

# Mill Hall Elementary

Keystone Central School District



## Dr. Breon's Principal Message

It is hard to imagine, but the 2023-24 school year is halfway through! It is such an honor to watch our students grow each and every day. Reports for the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) for the '22-'23 school year have demonstrated student growth in every category, which is quite an achievement.

Our Office Discipline Referral averages have decreased from 5.44 per day in October to 2.46 per day in December. The number of Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS) points earned in January were the second highest for the school year. Our staff at MHE is so very proud of our students!

Some additional highlights from December are that friends and families were blown away by the sweet voices of our students at the Mill Hall Elementary Annual Winter Concert in the beginning of December. We were also blessed to be able to take every student to the Roxy Theater in December to see **The Grinch**, thanks to our Parent Teacher Organization. Each student was treated to a drink and a popcorn as they were mesmerized by the big screen. Our students were also treated by a special visit by Santa before the winter break as they enjoyed a pajama and movie day as their monthly PBIS Reward.

Despite the need for so many Remote Instructional Days in January, our students continued to do great things. Guests from the Wayne Township Recycling Center taught the students and staff about recycling during a school-wide assembly. They were able to shop at our WOWMart school store. While some students used their points to buy toys, some purchased coupons for special opportunities, and others chose to save their points for another time. In celebration of the 2024 Winter Olympics, our January PBIS monthly reward provided our students the opportunity to participate in such events as an Olympic Torch Relay, Ski Jumping, Figure Skating, The Luge, and more. There were many smiles and hopefully the students will be able to make these connections to future Winter Olympics.

Finally on January 31st, our students were able to provide Dr. Martin with a celebratory parade through the halls to commemorate her retirement as the Superintendent of the KCSD.

While we await the early spring as forecasted by Punxsutawney Phil. we look forward to continuing to watch our students at Mill Hall Elementary blossom!

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**4th Grade Students Being Greeted by The Grinch at the Roxy**



**1st Grade Students Getting Ready for the Movie**



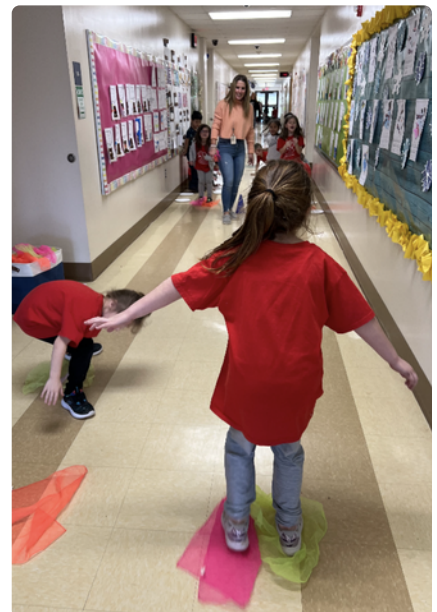
**Ms. Jarrett's Class with Santa**



**MHE Students Learning About Recycling**



**Wishing Dr. Martin a Very Happy Retirement**



**Olympic Skating at MHE**



**February 8- Elementary Report Cards will be sent home**

**February 12- 100th Day of School for Students**

**February 14- Valentine's Day**

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

**February 21- Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) Meeting at 6:30 in the Library**

**February 27 & 28: Kindergarten Registration**

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## **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](mailto: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](mailto: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](#)

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## Family Connections

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**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.*

