

Liberty-Curtin

Keystone Central School District



Notes From the Principal

February was an exciting month at Liberty-Curtin Elementary. In the beginning of February, we celebrated our student's positive behavior with a trip to the Roxy Movie Theater. A big thank you to our PTO for making this field trip possible. Our staff and students truly appreciated this opportunity. Over the past week, we also welcomed our future kindergarteners at kindergarten registration. It is hard to believe next year's kindergarteners are the Class of 2036!

March is packed with many exciting events and lots of learning for students. We kicked off March today with a visit from the Central Mountain Boys Basketball Team. 15 members of the District Championship team came to LC to participate in our Read Across America activities. The players read books to students and gave great advice on being student-athletes. Please check out some important dates and other exciting activities happening this month.

Upcoming Activities

February 27 - March 3 - Read Across America Week

March 1 - CM Basketball Team visit to LC and reading to students - 1:00

March 2 - PBIS Data Assembly - 9:00

March 2 - 4th grade CPR Training - 12:30-2:00

March 2 - 6:30pm School Board Work Session

March 6 - April 5 - After School Academy - Session 2 (*invite only*)

March 8 - PTO @ 6:00 in the LC library

March 9 - 6:30pm School Board Voting Session

March 9 - Smokey the Bear Visit - 2nd & 3rd grade

March 9 - 4th grade - Bird boxes - 12:15-2:15

March 10 - Act 80 Day - ***No school for students***

March 12 - Daylight Saving Time starts (move clocks ahead one hour)

March 13 - In-Service Day - ***No school for students***

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

March 24 - American Red Cross Assembly

March 26 - LC PTO Cash Bingo (*see info below*)

March 29 - End of Marking Period Qtr. 3

March 31 - 3 hr. Early Dismissal/In-Service



Liberty-Curtin Elementary PTO Presents
CASH BINGO

When: March 26th, 2023

Doors Open at 11:30 am

Bingo starts at 1:00 pm

Where: Beech Creek Social Hall

38 Locust St

Beech Creek, PA 16822

\$100 cash prize per game + specials!

Chinese auction, 50/50, rip tickets and full kitchen!

Tickets: \$25 in advance/\$30 at door

Please complete and return the form below with check payment to pre-order bingo tickets. Children under 18 who wish to play bingo must have a paid ticket and be accompanied by an adult. **Tickets will be sent home with your child in a red envelope.** Please allow a few days for tickets to be sent home.

BINGO TICKET ORDER FORM

Student Name _____ Teacher/Grade _____

of tickets _____ x \$25 = _____ (total enclosed)

Please include check payment in the amount above made payable to Liberty-Curtin PTO.

Messages & Alerts

With winter moving into unpredictable spring weather, there will be days when we may need to delay the start of the school day, call an unexpected early dismissal 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.

March Federal Programs Updates

As schools that receive federal funds, we are required to hold meetings at least once per year to involve our families and community in making decisions about how federal funds are spent, share

community members a voice of influence within the school setting. Each school team will reach out to the group that helps to write their school improvement plans and other individuals to join them for their spring meeting.

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.

All elementary schools within the district are Title I schoolwide schools and receive Title I federal funds to support the positions of Interventionist and Title I Associates.

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](#)

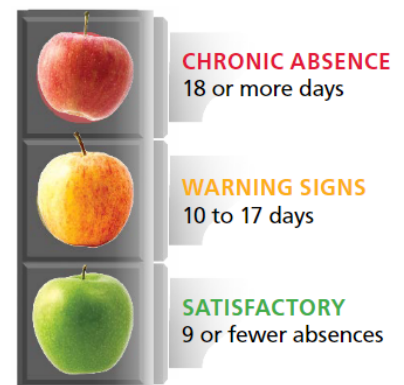
Family Connections

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Help make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your student maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- If your student must stay home because they are sick, or in quarantine, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



The faculty and staff of KCS D encourage parents to ensure that students attend school everyday in order to achieve academic success!

