



Fort Howard Elementary
School
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Mission: We ensure that all will graduate college, career and community ready; inspired to succeed in our diverse community.

Ready Bodies, Growing Minds

Upcoming Events:

Dec. 5 - APTT Individual Conferences

Dec. 7 - APTT Individual Conferences

Dec. 8 - Winter Concert 1:30 in the Fort Howard gym

Dec 15 - Early Release, 12:30 pm (Staff professional learning in the afternoon)

Dec. 25-Jan 1 - No School

Jan. 2 - Classes Resume 7:45 Breakfast and 8:00 - 3:00

We need to celebrate!!! We are “EXCEEDING STATE EXPECTATIONS” on the State Report card.

Six years ago, Fort Howard was identified as a “Priority” school, one needing additional time to focus on learning. The State Report Card, which is how the public and state evaluate public schools identified Fort Howard to be “Failing to Meet Expectations”. We can proudly say, with everyone’s joint effort and hard work, we have now achieved the label of “Exceeding state Expectations”. We should all be very proud of our growth. Thank you for partnering with the school to assist in bringing success to our students and families.

This Month’s Theme: Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood

Cool Tools: Listen w/ our eyes, ear, and heart, Empathy

Dress-Up Day: Wednesday, Dec. 20th, Mismatch Day

Celebration: Wednesday, Dec. 20th and Thursday, Dec. 21st, Shop for Families

This month we’re focusing on Habit 5, Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood - Listen Before you Talk. It teaches students to listen to the speaker, think, and then respond. Take a look at the checklist of characteristics of someone who Seeks First to Understand. While students are encouraged to use these characteristics at school, please reinforce them at home as well.

- Be a good listener*
- Look at the speaker*
- Be confident*





Friendly Dental Reminder: Don't forget to call Oral Health Partnership to schedule your child's regular dental cleaning. It is important to us for your child to have a cavity-free holiday season! Call (920) 965-0831.

Winter Weather

- Dress for the weather
 - Winter is fast approaching and this means we need to dress for the cold weather! We will have outdoor recess everyday unless the temperature is less than 0 degrees. Therefore it is important to send your child to school with a hat, mittens, winter jacket, snow pants and boots.
- School cancellations and/or delays
 - Please make sure you are watching the news for any school cancellations or delays. You will receive an automated phone call stating pertinent information regarding weather delays. Please make sure you have your phone numbers updated with the office.

Tips to help your child to be successful in school

1. Set consistent routines for home (meal time, bed time, school work/reading time, and leaving for school)
2. Read, Again and Again - make sure your child reads every day, reading leads to future success
3. Spend time learning at home - This will support the learning that is happening at school
4. Show interest - Stay in contact with the school and teachers and share your high expectations for your child's learning, engagement and behavior at school, and celebrate their growth and effort
5. Ask your child to take on the challenge to try new and difficult situations
6. Be open to feedback and redirection- Talk to your child about how to handle feedback and redirection in a positive manner
7. Be able to understand that there can be multiple perspectives to each situation - Help them to understand other people's points of view
8. Help your child to understand that school will require different behavioral expectations that may be different from home and the focus at school is on learning and demonstrating expected behaviors

A note from the Principal

I would like to thank all of you for making Fort Howard a great place to learn and grow. We have come so far and all of the great work is paying off with our adults and students feeling success. I am grateful for the opportunity to work with such amazing and dedicated families. Hope to see all of you at our Winter concert on Friday, December 8th at 1:30 pm. Enjoy your winter break.

Principal Lehman

We look forward to a great school year!

Every Student, Every Day, Everyone, Every Way!