

September Newsletter

Liberty-Curtin Elementary

Message from the principal

Welcome back Liberty-Curtin Elementary students and families! We are excited about the start of the 2022/2023 school year. Our staff has been busy planning many fun and engaging lessons to ensure that all students learn and grow. We have also begun planning many exciting school wide activities to participate in throughout the year. We hope the start of your school year is fun and full of learning.



Daily Schedule

School Day Schedule

7:20am - Doors open for all students

7:40am - Homeroom begins

7:55am - Instruction begins

7:56am - Any students arriving at 7:56am or after will be marked tardy

2:30pm - Dismissal begins



Arrival Procedures

All students entering the building who would like to eat breakfast should report to the cafeteria.

Students in **grades K-2** who do not want breakfast should report to the cafeteria.

Students in **grades 3-4** who do not want breakfast should report to the library.



Dismissal Procedures

Student dismissal begins at 2:30pm

- Buses will be dismissed first
- Parents should loop around the parking lot and remain in their vehicle. Students will be escorted to the curb and release in the order of the cars in the line up.



Free Student Breakfast and Lunch

Keystone Central has been approved by PDE for the Community Eligibility Program (CEP). Families will **NOT** need to fill out a free or reduced meal application. **All** students will receive free breakfast and lunch for the 2022-2023 school year. Students will continue to have the option to purchase ala carte foods/beverages, but must have money in their lunch accounts to pay for these items.



Bloomz

Please look for information in your first day paperwork to join us on Bloomz. This will be our new communication tool for families in the KCSD from grades K-12. (it is replacing Class DoJo at the elementary level) *****Please be patient as we work to get it up and running and learn the platform. Thank you!***



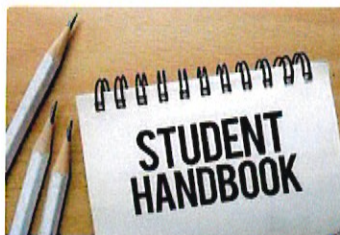
PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports)

Students will be earning points for positive behavior to cash in on weekly and monthly rewards/celebrations throughout the year.

- Our School Rules: *Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Kind. Be the Best You Can Be Everywhere, Every Time!*



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First Day Papers

Students will be bringing home an envelope on the first day of school. Please review the enclosed paperwork and return the required documents by September 9, 2022.

Student Handbook

Please visit the site below to review the most up-to-date student handbooks for the KCSD. The handbooks were approved by our School Board during their August voting meeting.

<https://www.kcsd.us/families/student-handbooks>

Attendance

When a student is absent...

You have 3 days to submit an excuse before the absence is considered unexcused/unlawful.

- Submit excuses to:
lcattendance@kcsd.k12.pa.us

Absences

- **3 Unlawful Absences =**
SAIC Letter/Meeting
- **6 Unlawful Absences =**
Possible citation issued by KCSD attendance officer.
- **10 Total Absences =**
Letter informing of required doctor's excuses for any additional absences



Educational Trip

- Submit an Educational Trip Form a minimum of 5 school days prior to the trip.
- Up to 7 days may be approved per year
- May be denied if more than 10 absences, 3 or more unexcused absences, or not in good academic standing.

Elementary Open House

Mark your calendars. Elementary Open House will be held Monday, September 12th from 5pm-8pm. Parents and students can come any time between 5pm-8pm to tour the building, meet your child's teacher, and get information about programs/events throughout the year.

Join our PTO (Parent Teacher Organization)

We are always looking for volunteers to join our PTO. Be a part of a team of parents and teachers that work together to supplement and enrich the educational experience of our students. From helping to plan school events, fundraisers, and so much more. Please contact PTO President Shannon McCloskey for more information @ colton323914@verizon.net

READING INTERVENTION

Back-to School Updates:

Throughout the school year, our Reading Intervention Team will be sharing reading strategies, resources and at home activities to help build and support your child's reading. We have some informational and exciting family involvement activities planned, and as always, we are looking for family and community input to enhance our Title I program!

Our Title I Federal Funds allow us to have a full-time interventionist (Mrs. Amber Brungard) and a full-time paraprofessional (Mrs. JoBeth Carnahan). This years funding allows us to have an additional part-time interventionist (Mrs. Laura Weaver) in the afternoons in our building at Liberty-Curtin Elementary! Mrs. Brungard, Mrs. Weaver, and Mrs. Carnahan will be supporting students throughout the school as they learn ECRI routines and apply these strategies to decodable text to improve their reading! Stay in the know by reading your monthly newsletter for new Federal Programs updates!

Important Dates to Remember

Important September Dates

- Wednesday, August 31- 1st Day of Classes (WELCOME BACK)
- Monday, September 5- NO SCHOOL (Labor Day)
- Monday, September 12- Elementary Open House 5-8pm
- Wednesday, September 14 @ 6:00PM- PTO Meeting

Upcoming Important Dates to Remember:

- October 5- Picture Day
- November 3- Early Dismissal (students)
- November 4- NO SCHOOL (Act 80 Day)
- PTO Meeting: Wednesday, November 10 @ 6:00PM
- November 23- 3 Hour Early Dismissal
- November 24- November 29- Thanksgiving Break
- December 1- Picture Retakes
- December 16- NO SCHOOL (King of Mountain)
- December 23- January 2- Winter Break
- January 20- Early Dismissal
- January 23- NO SCHOOL (Act 80 Day)
- February 17- NO SCHOOL
- February 20- NO SCHOOL (Presidents' Day)
- March 10- NO SCHOOL (Act 80 Day)
- March 13- In-service Day, Parent Conferences (as needed)
- March 31- Early Dismissal
- April 6- Early Dismissal
- April 7 thru April 10- Spring Break
- May 29- NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
- June 1- Early Dismissal/Last Day of Classes



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