

Liberty-Curtin Elementary

Keystone Central School District



Notes From the Principal

We are off to a great start to the 2023-2024 school year. October is filled with many exciting events and activities for students and families. The week of October 8th is National Fire Safety Week and we will have our local fire department on-site to conduct activities with the students. On October 16th and 17th, we will be having Parent-Teacher Conferences. If you have not signed up for a date and time through SignUp Genius please do so as soon as possible. If you need assistance please contact the main office at (570) 893-4900 extension 2501. October 31st, will be our annual Halloween Parade and classroom parties. Please look for details about our festivities coming home soon. We look forward to all these exciting events and much more in the month of October.

Upcoming Activities

Oct 3 - Monthly PBIS Assembly for students

Oct 5 - LC Project Public Hearing - at Administration Building - 6:15pm - *(See flyer and info below)*

Oct 9 - Columbus Day - No School

Oct 10 - Picture Day

Oct 10 - PTO Meeting - 6:00pm in the Liberty-Curtin Elementary Library

Oct 12 - Fire Safety Week Event for students

Oct 16 - Act 80 Day - No School for Students / Parent-Teacher Conferences - 12:30-3:30pm

Oct 17 - Open House/Conferences - @ Liberty-Curtin Elementary 5-8pm

Oct 24 - BMX Assembly for students - 1:00pm

Oct 26 - PBIS October Reward - Hayrides for students

Oct 30-Nov 2 - Writing Olympics @ LC with author Alan St. Jean

Oct 31 - Halloween Parade and Parties *(more information to come)*

KEYSTONE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



PUBLIC HEARING
on the proposed

**NEW CONSTRUCTION OF
LIBERTY-CURTIN ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**


at the
Keystone Central School District Administration Office
86 Administrative Drive, Mill Hall, PA 17751
Board Room

on
Thursday, October 5th, 2023, 6:15 PM



Please join us on Thursday, October 5th at 6:15pm at the KCSD Administration Office for this very important Public Hearing for the New Construction of Liberty-Curtin Elementary School. We need your support! Please consider signing up to speak and express your support for this project. Hope to see you there!

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	8:00 am	8:00 am
Instruction Begins	7:55 am	8:20 am	8:20 am
Instruction Ends	2:30 pm	3:15 pm	3:20 pm
Bus Departure Parent Pick-Up	2:30 pm	3:15 pm	3:20 pm

Messages and Updates through Class Dojo

Elementary schools have moved back to ClassDojo as our messaging app. Please be sure to connect (or reconnect) so you don't miss any important information from your child's school or teachers.



ClassDojo

Stay informed about:

- School events and activities
- Family-teacher conferences
- Important deadlines and assignments
- Emergency alerts and school delays/dismissals/closures

Federal Programs

Annual Notices and Policy Review

Click on the button above to access the information.

Start of Year Federal Programs Updates

On the afternoon of October 16th and evening of October 17th, all elementary schools will offer family/teacher conferences to review student beginning of the year assessment results and goals for growth. Conferences with families is a requirement for federal programs, and we've always offered Spring conferences, but we heard from families in our Title I surveys that they missed the

Fall conference opportunity. Your input matters! Please look for the paperwork or electronic sign up to be coming home soon!

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. We determine how to use the funding to staff our buildings based on family input and our school data. If you are interested in becoming a part of our Title I team, please reach out to your building Interventionist or principal. Our Policy 917/918 meetings are a great place to start, because we always review our School Improvement plans and the most updated school data during those meetings.

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

#KeystoneCares - Red Ribbon Week

Door Decorating Contest

#KeystoneCares is hosting a door decorating contest for Red Ribbon Week. All teachers, families, and business owners are encouraged to participate in the door decorating contest. Use Red Ribbon Week as an opportunity to continue talking to your kids about drugs. Let them know that alcohol and drug use will not be tolerated. [Here are some ways](#) for you to interact with your student about drugs and alcohol.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance a priority at KCSD!

Studies have shown that children that attend school regularly have great academic success!

