

Liberty~Curtin Elementary

Keystone Central School District



Notes From the Principal

I can't believe we are a quarter of the way through the school year. October was a busy month, filled with many exciting events for students. A couple of the October highlights included a visit from our local fire department for Fire Prevention Week, book donations to Woodward Elementary in connection with our Choose Kindness

grant, Grandparents Day, and our annual Halloween Parade. November is a short month with only 17 days of instruction. We will have our first early dismissal days of the school year on November 3rd and 23rd. Students will be dismissed at 11:30 on these days. During the month of November, we have many activities and special events planned for students including a Veterans Day assembly, The Ned Show Assembly, and a PBIS Reward Sock Hop Dance.

Attendance Reminder:

As a reminder, the student day begins at 7:55. We have seen an increase in the number of students arriving after 7:55. Students arriving after 7:55 will receive a quarter day absence. These days do add up so please make every attempt to have your child in the building by 7:55. Thank you for your cooperation in making this possible.

Upcoming Activities

November 3 - 3 hour early dismissal

November 3 - School Board Work Session at Administration Boardroom, 6:30pm

November 4 - Act 80 Day (no school for students)

November 9 - PTO Meeting @ 6:00 - Liberty-Curtin Elementary

November 10 - School Board Voting Meeting at Administration Boardroom, 6:30pm

November 11 - Veterans Day Program in school

November 11 - Report Card Distribution

November 15 - Ned Show Assembly

November 23 - 3 hour early dismissal

November 24 thru November 29 - Thanksgiving Break

December 1 - Picture Retakes

December 2 - PTO Popcorn Sales

December 12 - Liberty-Curtin Elementary Holiday Concert - 6:30pm @ CMHS (*more information to come*)

December 12-13 - LC Christmas Store

December 16 - No School (King of the Mountain)

December 22 - Santa Visit to LC

December 23 thru January 2 - No School



Fire Prevention Week at LC

Thank you to all the volunteer fire fighters who took time out of their day to visit LC! We appreciate all that you do for our community!



Grandparents Day

We had a great day celebrating all of our grandparents with hayrides, pumpkin decorating, and apple cider.



Halloween Parade

LC Halloween Parade

Federal Programs

Annual Notices and Policy Review

Click on the button above to access the information.

November Federal Programs Updates

All schools held a Policy 917/Policy 918 Community Advisory Meeting in October. Elementary and secondary buildings with School Improvement plans shared those documents and received community input to continually strive to build stronger, more transparent communications.

The School-Parent and Family Compact has been jointly developed with parents and family members from each elementary school, and outlines how parents and family members, school staff, and students will share in the responsibility for improved student academic achievement, and the means by which the school and parents and family members will build and develop partnerships to help their children achieve the state's academic standards. Each year, we ask for parent, family and community input for the document. Please review the document and offer feedback. We value input from our families.

Required documents for families:

Right to Request Qualifications of Teachers (see Annual Notices and Policy Review button above) - if you wish to request a paper copy, please contact rmurty@kcsd.k12.pa.us

Note: If your child is taught for four or more weeks by a teacher who is instructing in a

content area for which they are not currently certified, the district must notify you. Four week notification letters will be added here if that becomes necessary.

Non-Discrimination Statement (see Annual Notices and Policy Review button above) - if you wish to request a paper copy, please contact rmurty@kcsd.k12.pa.us

[Title I District Parent Policy - Policy 918](#)

[Liberty-Curtin's Title I School Parent/Family Engagement Policy](#)

[Coaching Newsletter for Families - How We Teach Reading](#)

[Title I Complaint Procedure](#)

[School Improvement Plan](#)

Family Connections

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With 99% of our students employed or in grad school within a year of graduation, we provide a **financially responsible degree option** to prepare you for in-demand careers. **In fact, we've frozen tuition each year from 2019-2022!** Together, we're committed to making college even more accessible and affordable for local students and have an agreement with **Keystone Central** which provides:

► **Guaranteed Admission**

Apply by Dec. 15 of your senior year.

► **Guaranteed On-Campus Housing**

At our Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, Mansfield, or Clearfield locations

► **Up to \$28,000 in Renewable Scholarships**

GPA: 3.8 - 4.0 **\$28,000** (\$7,000/year)

GPA: 3.5 - 3.79 **\$24,000** (\$6,000/year)

GPA: 3.0 - 3.49 **\$16,000** (\$4,000/year)

GPA: 2.5 - 2.99 **\$12,000** (\$3,000/year)

Remember to file your FAFSA beginning Oct. 1.

Use our school codes to submit your information to the campus(es) of your choice!

