

District News

Fall 2022



KEYSTONE CENTRAL

S C H O O L D I S T R I C T

RESPECT FOR YESTERDAY • PRIDE IN TODAY • PLANS FOR TOMORROW

Congratulations Flaming Foliage Queen Bella English!



An Expression of Gratitude for Teachers

It does not have to be Teacher Appreciation Week for us to thank our dedicated teachers. I wanted to take this opportunity to express my gratitude and admiration for our teachers and everything they do every day. No one ever goes into the teaching profession for fame or money, they do it because of their passion for children. While many are quick to criticize these amazing individuals, I believe that it is difficult to know what it is like to be a teacher is someone who teaches, or has taught. In addition to teaching academics, teachers are fostering growth in other people's children, making sure they are fed, and ensuring continuous safety of all...these are huge responsibilities. Many teachers lie awake at night worrying and thinking about their students and how to meet their academic, behavioral and social needs.

Despite the challenges educators face, I believe that teaching is a very rewarding profession and can give you the best feeling in the world - helping another person. If you have ever experienced the joy of seeing students succeed at learning a new concept or skill, your heart is full and you are ready to do it again. I encourage our families to work with our teachers as much as possible because together we can provide the best possible education to your children.

To the Teachers,

Every day you cultivate curiosity while instilling core values of citizenship, kindness, patience and teamwork. You inspire a new generation of leaders and innovators to discover their passions and pursue dreams. While your daily tasks can be overwhelming at times, and there are bad days, your work matters and you are making a difference. The world needs you more now than ever.

Thank you for your service and please encourage others to join this noble profession.

Respectfully,
KCSD Superintendent, Dr. Jacquelyn Martin



2021-2022 End of Year Financial Report



Over the past three school years, the Keystone Central School District has been able to operate efficiently with zero tax increases and a balanced budget. Recently, Interim Business Manager Jef Wall and Superintendent Dr. Jacquelyn Martin shared the status of finances at the close of the 2021-2022 school year.

The financial picture as of November 1, 2022 showed that the district ended the year with a surplus of \$955,390 as the budgeted expenditures were lower than budgeted and actual revenues were higher than budgeted. With the additional \$955.390 surplus, the district's reserve balance stands at \$17,005,875. A large portion of these funds are assigned for specific purposes such as capital projects, technology, retirement contributions and health insurance.

| | 2021-22 Budget | 2021-22 Actuals |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Expenses | \$82,987,797 | \$82,085,168 |
| Revenues | \$82,987,797 | \$83,040,558 |
| Surplus (Shortfall) | 0 | \$955,390 |

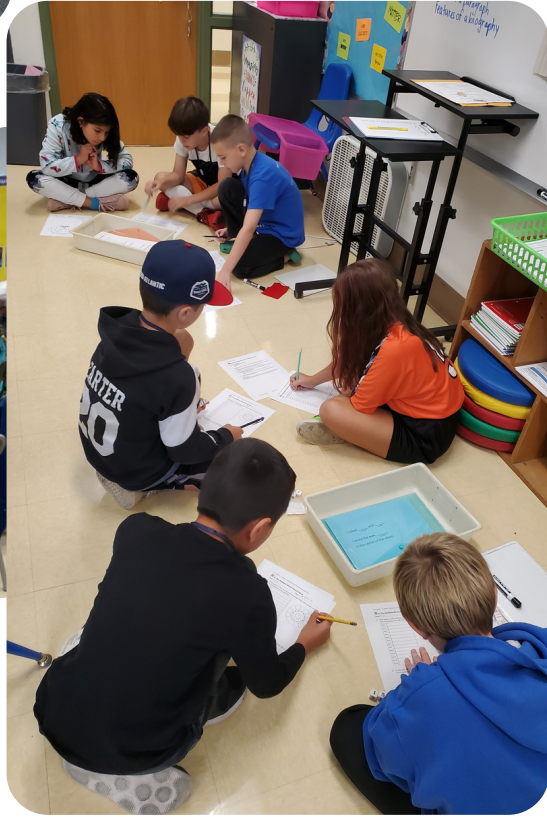


Joni MacIntyre was recently appointed to serve as the district's new business manager. Along with the superintendent and finance committee of the board, they are working on developing the budget for the 2023-2024 school year that is balanced and respectful to our taxpayers. Since local tax dollars make up approximately 70% of the district's \$82M revenues, it is our goal to develop a 5 year budget outlook that promotes stabilization. The full financial report for 21-22 along with the 23-24 Budget Outlook will be presented to the full board and members of the public at the January Work Session and January Voting Session of the Keystone Central School Board.