Attending school consistently helps your child







- build more skills
- build good habits
- prepares them for the next grade
- provides them with enriching opportunities and experiences
- with their social development

Excellent attendance also helps our school get all the necessary materials to better educate your children.

Don't know if you should keep your sick child at home? The attached image explains when to do so. Don't forget to follow up with a parent or doctor's excuse after their absence.

Wildcats on the Prowl: AttendanceMatters Now!

Be Buck Strong: Show Up and Belong!

WHEN TO STAY HOME?					
					
Vomiting within the past 24hrs.	Diarrhea within the past 24hrs.	Temperature of 100 degrees or higher.	Body rash with itching or fever.	Redness, itching, or pus draining from eye.	Hospital stay or ER visit.
Free from vomiting for 24hrs.	Free from diarrhea for 24hrs.	Fever free w/o the assistance of meds (Tylenol/Motrin)	Free from rash and itching.	Free from drainage or seen by doctor.	Released by medical provider.




WHY ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Coming to school is essential for your child's success.


Here are some facts about why attendance is important.

1




Attendance improves when schools engage students and parents in positive ways and when schools provide mentors for chronically absent students.

2




Research shows that missing 10 percent of school, or about 18 days in most school districts, negatively affects a student's academic performance.

3




Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of 3rd grade.

4



Absenteeism in the first month of school can predict poor attendance throughout the school year.

5



When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduating.

That's just two days a month and that's known as chronic absence.

Half the students who miss 2-4 days in September go on to miss nearly a month of school.

ATTENDANCE EMAILS

Email your excuses to the addresses below

→ Save them in your phone contacts today!

BTattendance@kcsd.us - BHS & BMS
CMHSattendance@kcsd.us - CMHS
CMMSattendance@kcsd.us - CMMS
LCattendance@kcsd.us - Liberty-Curtin
MHattendance@kcsd.us - Mill Hall
RVattendance@kcsd.us - Renovo
ROBBattendance@kcsd.us - Robb
WWattendance@kcsd.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.

Having issues with getting your student to school? Is your student experiencing school stress?

Reach Out TODAY:



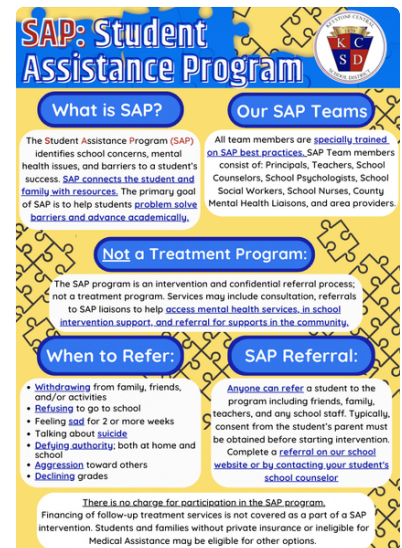
Or go to: tinyurl.com/KCSDhelp

Excuses need to be turned in within 3 days of an absence. Use your school's attendance email to make sure that the excuse notes get turned in on time.

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. Click on the picture to make a referral!



Healthy Mind, Healthy Home, Healthy YOU!

Report to Parents: Building Social and Emotional Skills at Home

Educators help students learn all sorts of new things, including social and emotional skills. Here are six ways you can help your child develop social and emotional skills to bridge learning from the classroom to the home.



1. Encourage connection. Over summer and during the school year, encourage your child to check in with friends and family in person, via video chat, or over text. Especially if your child tends to experience social anxiety, a little regular practice connecting with others can go a long way. After the playdate, check in with your child. These quick conversations can be a helpful learning experience for your child.

2. Think out loud. When your child hears your thinking process, it helps them understand how to cope with frustration and solve problems.

3. Read bedtime stories. This end-of-the-day routine is an ideal time for talking about feelings. Discuss the characters and events in the story. Invite your child to share their thoughts and feelings by asking questions.

4. Work together. Instead of asking your child to do a chore alone, do it with them. Together, you might fold laundry, set the table, rake leaves, or paint a room. Help them join in by shortening the handle of a broom to make it child-size or providing a paintbrush or roller.

