

Liberty-Curtin Elementary

Keystone Central School District



Principal Message

It is hard to believe that we are over half way through the 2023/24 school year. During February, we will mark the 100th day of school. Students recently completed winter assessments in January. We are very proud of our students' academic progress and achievement so far this school year. Keep up the good work LC!

Our student behavior has been outstanding and we will be reward students with an extra treat tomorrow at our monthly PBIS Assembly. In February, we have a lot of fun and exciting things planned for students. Please check out some important dates below.

As I am sure you have observed, our new building project is in full swing. Below is important information that has been sent home concerning a new traffic pattern starting on Monday, February 5th. Please be patient throughout this process as we navigate through this construction project. We strive to make LC the place to be!!

Important Update - New Traffic Pattern for Arrival and Dismissal

Dear Liberty-Curtin Families,

I hope this message finds you well. We want to inform you about an upcoming change in our school's arrival and dismissal procedures due to the construction of our new school building.

Beginning Monday, February 5, 2024, a new traffic pattern will be implemented to ensure the safety and efficiency of the arrival and dismissal process. Our existing bus loop / parent pick-up area will be fenced off during construction. Our existing staff lot will now serve as our arrival/dismissal lot, parking for visitors, and a playground area during the school day. Our staff will begin to park in a new temporary parking lot on the side of the building. Please review the attached diagram of our new procedures. We encourage all families to take the following steps to ensure a smooth process:

1. If possible, have your student ride the bus to and from school to limit car traffic in our condensed lot.
2. Wait until after 2:25 to arrive for "parent pick-up" at dismissal time. This will allow the buses to have adequate space to maneuver in the lot. All traffic on the lane entering the school lot should remain as far to the right as possible. This will allow space for a bus to enter or exit. Please do not park "double wide" or block traffic.

We understand that changes can be challenging, and we appreciate your cooperation during this transition. Patience will be crucial as we adapt to the new procedures. We anticipate some initial adjustments, and we kindly ask for your understanding and support during this period.

Our top priority remains the safety of our students, and we believe that these changes will contribute to an improved and secure environment for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to your continued support as we work together to enhance our school facilities. If you have any questions, please feel free to the school at (570) 893-4900 extension 2501.