Liberty-Curtin Elementary



Mill Hall Elementary



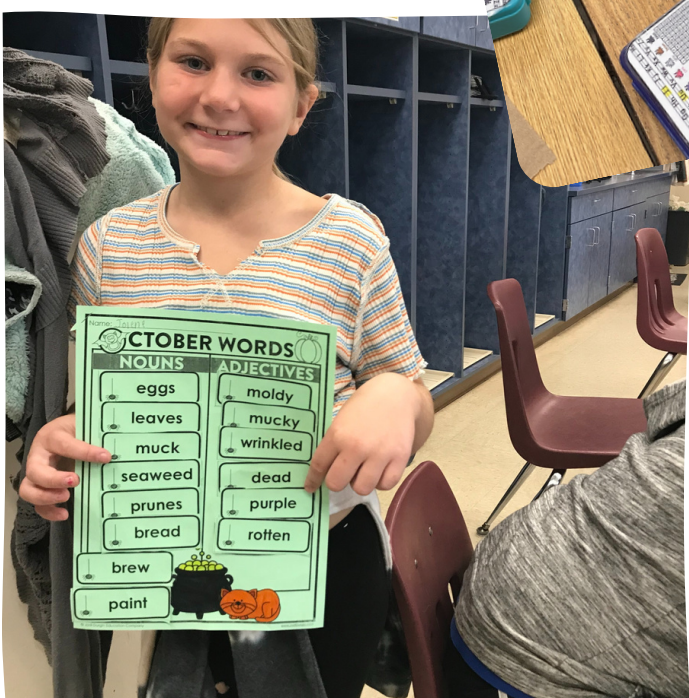
Renovo Elementary



Robb Elementary



Woodward Elementary



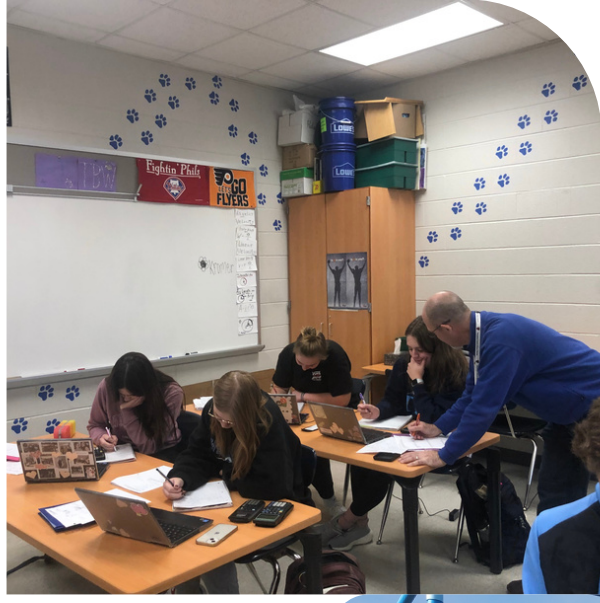
Central Mt. Middle School



Bucktail Middle/High School



Central Mt. High School



KCSD Career & Technology





Lessons From Our Veterans to Our Students

Every year on the 11th day of the 11th month, our schools and communities celebrate local veterans. It is clear that all of these programs are intended to honor those who have served our country and protected our freedoms as they deserve this recognition and respect.

What many may not know is that by planning and participating in these activities, our veterans, community members, and educators work together to provide valuable lessons to our students.

For over three decades, I have planned, facilitated and attended Veteran's Day programs in four different school districts. I learned early in life how important it is to serve your country as my grandmother, Dorothy Abram of North Carolina, served as a Navy Wave during World War II. It was in the Navy that she met my grandfather and Navy Medic Bruce Verrier. My grandfather lived in Lock Haven with his family so subsequent to their military wedding, they settled in Lock Haven. The rest of the story as they say "is history".

