

# FORT CHERRY ELEMENTARY CHALKBOARD

~TO ALL PARENTS~

*Just as a reminder...*

WINTER VACATION

There will be **NO SCHOOL** from December 24 –January 4

Students are to return to school on Monday, January 7, 2019.

Have an enjoyable and relaxing winter vacation with your family and friends.





**Fort Cherry Elementary Center's Performing Arts Club for Kids**

**proudly presents**

# **'Twas One Crazy Night Before Christmas**

**By Mac Huff and John Jacobson**

**Wednesday, December 12, 2018**



**Thursday, December 13, 2018**



**7:00p.m.**

**FCEC Cafetorium**

**Adults: \$4.00**

**Students: \$2.00**

**(The Sixth Grade Chorus will perform at 7pm prior to Wednesday's show.)**





# Pajama Story Time Heritage Public Library!

Thursday  
**Dec 13th**  
limited to a total  
of 40 children

**6PM - 8PM**

6 pm start & 7 pm start  
Heritage Public Library  
52 Fourth Street  
McDonald, PA 15057



Featuring a silent auction to benefit children's programming, carolers, letters to Santa, hot chocolate and cookies, plus Santa & Mrs. Claus.

REGISTER AT THE LIBRARY OR  
BY CALLING 724-926-8400

Heritage Public Library | 52 Fourth St., McDonald, PA 15057

# **The South Fayette Flipturn Club**

## **Announces**

### **South Fayette/Fort Cherry Pool Parties**



**Where: South Fayette Middle School Pool**

**Who: 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**When: Friday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018**

**Time: 6:30 – 8:45**

**Cost: \$8 per swimmer (includes slice of pizza)**

**Swimmers may purchase additional pizza and snacks...**

**Parents please be sure to pick up your children from inside!**

**Next Pool Party is on January 18<sup>th</sup>!**



# Reminder...



If your child is a “lunch buddy” of a student seated at the PEANUT-FREE table in the cafeteria, please refrain from packing anything containing peanuts or traces of peanuts. We may have to ask your child to move from the peanut-free table if there are possible peanut products in their lunch.

Thank you for your cooperation and help in keeping our children healthy and safe!



# Food Collection

The Fort Cherry School District will be collecting healthy snacks for our *FC Helping Hands Program*. This program provides qualifying Fort Cherry families with monthly food items. We will be collecting non-perishable snacks for the entire month of **December**. If you wish to donate, we would greatly appreciate it.

**Elementary Drop Off:** Fish Bowl/Lobby

**High School Drop Off:** Homeroom or behind the HS at Door 18 across from the greenhouse

## Examples of healthy snacks:

- Popcorn
- Pretzels
- Trail Mix
- Rice Cakes
- Baked Chips
- Crackers
- Veggie Straws
- Raisins/Craisins
- Nuts



# As "Fortnite" Blows Up, Parents Need to Up Their Game

A new survey confirms what most parents already know: Kids are going crazy for "Fortnite." Here are some practical tips to manage it. By [Sierra Filucci](#) 12/5/2018

As parents of *Fortnite* players know, getting kids to stop playing can turn into [a battleground of its own](#). According to a new [Common Sense/SurveyMonkey poll](#), about one in five parents says it's at least moderately difficult to get kids off the game. About a quarter say they're concerned about how much time their kid is playing, and the same number express worry over their kid's [exposure to violence](#) in the game. Here are a few other key findings:

- **Fortnite is super popular -- but still not as popular as Instagram.** More than six in 10 teenagers (61 percent) say they have played *Fortnite*, coming close to the percentages of teens who say they use [Snapchat](#) (73 percent) and [Instagram](#) (74 percent), found in a [previous survey](#).
- **Girls play, too! (But not as much as boys.)** Although teen boys are much more likely to say they've played (75 percent), 47 percent of teen girls say they've played. Of teens who play, about 22 percent of boys play at least once a day, compared to 9 percent of girls.
- **It might be more tempting than geometry.** More than one in four teens (27 percent) say they've played *Fortnite* during class at school.
- **Swearing happens.** A third of teens (33 percent) say they've been exposed to inappropriate language or harassment while chatting with other players.
- **Fortnite = friends (especially for boys).** Half of teens (50 percent) say playing *Fortnite* helps them keep up with their friends, 50 percent say it has helped them learn teamwork, 44 percent [have made a friend online](#), 40 percent have improved their communication skills, and 39 percent have bonded with a sibling. But boys are more likely than girls to claim positive benefits from playing *Fortnite*. Notably, teen girls are more likely than boys to say they have bonded with a sibling by playing *Fortnite*.

So, how do you manage a game that's more fun than math class, keeps kids connected, and even has some positive benefits? By [knowing enough about the game](#) to help your kid [keep it balanced](#) with all the other stuff they need to do. One way to learn more about the game is to sit down and play it yourself (one in five dads has tried it, as have about 18 percent of moms!). Then, when it comes to setting limits, you'll have a bit more insider knowledge. These tips will help, too:

**Limit by round or time, depending on type of play.** In "playground mode," friends play together in an open world without the usual constraints of a normal Battle Royale session. This means that if you learned the trick of telling your kid they can play a certain number of rounds (which can last anywhere from one to 20 minutes), this new type of play makes those rules moot. In "playground mode" kids can endlessly "respawn" (or come back to life), which means [if you want to set a limit](#), it needs to be based on time (like half an hour or 90 minutes). And kids' usual excuse of not being able to quit mid-game doesn't apply in "playground mode."

**Know how to use Fortnite settings.** A big concern for parents -- especially for younger kids -- is the ability to [talk to strangers](#) while playing *Fortnite*. There are a few very easy ways to deal with that. First, don't get your kid a headset. Without a headset, kids can still play but won't be able to talk to anyone (unless they simultaneously call their friends on their phones). Another option: Go to settings from within the game, click on "Privacy: Public" and change to "Privacy: Friends" or "Privacy: Private." That way kids will only play with people whose handles they know (and hopefully have met in real life). Last, turn off voice chat. Go to settings, click on the gear icon, and toggle voice chat to off.

**Use parental controls.** If you need something a little stronger to [enforce your rules](#) around *Fortnite*, you have a few options. Because *Fortnite* needs to be connected to the internet to work, any tool that will shut off internet access will allow you to shut off the game. If kids are playing on a console, turning off Wi-Fi through your provider's app or device should be pretty easy. If kids are playing on an iPhone or iPad, you can use the settings within the device to set limits (or disable access completely) to *Fortnite*. Check out more information about [Screen Time settings in iOS 12](#). Also, some parental-control products, such as Circle by Disney, build in *Fortnite*-specific controls.