5. Play games. Card and board games and outdoor games such as tag or hop-scotch offer built-in opportunities for helping children learn to take turns, cooperate, handle frustration, and more. While playing games, focus on fun instead of winning or losing.

6. Have fun with emojis and memes. These lighthearted images are great ways to explore feelings, emotions, and the intent behind a message (humor, anger)—and to just be silly and have fun, all while practicing social skills.

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

<https://www.smores.com/361wz-keystone-central-school-district#:~:text=VOLUNTEER%20INFORMATION,to%20Clearance%20Page>

The link in the button above/QR Code should take you to our Volunteer Application.

You need to apply on-line at

<https://www.applitrack.com/kcsd/onlineapp/> instead of using a paper form.



Clearances and Mandated Reporter training are also required. Here are the links:

- Clearances
- (Act 34) PA State Police <https://epatch.pa.gov/home>
- (Act 151) PA Child Abuse <https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home>
- (Act 114) FBI <https://www.identogo.com/locations/pennsylvania>

Use service code to receive the correct clearance: 1KG6XN

Mandated Report Training <http://www.reportabusepa.pitt.edu/>

Elizabeth Nace is our Personnel Secretary & Volunteer Specialist, you can use the information below to contact her, and she said she is happy to help you and answer questions!

570-893-4900 x 2319

<https://www.kcsd.k12.pa.us/en-US/human-resources-32e72bfeenace@kcsd.k12.pa.us>

86 Administration Drive, Mill Hall, PA 17751

[General Link to Clearance Page](#)

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: School Counselor, Liberty-Curtin Elementary

Phone: 570-893-4900 x2521

Email: bowens@kcsd.k12.pa.us

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Check out our School websites for CMHS Athletics

Central Mountain High School

Just another SportsHub Sites site

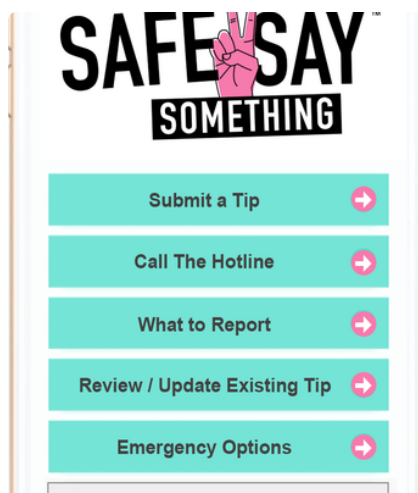
centralmountainathletics.com

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 Luke Motter - Central Mountain Middle School

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

Officer Todd Brian - District-wide

Keeping Up With Keystone

Virtual Academy

[Click here for more information about the Virtual Academy program.](#)

Keystone Central Career & Technical Center

Please use the following link to read the upcoming events and information for October.

<https://www.smores.com/4pksw>

Data & Performance

Pennsylvania Youth Survey

Our district is taking part in the 2023 Pennsylvania Youth Survey (PAYS) sponsored by the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency, the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and the Pennsylvania Department of Drug and Alcohol Programs. The survey will ask questions about the behaviors of students in the 6th, 8th, 10th, and 12th grades, including questions about school climate, mental health, violence, bullying, and substance use.

You can request a list of the survey questions by visiting this link:

<https://www.episcenter.psu.edu/index.php/paysquestion>. For more information about the survey, including a list of Frequently Asked Questions, please visit www.pays.pa.gov then click on "2023."

A parent information letter will be sent home the week of October 9th.

Local District Assessments

All students in grades K-8 will be participating in our upcoming local district assessments which will be administered in the Fall, Winter and Spring. Students in K-2 will be tested using the Acadience 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.

Spring 2023 PSSA and Keystone parent reports will arrive at the district around September 15th. Letters will then be sent home to parents as soon as possible.

[NWEA Family Toolkit](#)

[NWEA FAQ](#)

[About Acadience](#)

[Need to take the SAT, Click here for upcoming dates and registration](#)

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.

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School Contact Information

Brett Umbenhouer, Principal, (570) 893-4900 ext. 2502

Wendy Zimmerman, Secretary, (570) 893-4900 ext. 2501



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