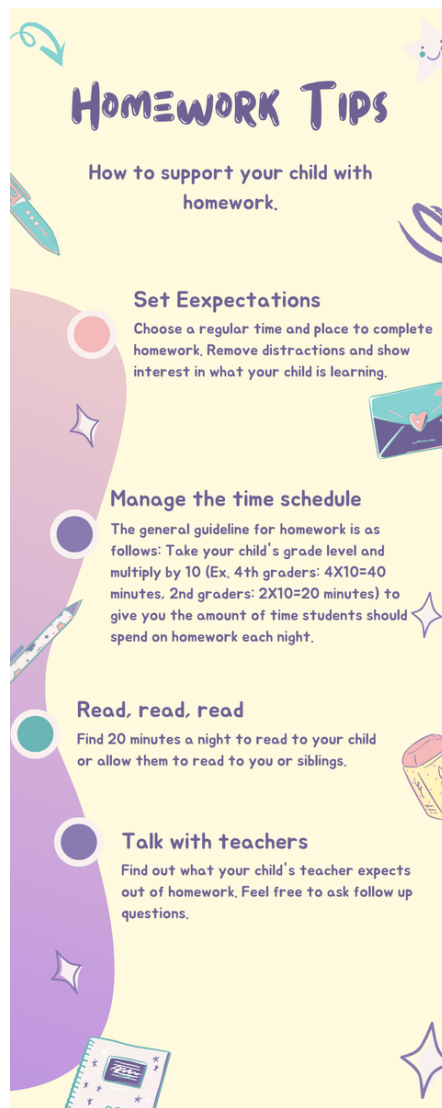
- Commonwealth University - Bloomsburg: 003315
- Commonwealth University - Lock Haven: 003323
- Commonwealth University - Mansfield: 003324

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Helping Your Child with Homework

Homework gives students the opportunity to practice skills they learned in the classroom or to preview upcoming skills. If you're unsure of the purpose behind the homework you can reach out to your child's teacher for clarification. The general guideline for homework is as follows: Take the grade level and multiply it by 10 (Ex. 4th graders: $4 \times 10 = 40$ minutes, 2nd graders: $2 \times 10 = 20$ minutes) to give you the amount of time students should spend on homework each night. For more tips on how to help your child with homework please see this slideshow created by our K-12 English Language Arts Department Program Leader, Terry Markle: [Homework Tips](#).

Homework should always include time for you to read to your child or for your child to read to you. Elementary school children have the opportunity to visit the school library 1 day in a 6 day cycle. Here are more resources for you to access books for your child: [Reading Resources](#).



Information for the image was gathered from [this article](#)

#KeystoneCares: November is Homelessness/Thankful and Blessed Month!

Homeless & Hunger Awareness Week is November 12-20th.

To date, 38 of our students, (that we know of) are classified as homeless. Additionally, 2,040 of our 3,767 students are economically disadvantaged. In an effort to bring awareness to our children, we are holding a food drive to support local families in need.



If you're able, please send in an item that matches the need for your student's grade (Information will be coming home).

Items we'll be collecting are:

- canned/cups soups (preferably with the pull tab top), ramen noodles/soups
- canned fruits or vegetables
- pudding, jello or fruit cups
- canned dinners (such as Chef Boyardee/ Hormel and mac n cheese)
- peanut butter, jelly, granola bars, snacks
- cereal (boxes, cups, and even oatmeal), pancake mix

- toiletries, including deodorant, soap, shampoo, toilet tissue, toothpaste, and toothbrushes, shaving soap and feminine hygiene products

EVERY PERSON DESERVES TO LIVE without worrying whether they'll have food on their plate or a roof over their head. But instead, far too many people are forced to make hard choices between paying for food, housing, and other critical expenses.

IN THE U.S.



More than **37 million Americans** are at risk of suffering from hunger.

Each year, **3.5 million** people end up sleeping in parks, under bridges, in shelters, or in cars.



More than **1 in 6 children** live in poverty.

WORLDWIDE



795 million people—or **1 in 9** people in the world—do not have enough to eat.

896 million people live on \$1.90 a day or less.



Every **10 seconds**, a **child dies** of a hunger-related disease.



HHWEEK.ORG

Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week is a project of the National Student Campaign Against Hunger and Homelessness and the National Coalition for the Homeless.



