

Liberty-Curtin Elementary

Keystone Central School District



Notes From the Principal

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and were able to spend time with your loved ones. Thanksgiving gives us an opportunity to reflect and think about what we are thankful for. At Liberty-Curtin Elementary, we are thankful for all the support we receive from our students' parents and the community. I want to

take a moment to express my gratitude to all who have helped make our school an amazing place to be.

As the end of 2022 draws near, we have many exciting and special activities planned for our students and families during the months of December and January. Please join us in getting into the holiday spirit and celebrating this festive time of year. Starting December 5th, we will have school spirit days throughout the month. Our Holiday concert will be held on December 12 @ 6:30 in the Central Mountain High School auditorium. We will wrap things up with a much anticipated visit from Santa!

Wishing you all a safe and joyous holiday season.



December Spirit Days!



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
4	5 Tinsel, Tie Dye, Tutus, and Tights Day! 🎄 🧡 🎄 	6  Wear stripes like a candy cane!	7 Switch-a-Roo Day! Kids dress like a teacher. Teachers dress like kids!	8 Winter Wonderland ... Wear a hat and scarf! 	9 Flannel Friday! Wear your flannel shirts and pants! 	10
11	12  Hunting for the best gift ever! Wear your CAMO!	13 Wear your festive socks and holiday jewelry! 	14  Western Wednesday – Merry Christmas Ya'!!! 	15  Winter Sports Day! Wear your favorite jersey or shirt!	16 No School!	17
18	19 Reindeer Games Today! 	20  Grinch Day! Wear green and be kind!	21 All School Caroling! 	22 Pajama Day! Wear your holiday jammies for a cozy day! 	23 No School!	24

Upcoming Activities

December 1 - Picture Retakes

December 2 - PTO Popcorn Sales

December 5-22 - [December Spirit Days](#) (visit link for more information)

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 Tournament)

December 19 - PBIS Reward Activity: Reindeer Games

December 21 - Holiday Sing Along

December 22 - Santa Visit & Holiday Parties

December 23 thru January 2 - Winter Break (no school)

January 3 - Back to School

January 11 - PTO Meeting @ 6:00 in the LC Library

January 20 - 3-hour early dismissal

January 23 - Act 80 Day (no school for students)

Messages & Alerts

With winter weather upon us, there will be days when we may need to delay the start of the school day or have a remote learning day. Please be sure to sign up for [Bloomz](#), our new messaging app, so you don't miss any important information.



Federal Programs

Annual Notices and Policy Review

Click on the button above to access the information.

December/January Federal Programs Updates

All elementary schools will conduct full school assessment screenings of math and reading progress in January. Our intervention teams use this information to update WIN groups (What I Need), and from what we are seeing so far, our students are growing rapidly!

On December 6th, elementary schools will send home progress reports to keep families updated on student progress. All families in all schools should have received Quarter 1 report cards in November. If you did not receive the report card for Quarter 1, please contact your child's school secretary.

At all school levels, we use Title IV federal funds to purchase incentives for PBIS (our positive school-wide behavior supports) rewards, and we emphasize the goal of following school rules in all schools.

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](#)

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

[Title I Complaint Procedure](#)

[School Improvement Plan](#)

Family Connections

KEYSTONE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

PARTNERS WITH



COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PA

GUARANTEED ADMISSION
and up to **\$28,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS**
for qualified PA students

Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, and Mansfield universities have joined forces as Commonwealth University to provide more opportunity for students than ever before with financially responsible degree options that prepare you for in-demand careers.

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POWERFUL PARTNERSHIPS WITH LOCAL IMPACT

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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Volunteer Work and Resources for Supports

Volunteer work is an important aspect of our community and culture. Many organizations and churches that give to our community are only able to do so through the work of volunteers. Volunteering helps people and children better understand compassion and empathy. Volunteering can even be a fun experience for you and your family. Kids and teens that volunteer may:

- See that they can make a difference
- Meet people with similar values
- Practice life skills
- Learn about different careers
- Experience different cultures

For more information on how you and your family can volunteer in our community check out the links below

- [Pregnancy Resource Clinic](#)
- [Salvation Army](#)
- [Roads to Peace](#)
- [United Way](#)

Please also review the above websites to see if you or your family could benefit from any of the services they offer.

Source: [Nemours Kids Health](#)



#KeystoneCares - December

Event Information

Santa's Workshop

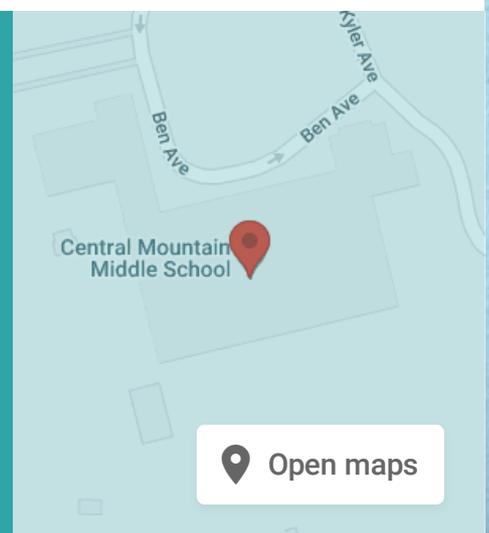
In partnership with #KeystoneCares, the BENV Kiwanis is hosting Santa's Workshop!

When?

Sun, Dec 4, 2022, 01:00 PM

Where?