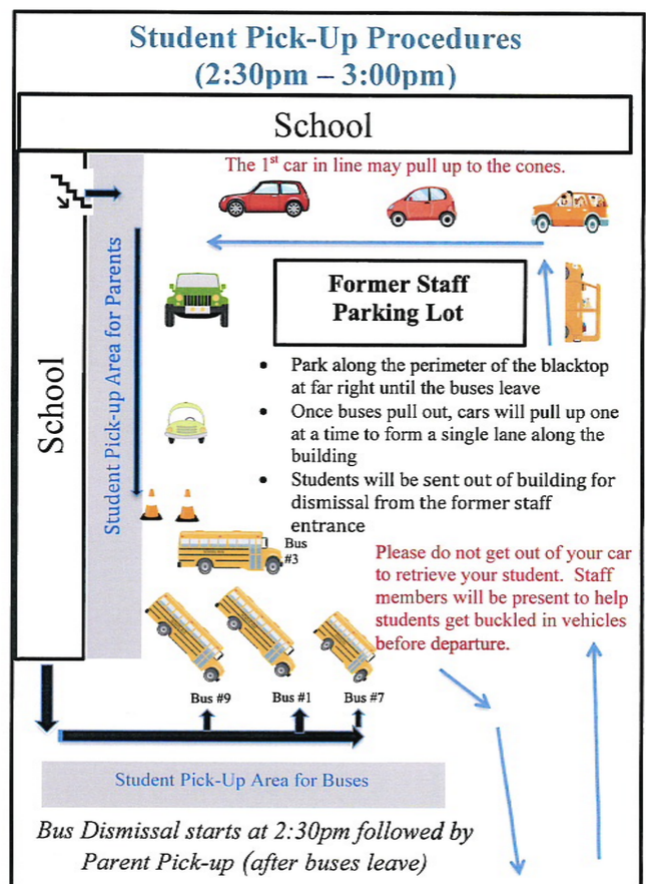
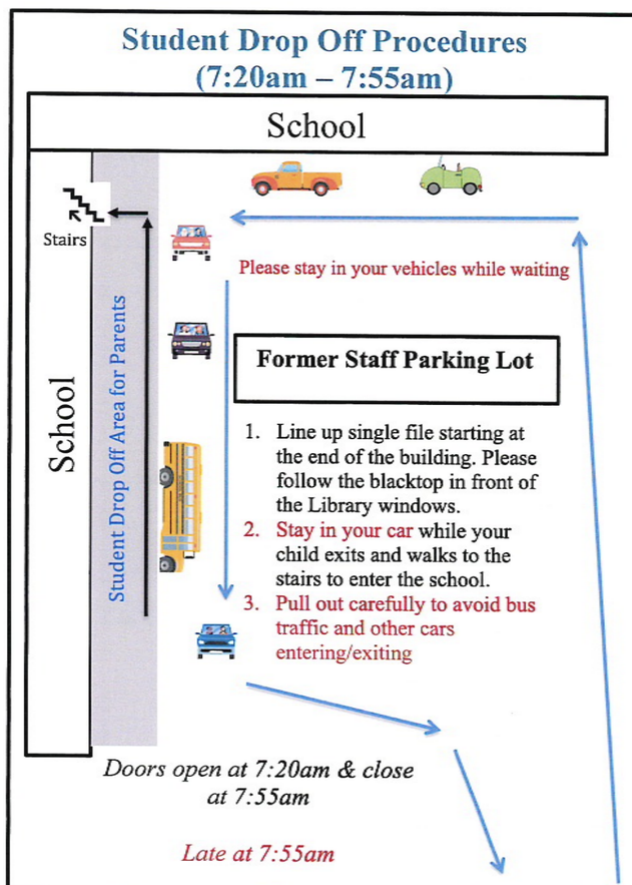
Sincerely,



Brett Umbenhouer

Principal

Liberty-Curtin Drop Off and Dismissal Procedures 2024



Upcoming Activities

February 1 - Kindness Squad presenting @ KCSD School Board Meeting - 6:30pm

February 2 - PBIS Monthly Data Assembly for students

February 8 - Report Card Distribution

February 12 - 100th day of school

February 13 - Science Fair - 5:30-6:30 (*more info to come*)

February 13 - PTO Meeting - 6:30pm (*following the Science Fair*)

February 14 - Valentine's Day Parties (*info to be shared by the classroom teacher*)

February 19 - President's Day - **No School**

February 20-23 - Bookfair (*all proceeds go to purchasing books for our library*)

February 20 & 21 - Kindergarten Registration - 3:30-6:30 (*info below*)

February 22 - Family Engagement Night / Book Fair Night - 5:00-6:00pm (*more info to come*)

February 28 - PBIS Reward for students

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

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.

Title I funds follow the students. When our students attend a nonpublic school, our school funds are allocated on a per pupil basis to the nonpublic school to support any students who have an academic need who would have attended a KCSD school. We work with our nonpublic schools to help support our students, because no matter where they attend, students who reside within the boundaries of KCSD are our students.

Title II funds are designed to support the teachers. We use Title II funds for professional development in areas such as mathematics, English/Language Arts, and social-emotional learning.

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

Kindergarten Registration time is here!! Call to schedule your registration appointment today!

KINDERGARTEN



REGISTRATION IS COMING!

| | | |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------|
| February 13 | Woodward | 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm |
| February 15 | Woodward | 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm |
| February 20 | Liberty Curtin | 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm |
| February 21 | Liberty Curtin | 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm |
| February 27 | Mill Hall | 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm |
| February 28 | Mill Hall | 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm |
| March 5 | Robb | 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm |
| March 6 | Robb | 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm |
| March 7 | Robb | 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm |
| March 13 | Renovo | 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm |
| March 14 | Renovo | 3:30 pm - 6:30 pm |

Call (570)893-4900 to schedule your appointment TODAY!!

