

Renovo Elementary

Keystone Central School District

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 Renovo 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 2023 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. Our Holiday concert will be held on December 19 @ 6:30 in the Bucktail High School gymnasium. We will wrap things up with a much anticipated visit from Santa!

Wishing you all a safe and joyous holiday season.



Upcoming Activities

December 4-5 - PTO Santa Shop

December 4-6 - Mobile Ag Lab for students

December 11-12 - PTO Santa Store

December 15 - No School

December 18 - Reindeer Games for students at school

December 19 - Holiday Concert @ BHS - 6:30 - *More info to come*

December 20 - Santa Visit for students at school


December 21-January 2 - Winter Break (No School)

January 15 - No School

January 18 - PTO Meeting - 6:00

January 25 - 3 hr. Early Dismissal
January 26 - Act 80 Day - No School

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.



Stay informed about:

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

Receive District-Wide Notifications

Scan the QR code below to receive district-wide notifications which includes:

- Weather alerts/delays/early dismissals/closures
- Emergency alerts
- District-wide events
- Important dates



**Join your child's adventure
on ClassDojo!**



Scan to join Administration's Class

Federal Programs

Annual Notices and Policy Review

Click on the button above to access the information.

Winter Federal Programs Updates

All elementary schools in the Keystone Central School District are Title I schoolwide schools. That means that all five elementary schools receive Federal Programs Title I money, and we have a series of documentation and meetings that we must provide to families in order to satisfy the requirements of receiving those dollars.

Because of the needs across our district, our district qualifies for the [Community Eligibility Provision](#) [this link will explain more about the CEP program], which allows us to offer free breakfast and lunch to our students (as long as they choose a complete breakfast/lunch). This provision allows the schools to rely on sources that have documentation of families receiving benefits, and we no longer have families communicate directly to us regarding their income status. This is a good and a not so good situation, because those Title I federal dollars are generated based on the percentage of low income families throughout the district. What is happening is that although we have a great degree of need across our district, our federal funding is dropping,

because many of our families do not choose to sign up for services like SNAP, and they don't report their income as low as what it might be in census and other data collections. As you participate in our school level federal programs meetings and the intervention team talks about the drops in funding over time, I hope this helps to explain the why behind the reduction in funds.

Your intervention team has been busy holding Policy 917/918 Committee Meetings, conducting at least one meeting per year where we review and revise our community engagement strategies, reviewing our Schoolwide Improvement Plans, and sharing our goals for growth. Your input on our meetings and surveys helps us to determine how we spend our federal program dollars.

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](#)

[Title I Schoolwide Plan 2023-2024](#)

Family Connections

#KeystoneCares - Homeless Awareness

Homeless Awareness Month Activities

#KeystoneCares is partnering with KCSD and Sleep in Heavenly Peace to bring awareness to homelessness.

If you believe that you or someone you know is experiencing homelessness, please reach out to Christina Manning, KCSD Homeless Liaison, cmanning@kcsd.us or 570-893-4900 ext. 2105 or Kyle Galer, KCSD School Social Worker, kgaler@kcsd.us or 570-893-4900 ext. 2341

DEFINITION OF HOMELESSNESS	LOCAL RESOURCES
<p>Individuals who lack a fixed, regular, and adequate nighttime residence.</p> <p>Substance Abuse/Unstable Housing This includes homeless shelter residents, homeless students, youth homeless, and those experiencing homelessness who are in residential treatment facilities, residential treatment centers, or residential treatment programs.</p> <p>Substance Abuse This includes homeless shelter residents, homeless students, youth homeless, and those experiencing homelessness who are in residential treatment facilities, residential treatment centers, or residential treatment programs.</p> <p>Substance Abuse This includes homeless shelter residents, homeless students, youth homeless, and those experiencing homelessness who are in residential treatment facilities, residential treatment centers, or residential treatment programs.</p> <p>Substance Abuse This includes homeless shelter residents, homeless students, youth homeless, and those experiencing homelessness who are in residential treatment facilities, residential treatment centers, or residential treatment programs.</p>	<p>If you are in need of resources but don't know where to look, PA 211 (http://www.pa211.org/) is a great place to start.</p> <p>From help with a utility bill to housing assistance, after-school programs for kids, and more, you can dial 211 or text your zip code to 898-211 to talk with a resource specialist for free.</p> <p>The specialists will listen to your needs, and give you information on programs in your community that might be able to help.</p> <p>You can also download the Finding Your Way in PA App or check out the website: https://findyourwayinpa.com/</p>

Look for information coming home with your student about a food drive being held from 11/11 - 11/17. Each grade has been assigned a specific category to donate. The class with the most

donations wins a donut party!!

RED is the color for homelessness. We are asking that everyone wear **RED** on Friday, 11/17 to show your support.

