number of students submitted designs.

On 10/3, a blood drive was held at the Jr./Sr. high school. Thank you to Mrs. Cornell, Ms. Cole and Makayla Faletto for coordinating the event.

Thank you to Mr. Maxin and the student council members for coordinating a wonderful Homecoming Dance and Pep Assembly on 10/7 and 10/8.

PSAT was held on 10/12 at the Jr./Sr. High School.

The Southwestern PA Skill Gap Forum was held on 10/18 at Junior Achievement Biz Town location. A number of local employers highlighted future employment needs in the area and expressed interest in collaborating with local school districts to share opportunities with students and parents.

Southwest Training representative met with FC juniors and seniors on 10/19 and reviewed training and education grants available through their organization that support career readiness and post-secondary training.

The science department is considering an application for a large conservation education grant opportunity to strengthen our curriculum and provide greater hands-on experiences to further support career readiness.

Elementary Center:

Mr. Mayer sent the kindergarten teachers to Avella Elementary Center to observe their teachers' best practices in Kid Writing, Heggerty, and Foundations. They returned with appreciation and many great ideas. He will be sending 1st and 2nd grade in the near future. The District is grateful for Avella School District's willingness to collaborate.

The Book Fair was a tremendous success. Students rallied around the opportunity to purchase items. A huge thank you goes out to PTO.

Open House was held and there was an awesome turnout both evenings.

Mr. Mayer met with the 6th grade class regarding behaviors and expectations due to recurring referrals.

CDT's were administered, data was analyzed, and AIRE groups were formed as a result of this data.

DARE is underway in 6th grade.

The BASE curriculum was distributed to teachers in grades 3-5. The first module will be taught in the month of October.

Halloween parties are scheduled for October 28th.

Red Ribbon Week will be celebrated October 24th through October 28th.

Fifth and Sixth-grade teachers along with myself visited BizTown. We plan to send our students to the Junior Achievement facility in the month of March. This will be funded through a grant from Range Resources to support career readiness.

Tutoring has begun on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Athletics:

Cross Country team - At the County coaches meet on Monday 10/17/22 Varsity girls' Dayja Lipari and Emily Frankovich finished 17 th and 18 th respectively. The jr high girls' team finished 3 rd overall with Lucia Demicco finishing 3 rd , Emmy Holmes finishing 5 th and Olivia Frazier finishing 6th overall. The Varsity teams will compete at the WPIAL individual championships on October 27th at California University.

Golf Team – Finished the year as AA Section 4 Co Champs with an 11-1 section record. Three golfers (Sam Schuman, AJ Taroli, and Braden Dombroski advanced to the WPIAL AA Championship Final round at Oakmont Country club. The FC team advanced to the AA WPIAL Team Championship Semi Finals. The Golf team had an excellent year.

Volleyball Team – 9 – 5 overall. This past week had key section matchups against East Allegheny and Brentwood and competed at the OLSH tournament. The Volleyball team qualified for the WPIAL team playoffs this past week. Seeding and dates were announced this past weekend.

Jr. High Football Team – competed against Carmicheals this past week. They finished undefeated. The jr high team has not lost a game in 3 years.

Varsity Football team – 5-3 overall as of 10/18. Played against Carlynton this past week on fall senior sports recognition night. With a win against Carlynton they can clinch a WPIAL playoff spot. With a win against Btown this week they can elevate their seeding and possibly finish for a tie for 2nd place in the conference.

JV football – finished the year 2 – 2 overall.

Soccer – finished their season this past Tuesday against Trinity with a 6 – 10 and 2 record.

Made lots of improvements this year and look to be a contender in the near future.

7 th /8 th grade girls basketball – started their season and have home games this week on Tuesday vs. Freedom and Thursday vs. Moon.

Notes: We are looking forward to the WPIAL playoff season for all of our fall sports.

The Winter sports season will start practices on November 18th. We are looking forward to a successful winter sports season.

Student Services/Technology

Freight Farm: The Freight Farm has been delivered on campus! We are waiting for electric hookup to be completed prior to training.

Schoology: 226 students have a parent associated with them on Schoology as of October 18. During the 2-hour early release, High School staff completed training on assessment builder features to replace Google Forms as an online assessment tool.

Chromebooks: The District has distributed nearly all of the 200 Chromebooks purchased to replace the Lenovo 300e Chromebooks. A few remain, largely due to students not responding to calls to turn them in.

Lobby/Cafeteria Televisions: The district purchased new technology to run its TV signage. This system is easy to maintain and cost-effective. Affected staff at the High School received training on October 17. This technology will also be used by our FC Multimedia students under the supervision of Mr. Center to produce content for the cafeteria.