This year I had the privilege to attend another Veteran's Day Program at Bucktail High School that included all of the Renovo Elementary students. While listening to the guest speakers and seeing the student participation in the event, I couldn't help but reflect on key lessons our students were learning. While this is not an inclusive list, here are a few of my thoughts:

What is a Veteran?: Many people have a limited definition of veteran... several believe that it applies to only those who served in combat. The Bucktail and Renovo Elementary students learned recently that military dogs are also considered to be veterans who train, serve and even sacrifice their lives.

The Value of Freedom: It is easy to take this for granted as our students have never known life without freedom. We should all take time to appreciate where we are in life and know that it is because our great military has fought for this freedom and continues to protect it at all costs.

Three D's: Determination-Discipline-Dedication. There are few times in the 21st century when someone works alone or succeeds alone.

Believing in yourself, being self-disciplined to survive and support others, and staying committed to a cause, such as freedom.

Gratitude: There is power in saying thank you and expressing gratitude. Our veterans deserve it and you can't wear it out!

The Keystone Central School District Mission states, "We are committed to developing lifelong learners who are adaptable, resilient, productive, and of high moral character". The valuable lessons learned from our veterans help us to meet our goals.

Thank you to our educators and community members for your continued efforts to teach these valuable lessons. And to our Veterans... Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. Dr. Jacquelyn Martin



Congratulations to all the students involved in fall school activities, athletics, marching band, drumline, etc. Thank you for your work ethic and commitment to being part of a team and representing your schools with integrity. Your efforts have created a culture of winning and growth!



CMHS Band

- 1st Place at Wellsboro Marching Band Competition
- 1st Place at Flaming Foliage Festival Parade
- Jasmine McCully placed in Pennsylvania's top 5 at the National Twirling Competition



Bucktail Girl's Tennis

- Mid-Penn Conference Champions with a 17-2 record
- Mid-Penn Conference All-Stars**
- Kayla Probert - #1 in singles and conference MVP
 - Isabella English - #3 in singles
 - Eva Sockman & Gigi Balchun - #1 in doubles



Bucktail Drumline

- 1st place at the Castanea Halloween Parade



CMHS Girl's Volleyball

- District 6 AAAA Runner-Up
- Kyleigh McDermitt - District 6 Class 4A All-Star
- Emilee Heverly - District 6 Class 4A All-Star



CMHS Golf

- Reese Walizer - District 6 AAA Runner-Up at district golf tournament at Ebensburg Country Club



Bucktail HS Football

Region 3 All-Region Squad

- Johnny Green
- Brody Pentz
- Tanner Pettingill
- Braylon Fantaski



CMHS Cheerleaders

UCA All Americans

- Erica Dion - UCA Pin it Forward
- Leeah Eisenhower - Staff Tryout invite
- Cassidi Greendonner
- Paisley Beatty

Pine Forest Cheerleading Camp

- 1st place Game Day Evaluations
- 3rd place Cheer Evaluations



CMHS Cross Country

- Abbey Wolfe - Placed 4th in District 6 AAA Championships - qualified for the state meet
- Team set 94 personal records



CMHS Boy's Soccer

All-Conference

- Peyton Jones - 3rd Team - Forward
- Braylon Gentzel - 3rd Team - Defender
- Asher Talbot - Honorable Mention



CMHS Girl's Soccer

PHAC All Conference

- Taylor Campbell - All-League 2nd Team
- Lily Hendricks - All-League 2nd Team
- Halle Lodek - All-League Hon. Mention
- Julia Smith - All-League Hon. Mention



Happy Holidays!

The upcoming holiday season is about gathering with family and friends to celebrate traditions, old and new. I believe it is also a time for reflection, appreciation and thankfulness.

As I reflect, I am truly grateful to serve our community with good people who have big hearts. I am grateful for our students who give us purpose, our families who are partnering with us, and our staff who work hard every day for the sole purpose of growing children and making our world a better place.

Dr. Jacquelyn Martin, Superintendent