The National Day of Giving is on 11/28. KCSD will be recognizing the National Day of Giving on 11/22. Look for information from our school on how our school plans to give to [Sleep in Heavenly Peace](#). Sleep in Heavenly Peace helps build beds for students in need. Each school will either be collecting monetary donations or donations of pillows and bedding supplies. Please help them ensure that **NO KID SLEEPS ON THE FLOOR IN OUR TOWN!**®.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance a priority at KCSD!

Help us reach our Attendance Goal of 94.1%.

For the month of October, our students showed up 93.1% of the time.

Remember: 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.

Wildcats on the Prowl: AttendanceMatters Now!

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
VVattendance@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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

In one school year

When a student misses 2 days a month, they will **MISS**

20 DAYS A YEAR

30 DAYS OF MATH

60 DAYS OF ELA



& OVER 1 YEAR OF SCHOOL BY GRADUATION

It's never too late to improve attendance!



- Going to school more often will make a difference
- Attendance habits will follow your student into work & life.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

School & future success starts with **GOOD ATTENDANCE!!**

How parents can help?



Make sure your student is at school **on time, every day**

Have conversations with your student.

Attending school **DOES** make a difference!



Schedule appointments outside of the school day, if possible.

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!

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 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.

Interoception - A Fancy Name for the Signals Your Body is Sending to You

We've always heard that if we listen to our five senses (vision, hearing, taste, smell and touch) it will help us to understand a situation more fully. Interoception is the name given to listening to another sense - the sense of signals that come from inside your body (heart beat, breathing, the feeling in your stomach, ringing ears and more). The key with body signals is that they can mean different things for different people. [This article](#) opens our eyes to awareness of what our body is trying to tell us and encourages us to listen. It's challenging as an adult to try to figure out what a child's interoception is trying to tell them, and sometimes even the child (or adult) has difficulty understanding what this sense is trying to tell them.



What is Interoception and Why is it Important?

What is the word for the sense of signals that come from inside your body, such as feeling your heart beating and your breathing, or knowing when you are hungry? This is called interoception. Interoception is one of our senses, like vision, hearing, taste, smell, and touch.

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Report to Parents Teaching Kids About Online Safety

Keep Tabs

Supervise kids' internet use, including phones, by checking profiles, activity, and posts.

Be Wary of Features

Pay attention to apps and sites that feature end-to-end encryption, direct messaging, video chats, file uploads, and user anonymity. Encourage kids to tell an adult if anyone asks them to engage in dangerous behavior.

Employ Parental Controls

Adjust privacy settings and use parental controls for online games, apps, social media platforms, and electronic devices.

Educate Your Child

Tell kids to avoid sharing personal information, photos, and videos online in public forums or with people they don't know.



Set a Good Example

Your child looks to you for guidance. Follow the same rules you set for them.

Take Action

Report suspected online enticement or sexual exploitation of a child to 911, the FBI, or the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children.

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.

Renovo 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:

Ms. Devan Everett: School Counselor, Renovo Elementary

Phone: 570-893-4900 x3656

Email: deverett@kcsd.k12.pa.us

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Check out our School website for BHS Athletics



Bucktail High School

Just another SportsHub Sites site

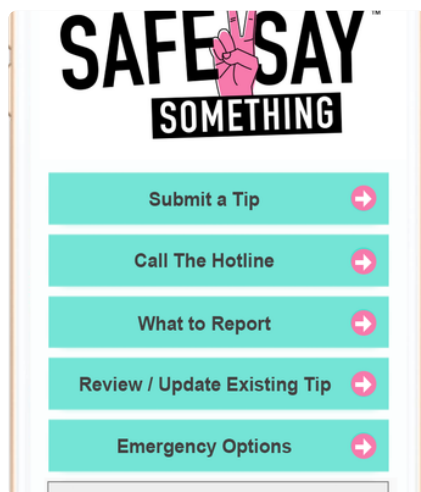
🔗 bucktailathletics.com

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

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

Keystone Central Career & Technical Center

Please use the following link to read the upcoming events and information for December/January.

<https://www.smores.com/57h4k>

Data & Performance

Upcoming Assessments

ASVAB- CMHS December 11-12 and BTHS Feb.16 (10th grade students and any 11th/12th grader who still needs a graduation pathway)

Winter Keystone Exams - Jan. 3-17 (Semester 1 Biology, Alg1 and 10th grade Literature Students)

- Jan.4-5- Literature
- Jan.8-9- Biology
- Jan.10-11- Algebra 1

Local Assessment Winter Benchmark - Jan.10-17 (K-8 Math and ELA)

Grade 11 Civics and Government End of Course Exam - Week of Jan.17-24 (Built into course)

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.

[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. 3524

Rhonda Balchun, Secretary, (570) 893-4900 ext. 3601



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