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

KCSD ATTENDANCE POLICY

When students are absent, a parent / doctor's note must be turned in within 3 days of the absence.

btattendance@kcsd.k12.pa.us - BHS & BMS
cmhsattendance@kcsd.k12.pa.us - CMHS
cmmsattendance@kcsd.k12.pa.us - CMMS
lcattendance@kcsd.k12.pa.us - Liberty-Curtin
mhattendance@kcsd.k12.pa.us - Mill Hall
rvattendance@kcsd.k12.pa.us - Renovo
robbattendance@kcsd.k12.pa.us - Robb
wwattendance@kcsd.k12.pa.us - Woodward



Going on a trip?

Please complete the educational trip form & submit it to your learner's attendance office for review & approval - this must be turned in at least 1-week in advance.

As long as your child is healthy, please encourage them to show up to class when school is in session. Every day of school is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as connect to peers and their teachers.

REACHING OUT ASAP IS KEY

If your student is experiencing stress or anxiety that is leading to school absences, KCSD can help!

Call your School Counselor or the KCSD Social Worker for help getting your student back to 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 specially trained on SAP best practices. SAP Team members consist of: Principals, Teachers, School Counselors, School Psychologists, School Social Workers, School Nurses, County Mental Health Liaisons, 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 liaisons to help access mental health services, in-school intervention supports, 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.

Family Focused on Music in March!

#KeystoneCares- March is Music in Our Schools Month

March is Music in our Schools Month, which has been celebrated since 1985! The celebration of music in schools actually began a bit earlier when the National Association of Music Education created a day to celebrate music education on March 13th, 1975. Actually, even before this, the state of New York started celebrating teaching music in 1973. Music in our Schools Month encourages schools to create music education programs for children of all ages because there are countless benefits of learning about, playing, and enjoying music.

Source: [Music in Our Schools Month](#)



Share Your Love of Music with Us!

Please send a photo of your child or your child with your family enjoying music to pr@kcsd.k12.pa.us so we can share it out on our social media accounts to celebrate Music in Our Schools Month with the community!

#KeystoneCares presents

Music
In Our Schools Month
March 2023

Create an instrument at home with a family member. Send a photo and description to pr@kcsd.k12.pa.us to be highlighted on our social media pages.

The most incredible music will help you find your soul.

Translation Services

If your family speaks a language other than English, the district has access to translators and interpreters that can accompany you in meetings with teachers and school members. If you would like to be connected with a translator or interpreter please reach out to your child's teacher or the

school guidance counselor. The accessibility features in the top right corner of this Smore allow you to translate this page.

Liberty-Curtin Elementary 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



Athletics & Activities

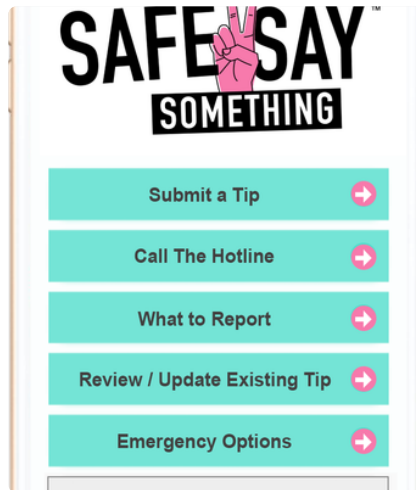
Are you interested in helping out as a game worker for our Central Mountain events!?? If so see the flyer for more information.

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.](#)

SchoolGate
Guardian
School Visitor Management System



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

(Megan will add info)

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

Please use the following link to read the the up coming events and information for the month of March.

<https://www.smores.com/3dme6>

Data & Performance

Spring becomes a busy time for both state and local assessments. Assessments play an important role in curriculum, instruction and interventions for student learning.

State Assessments

Spring PSSA Window - April 24-May 12

Spring Keystone Exam Window - May 15-May 26

Local Assessments

Spring Aimsweb and NWEA MAP Window - May 10 - May 17

Act 35 Civics Exam Window - May 22- May 26

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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