Renovo Elementary ext. 3601
Woodward Elementary ext 3101
Liberty-Curtin Elementary ext 2501
Mill Hall Elementary ext 2910
Robb Elementary ext 2701



You can get started by completing the online registration piece today!

Please note that online registration involves two parts. When completing the first part of the online registration, you will be asked to provide an email address. An email will be sent to the address you provide and a link will be sent for you to complete the second part of registration. Please make sure to complete both parts.

#KeystoneCares - Family Engagement Month

KEYSTONE CARES: EMPHASIS ON FAMILY February 2024

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 Tomorrow is Groundhogs Day! Will Punxsutawney Phil see his shadow? | 2 Groundhogs Day- KCSO Varsity Boys' Basketball play Sellersville at home at 7:30 p.m. Go cheer on the Wildcats! | 3 50% off all clothing and shoes at the Salvation Army |
| 4 \$3.00 per game, per person, and \$2.50 shoe rentals at Clinton Lane from 1pm-6pm. Family Bowling night! | 5 Check out the KCSO Facebook page today through Friday for a daily family game giveaway! | 6 LEGO Club at the Ross Library Guild Room from 4-5. Legos provided. Just bring your imagination! | 7 Today is National Send a Card to a Friend Day! Make a Valentine for your best friend! | 8 Movie Night showing "Turning Red" at the Friendship Library in Beech Creek from 5-7 | 9 Bucktail Varsity Girls' Basketball Team plays Montgomery at home at 7:30 p.m. Go cheer on the Lady Bucks! | 10 Community Bed Build with Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Families and kids are welcome. Make a difference and sign the QR code at the bottom of the calendar! |
| 11 SUPERBOWL SUNDAY! Watch the big game as a family! | 12 It's the 100th day of school! Can you believe it? | 13 KCSO Varsity Girls' Basketball play Williamsport at home at 7:30 p.m. Go cheer on the Lady Wildcats! | 14 Happy Valentine's Day! Tell your family how much you love them! | 15 Bucktail Varsity Boys' Basketball play Curwensville at home at 7:30 p.m. Go cheer on the Bucks! | 16 Open Community Swim at the River Valley Regional YMCA (Lock Haven) from 4:00-8:00 | 17 50% off all clothing and shoes at the Salvation Army |
| 18 No school tomorrow! Make a fort and have a living room camp out! | 19 -President's Day- No School! What a perfect day to play a game as a family | 20 1 free kid's meal with purchase of 1 adult entrée at Ruby Tuesdays! *After 5:00 p.m.* | 21 Stop by It Is What It Is Sweet Shop- Get a unique and delicious treat! | 22 Movie Night Showing "Mufasa" at the Friendship Library in Beech Creek from 5-7 | 23 Open Rockwall Climb at River Valley Regional YMCA (Lock Haven) from 6:00-8:00 | 24 Sweetheart Dance - Candy Land Themed At CMHS from 6-8. Tickets can be purchased at the Life Center and Avenue 200. |
| 25 SUNDAY FUNDAY! Is there snow on the ground? If so, build a snowman, go sledding, make a snow angel! | 26 Today is National Set A Good Example Day. How can you be a good example and make a difference? | 27 LEGO Club at the Ross Library Guild Room from 4-5. Legos provided. Just bring your imagination! | 28 Is the sun shining? Take a family walk on the dike! | 29 It's Leap Year! We won't see this day again for 4 more years! | | |

The Clinton County Housing Coalition presents...