**NO KID SLEEPS
ON THE FLOOR
IN OUR TOWN!**

WEAR YOUR PAJAMAS TO SCHOOL & MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

PAA - Parent Teacher Poster.pdf

PJ'S ACROSS AMERICA ON 11/23

[Download](#)

4.3 MB

[Donate](#)

[Apply For A Bed](#)

Counseling Connection

Conflict Resolution



Assisting children in resolving conflicts with siblings/friends is an important aspect of emotional development—but solving the problem for children, rather than assisting children in resolving problems on their own, can prevent the development of vital conflict-resolution and problem-solving skills. The following article was written for teachers, however, it contains creative ways to help your child identify big emotions, self-regulate, and resolve interpersonal conflicts on their own: [Conflict Management](#)

Our Classrooms also use the Second Step program to help students with their emotional development. Second Step teaches students skills that strengthen their ability to learn, have empathy, manage emotions, and solve problems. The photo outlines the steps this program encourages to solve a problem:

- S: Say the Problem
- T: Think of Solutions

- E: Explore Consequences
- P: Pick the Best Solution

Below are book lists that support children in conflict management as well as other social emotional areas.

[K-2 Book Recommendations](#)

[3-5 Book Recommendations](#)

Counseling Connection

Liberty-Curtin School Counseling

School Counselors are able to assist your child in 3 main areas: Social/Emotional Development, College/Career Readiness, and Academics.

Some activities provided may be:

- 1:1 Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Classroom Guidance on Interpersonal Skills
 - (i.e. being a good friend, showing empathy, etc)
- Academic Achievement Strategies
- Career Awareness and Interest Inventories

To learn more or to schedule a meeting, please contact:

Bonnie Owens: Liberty-Curtin, School Counselor

Phone: 570-893-4900 x2521

Email: bowens@kcsd.k12.pa.us

KCSD School Social Worker

Did you know that KCSD has a district-wide School Social Worker?

If you feel that your family or your student could benefit in any way from the various services he can provide, please reach out to Kyle (his contact information is on his flier below!)



Keystone Central

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

School Social Workers are **trained licensed mental health professionals** who provide services related to a person's **social, emotional, and behavioral health** needs. School Social Workers are the **link between** home, school, and community in **providing services** to students, families, and school staff.

CONTACT: Kyle Galer - KCS D School Social Worker at: kgaler@kcsd.us 570 893 4900 ext 2341 on Bloomz

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Students will experience school stress

Stress is a problem when leading to:

- Sleeping problems
- Chronic headaches
- Chronic stomachaches
- Changes in mood
- Changes in eating
- School Refusal

Reach Out ASAP

Request Home Visit

School Social Workers provide **in home counseling** problem solving, and support to address barriers to school attendance.

Request School Meeting

School Social Workers are the link between home and school to:

School Social Workers:

Eliminate barriers to promote student success including: Family Issues, Grief, Mental Health, Stress, Substance Misuse, Trauma, Violence, Bullying, and Crisis Counseling

Voice Family Issues

Work with McKinney-Vento students and families experiencing homelessness

GAME WORKERS NEEDED!

PART-TIME JOB

- WANT A PART-TIME JOB?
- WANT TO WATCH THE CENTRAL MOUNTAIN WILDCATS EXCEL?

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED PLEASE CONTACT MR. HAFELE!

MON - FRI 4PM-8PM

• dhafele@kcsd.k12.pa.us
• athleticcenter@kcsd.k12.pa.us

Athletics & Activities

Are you interested in helping out as a game worker for our Central Mountain events!?? If so see the flyer for more information.

BEST OF LUCK to the boy's soccer, girl's volleyball, and cross country teams participating in the District VI post-season!



Event Information

CM Girls Varsity Volleyball District VI Semifinals vs Altoona Area

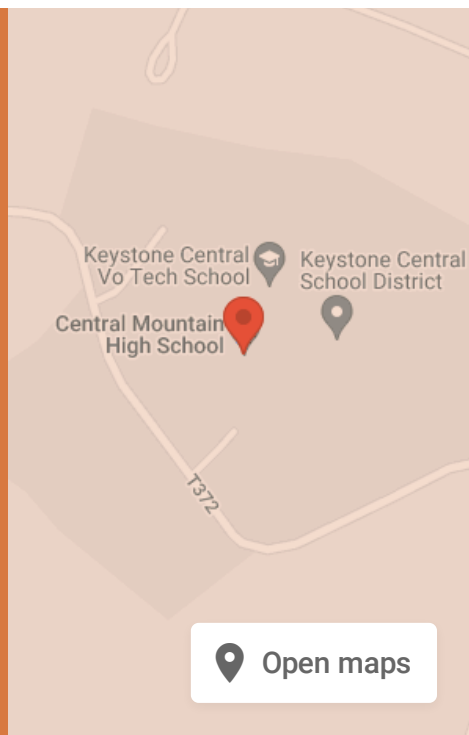
An important reminder that the host sites will sell no paper tickets at the gate. All tickets need to be purchased through Hometown Tickets. The portal to purchase tickets can be viewed on the District VI website at www.piaa6.org. Please click the link at the top of the page. All tickets for first-round games are currently up and available for sale.