Central Mountain Middle School, Ben Avenue, Mill Hall, PA, USA

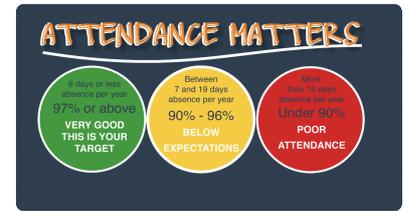


#KeystoneCares - January is Attendance Counts Month!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Strong attendance has a proven impact on school success. Chronic absence – missing 10 percent or more of school days due to absence for any reason—excused, unexcused absences and suspensions, can translate into third-graders unable to master reading, sixth-graders failing subjects and ninth-graders dropping out of high school.

The faculty and staff of KCSD encourage parents to ensure that scholars attend school everyday in order to achieve academic success!



When we return on January 3rd from winter break, we will have been in school for 75 days. If your student has missed less than 7.5 days at this point, they are within the target attendance rate. Check your parent portal account to see how many days of school your student has missed.

If you are concerned about your student's attendance, please reach out to your student's school counselor.

ATTEND TODAY, ACHIEVE TOMORROW

GOOD SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MEANS...



PRESCHOOLERS
Build skills and develop good habits for showing up on time



ELEMENTARY STUDENTS
Read well by the end of third grade



MIDDLE SCHOOLERS
Pass important courses



HIGH SCHOOLERS
Stay on track for graduation



COLLEGE STUDENTS
Earn their degrees



WORKERS
Succeed in their jobs

FACTS RELATED TO ATTENDANCE

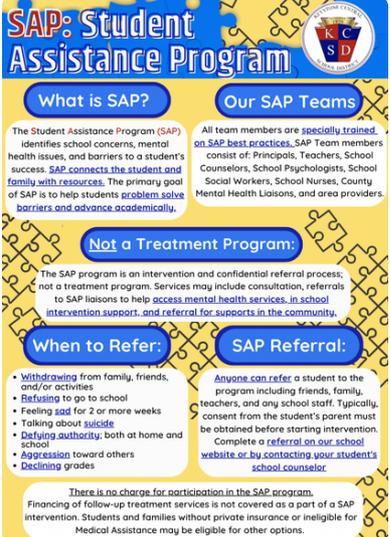
- We are building leaders of tomorrow!
- Parents and guardians strongly influence a child's attendance patterns...make school the priority!
- Children's absence patterns are established as early as kindergarten.
- Children's older siblings frequently set attendance patterns in a family.
- Students who eat breakfast have improved concentration and miss fewer days of school.

Shop @ Weis, Earn \$\$ for your School!

Counseling Connection

SAP

If you are concerned about a student for any reason, you can make a SAP referral. The SAP referral can potentially lead to any needed services and/or supports the student may need to be successful.



SAP: Student Assistance Program

What is SAP?
The Student Assistance Program (SAP) identifies school concerns, mental health issues, and barriers to a student's success. SAP connects the student and family with resources. The primary goal of SAP is to help students problem solve barriers and advance academically.

Our SAP Teams
All team members are specialty trained, on SAP best practices. SAP Team members consist of: Principals, Teachers, School Counselors, School Psychologists, School Social Workers, School Nurses, County Mental Health Liasons, and area providers

Not a Treatment Program:
The SAP program is an intervention and confidential referral process, not a treatment program. Services may include consultation, referrals to SAP liasons to help access mental health services, in school intervention support, and referral for supports in the community.

When to Refer:

- Withdrawing from family, friends, and/or activities
- Refusing to go to school
- Feeling sad for 2 or more weeks
- Talking about suicide
- Defying authority, both at home and school
- Aggression toward others
- Declining grades

SAP Referral:
Anyone can refer a student to the program including friends, family, teachers, and any school staff. Typically, consent from the student's parent must be obtained before starting intervention. Complete a referral on our school website or by contacting your student's school counselor.

There is no charge for participation in the SAP program. Financing of follow-up treatment services is not covered as a part of a SAP intervention. Students and families without private insurance or ineligible for Medical Assistance may be eligible for other options.

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](#)

Liberty-Curtin Elementary School Counseling.

DSchool 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



Athletics & Activities

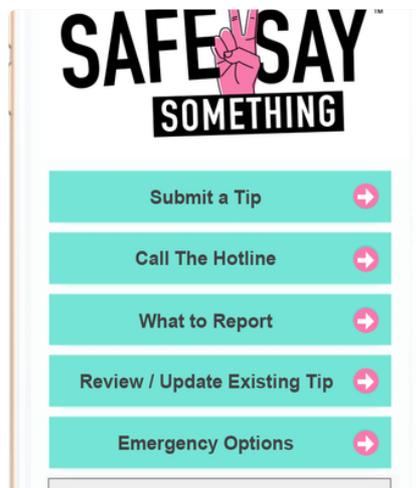
Are you interested in helping out as a game worker for our Central Mountain events!?? If so see the flyer for more information.

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 and teachers are really diving deep into this new math curriculum! December will be wrapping up Unit 3 and beginning Unit 4. Check out the links below for the family connections on Unit 4.

[Kindergarten](#)

[1st Grade](#)

[2nd Grade](#)

[3rd Grade](#)

[4th Grade](#)

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/p4h28>

Data & Performance

Winter Keystone Exam Window - January 4-18

Literature - Grade 10 - Jan.4-5

Biology - Jan.9-10

Alg 1- Jan. 12-13

Any student who is currently enrolled in a Keystone trigger course (English 10, Biology and Algebra 1) during the Fall 2022 semester will be scheduled to take the Keystone Exam in the course(s) they are currently completing. All testing must be completed in person and will be an online test. The Keystone Exam consists of 2 modules and is given over 2 days. Students must participate in both modules.

[Online Tutorial](#)

[Online Testing Tools Practice](#)

Winter Benchmark Dates - January 11-18 - 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 administered 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



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