9th Annual

Sweetheart Dance

Candyland

WHEN: February 24, 2024 from 6:00pm - 8:00pm

WHERE: Central Mountain Middle School
200 Ben Ave., Mill Hall, PA, 17751

TICKETS: \$40 per couple; \$10 each additional person

Pick up your tickets at these locations:

Life Center
330 E. Main St.
Lock Haven, PA, 17745

Avenue 200
209 Bellefonte Ave.
Lock Haven, PA, 17745

Proceeds benefit the Life Center and Merit House Homeless Shelters

Follow us on Facebook @ Sweetheart Dance Lock Haven

LIVE UNITED
Central Mountain Middle School

*Not a Keystone Central School District Sponsored Event

All families are encouraged to participate in the daily activities listed on the Family Calendar put together by the Clinton County Children and Youth.

We'd love to see your participation! During the week of February 5th, each person who shares their photo of the daily activity being completed and get entered to win a family game!

On February 24th, the Clinton County Housing Coalition is hosting The Sweetheart Dance. All proceeds benefit the Life Center and Merit House Homeless Shelters.

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
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

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

+ 1 YR & 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

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!



National School Counseling Week



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, school counselors are employed in public and private schools to help students reach their full potential; and

WHEREAS, school counselors are actively committed to helping students explore their abilities, strengths, interests, and talents as these traits relate to career awareness and development; and

WHEREAS, school counselors help parents focus on ways to further the educational, personal and social growth of their children; and

WHEREAS, school counselors work with teachers and other educators to help students explore their potential and set realistic goals for themselves; and

WHEREAS, school counselors seek to identify and utilize community resources that can enhance and complement comprehensive school counseling programs and help students become productive members of society; and

WHEREAS, comprehensive developmental school counseling programs are considered an integral part of the educational process that enables all students to achieve success in school;

Therefore, I, Christina Manning **do hereby proclaim February 5-9, 2024, as National School Counseling Week.**

Your school counselor is here to help! Please reach out to Mrs. Owens with any concerns you may have.

bowens@kcsd.us or 570-893-4900 ext. 2521.

Healthy Mind, Healthy Home, Healthy YOU!



Report to Parents

Social Media Safety Tips for Kids

Be Cyber Safe

Ask kids what they saw on social media, how they understand what was posted, and how they would respond to various situations they might encounter online.

Limit Social Media Use

Limit social media use on platforms that include counts of likes or encourage excessive use. Use screen time settings to help your child set limits and learn self-control.

Stay Connected

Link your account to theirs to monitor their use. Explain that posts and messages aren't private and often are permanent, which could affect them now and in the future.

Watch for Problems

If you are concerned your child is dependent on social media, consider limiting access. If you think your child is experiencing psychological harm, talk to a mental health professional.

naesp National Association of
Elementary School
Principals

Sources: American Psychological Association
and Social Media Safety

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.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Check out our School websites for CMHS Athletics or BHS Athletics



Central Mountain High School

Just another SportsHub Sites site

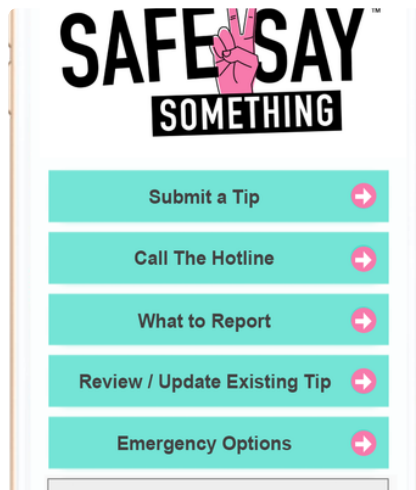
🔗 centralmountainathletics.com

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

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 |

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/c0k6z>

Data & Performance

Upcoming Assessments

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

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.

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

Mill Hall Elementary School Contact Information

Elementary Principal: Mr. Brett Umbenhouer - bumbenhouer@kcsd.k12.pa.us

School Counselor: Mrs. Bonnie Owens - bowens@kcsd.k12.pa.us

School Secretary: Mrs. Wendy Zimmerman - wzimmerman@kcsd.k12.pa.us

School Phone: 570-893-4900 ext. 2501



Keystone Central School District

Respect for Yesterday * Pride in Today * Plans for Tomorrow