When?

Tue, Nov 1, 2022, 07:00 PM

Where?

Central Mountain High School, Keystone Central Drive, Mill Hall, PA, USA

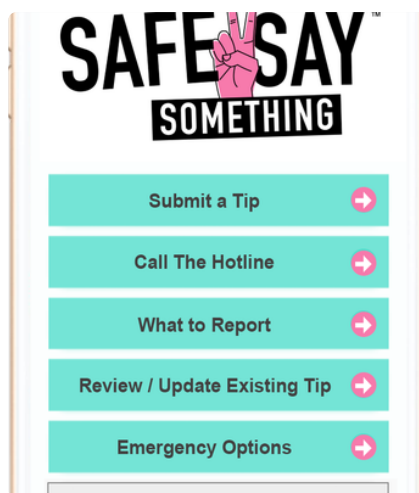


Safety & Security



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[Click here for updates and information about KCSD Safety and Security.](#)



Safe 2 Say

[Click here to access information about Safe 2 Say.](#)



School Gate Guardian

[Click here for more information about School Gate Guardian and the district requirement for all visitors to show ID.](#)

Keystone Central School District has School Resource Officers throughout our district for safety and security.

Officer Scott VanGorder - Central Mountain High School

Officer Cory Beaver - Bucktail High School & Renovo Elementary

Officer James Knarr - Central Mountain Middle School

Officer Mike Fetzer - Elementary district-wide and District Attendance Officer

Officer Todd Brian - District-wide

Curriculum

Keystone Central School District is implementing new math curriculum this year!

Students in grades K-4 will be utilizing a resource called Bridges in Mathematics. Linked are the welcome letters by grade level!

[Kindergarten Welcome Letter](#)

[First Grade Welcome Letter](#)

[Second Grade Welcome Letter](#)

[Third Grade Welcome Letter](#)

[Fourth Grade Welcome Letter](#)

Students in Grades 5-Algebra II will be utilizing Envision Math as a core resource. Follow this link to the [Parents' Corner](#) to learn more information about the program and how you can support your learner at home!

Keeping Up With Keystone

Virtual Academy

[Did you know the Keystone Central School District offers a full cyber program to students K-12?](#)

Career & Technical Center

November is National Career Development Month at KCSD CTC. Please use the following link to read the the up coming events and information for September.

<https://www.smores.com/04hrs>

Data & Performance

All students in grades K-8 will be participating in our district assessments which include Aimsweb and NWEA MAP. Students in K-2 will be tested using the Aimsweb assessment and students in grades 3-8 will be tested using NWEA MAP assessment. These assessments are administer in the Fall, Winter and Spring and will provide you as well as their teacher valuable information on academic growth. To learn more about our assessment please click the links below.

Please contact your child's teacher for information and updates on your child's progress.

[NWEA Family Toolkit](#)

[NWEA FAQ](#)

[About Aimsweb](#)

[Need to register for the SAT, find out testing locations, dates and registration deadlines!](#)

Quick Links

Many questions can arise concerning your child's laptop, internet access, busing information or maybe you'd like to volunteer in your child's school. These links below can help you get answers or point you in the direction of who to speak to.

KCSD Technology Department

Click on the button above to access the information.

KCSD Transportation Department

Click on the button above to access the information.

KCSD Volunteer Application & Information

Click on the button above to access the information.

KCSD Student Handbooks

Click on the button above to access the information.


KCSD Food & Nutrition Services

Click on the button above to access the information.

Special Education

Click on the button above to access the information.

School Day Schedules

	Mill Hall Elem (K-4) Liberty-Curtin Elem (K-4) Robb Elem (K-4) Renovo Elem (K-6) Woodward Elem (K-4)	Central Mountain Middle School (5-8)	Bucktail High School (7-12) Central Mountain High School (9-12)
Doors Open Bus Arrival & Parent Drop-Off/Breakfast	7:20 am	7:45 am	8:00 am
Homeroom	7:40 am	8:05 am	8:20 am
Instruction Begins	7:55 am	8:24 am	8:24 am
Instruction Ends	2:30 pm	3:30 pm	3:40 pm
Bus Departure & Parent Pick-up	2:30 pm	3:30 pm	3:40 pm