Google Meet: Staff completed training on Google Meet via Schoology. Google Meet is replacing Zoom so that all communication stays within the fortcherry.org domain, providing additional security.

Mandated Suicide Prevention Training: All staff is completing or has completed suicide prevention training, as required by the state.

Indicator 13 Training: High School special education teachers and administrators are completing the Indicator 13 training. Case managers submitted both an IEP and invitation for review. These documents will be used by PDE to provide ongoing coaching and support for case managers. I completed this training this month.

Competitive Equipment Grant: The District's Occupational Advisory Committee (OAC) has

recommended the purchase of a 3D extrusion printer through a PDE Competitive Equipment Grant, submitted in early October. We are waiting to hear if such grant was awarded.

Naviance: The counseling team is working on Naviance profiles for students, staff, and parents. Information for parents will be shared in November. Staff training is scheduled for January 2023.

IDEA Training: I participated in training for the Individuals with Disabilities in Education Act (IDEA) fiscal compliance training. This is state-mandated each year.

Federal Programs Regional Conference: I participated in the Federal Programs regional conference at AIU. Participation prevents the district from earning a risk point toward compliance monitoring, while providing up-to-date information on all federal programs. Our monitoring is scheduled for next year; however, it may be pushed up due to personnel changes (Superintendent, Federal Programs Coordinator, Business Manager).

Job Coaching: All paraprofessionals are completing an online course entitled, "The Nuts and Bolts of Job Coaching." I completed the course as well. This aligns with the district's interest in moving toward community-based instruction for our students with disabilities.

IEP Meetings: Since the last board meeting, I participated in 23 IEP meetings.

Walkthroughs: Since the last board meeting, I have completed 5 walkthroughs. Additionally, I am starting the process of formal evaluations for non-tenured teachers and employees within the Pupil Services areas.

Facilities and Grounds

Set up tables, chairs, and mats in the HS gym for blood drive

Repaired water line on visitors' side of football field

Removed golf banner in HS gym for updating

Continuing to trim and mow campus grounds

Picked up supplies at lowes

Repaired and rolled vehicle rut damage outside the fence next to the football field main gate

Setup HS gym for a volleyball game

Disassembled air handler in Elementary classroom 257 to gain access to a yellow jacket nest in the outside vent grate of the air handler. Nest removed and screen installed on the outside grate to prevent

more from getting in and making a nest. Maintenance is going to start installing screens on all the outside grates to prevent future nesting

Found yellow jackets going in the vent grate to Elementary room 256 as well. Same procedure done as Rm 257

Dragged and screened baseball and softball infields

Continuing to mow fields around campus

Repaired 3 faucets in boys' restroom near HS cafe

Picked up trash and branches around campus

Setup HS gym for pep assembly and cleaned up afterwards

Repaired microphone jack in HS cafe

Repaired table leg in Elementary classroom 137

Unloaded two skids of copy paper at the HS

Set up the Football field for game

Installed surge protectors on all the Promethean boards in both buildings

Repaired sink drain in HS kitchen

Installed an additional desk and chair in HS classroom 222

Repaired flat tire on utility vehicle

Worked on the Elementary scoreboard and found a bad communication cord to the controller. Replaced the cord and 6 burned out light bulbs. Scoreboard is operational

Repaired heater in the pole building

Replaced the filter on the bottle filling station near the HS gym

Cleaned up all the boxes from the new chrome books in the HS ISS room

Set up tables in the HS Learning Commons for student testing

Continuing to cut and trim campus grounds

Repaired water fountain in Elementary building

Adjusted desk heights in Elementary classroom

Replaced broken desk in HS classroom 101

Repaired defroster in HS bread van

Started picking up leaves around campus

Winterized the chiller for the off season

Replaced the oven door hinge in HS life skills classroom

Emptied recycle bins in Elementary hallways

Painted football field for game

Started gathering up Electrical recycling for next week pickup

Picked up trash and branches around campus

Repaired lock on HS cooler

Replaced exhaust fan motor in HS restroom

State Funding Applications and Mandates:

Robinson Township officials will be meeting with the Fort Cherry administration to discuss potential business development within the District, as well as to discuss LERTA funding initiative.

The District will be pursuing a grant application for the PARSS STEM Initiative. If selected for the competitive grant, the District will update the STEM lab equipment and purchase programming materials.

Submitted the PA Food and Service Grant—to replace the Jr./Sr. Dishwasher.

Met with Carlynton School District regarding the General Agriculture program.

Met with the administration to update suicide prevention