## Kindergarten Registration 2024-2025

Call for an Appointment 570-893-4900 Ext 2910

You can get started by completing the online registration: Here is the link

<https://sis.kcsd.k12.pa.us/public/formbuilder/form.html?formid=145020>

## #KeystoneCares - Family Engagement Month

### KEYSTONE CARES: EMPHASIS ON FAMILY February 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Tomorrow is Groundhogs Day! Will Phil see his shadow?	2 "Groundhogs Day" KCSO Varsity Boys' Basketball play Sellinggrove at home at 7:30 p.m. Go cheer on the Lady Buckles!	3 50% off all clothing and shoes at the Salvation Army
4 \$3.50 per game, per person, and \$2.00 shoe rentals at Clinton Lanes from 1pm-5pm. Family Bowling night!	5 Check out the KCSO Facebook page today through Friday for a daily family game giveaway!	6 LEGO Club at the Rose Library Gould 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 play at home at 7:30 p.m. Go cheer on the Lady Buckles!	10 Community Red Bull with Sleep to Heavenly Peace. Families and kids to win difference and sign-up via 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 Buckles!	14 Happy Valentine's Day! Tell your family how much you love them!	15 Bucktail Varsity Boys' Basketball play Cucumberville at home at 7:30 p.m. Go cheer on the Lady Buckles!	16 Open Community Swim at the River Valley Regional YMCA (Lock Haven) from 4:00-6:00	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 Tuesday's! *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 "Maleficent" at the Friendship Library in Beech Creek from 5-7	23 Open Rockwell Climbs at River Valley Regional YMCA (Lock Haven) from 6:00-8:00	24 Sweetheart Dance - Candy Land Theme! At CHHS from 6-8. Tickets can be purchased at the Life Center and Avenue 209.
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 Rose Library Gould 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 209  
309 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  
United Way

\*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%.

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  
VWAttendance@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](https://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!



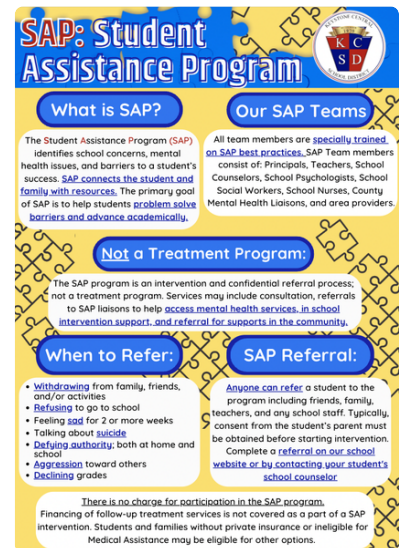
Schedule appointments outside of the school day, if possible.



# Counseling Connection

## 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!



## 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.

## A Note from Our School Counselor

Mrs. Smith has been working with all students to teach the Child Protective Unit lessons. Each lesson, students learn how to keep themselves safe. The students have been doing such a wonderful job with the lessons so far! If you want to see how well they're remembering the lessons, ask them about the 3 ways to stay safe (the 3 Rs). Every lesson, we talk about the 3 Rs, which are recognize, refuse, and report.

- Recognize: Is this safe?
- Refuse: Say words that mean no or walk away.
- Report: Tell a trusted adult what happened.

Please reach out to Mrs. Smith with any concerns you may have.

[bsmith@kcsd.us](mailto:bsmith@kcsd.us) or 570-893-4900 ext. 2969.

## Healthy Mind, Healthy Home, Healthy YOU!



### Report to Parents

## Social Media Safety Tips for Kids

<b>Be Cyber Safe</b>	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.
<b>Limit Social Media Use</b>	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.
<b>Stay Connected</b>	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.
<b>Watch for Problems</b>	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**<sup>®</sup> 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-32e72bfe>  
[enace@kcsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:enace@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.

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## ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Check out our School websites for CMHS Athletics



Central Mountain High School

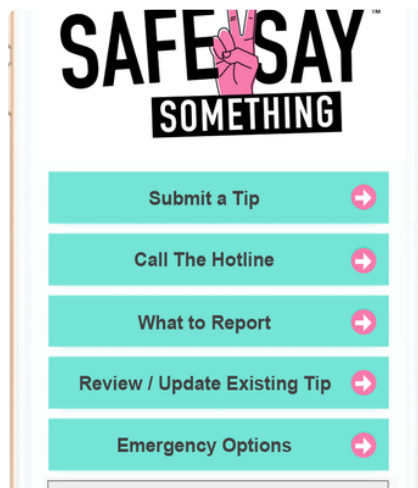


## Safety & Security



### Safety & Security

[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

	<b>Mill Hall Elem. (K-4)</b> <b>Liberty-Curtin Elem. (K-4)</b> <b>Robb Elem. (K-4)</b> <b>Renovo Elem. (K-6)</b> <b>Woodward Elem. (K-4)</b>	<b>Central Mountain</b> <b>Middle School (5-8)</b>	<b>Bucktail High School (7-12)</b> <b>Central Mountain High School (9-12)</b>
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: Dr. Breon- [abreon@kcsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:abreon@kcsd.k12.pa.us)  
School Counselor: Mrs. Smith- [bsmith@kcsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:bsmith@kcsd.k12.pa.us)  
School Secretary: Mrs. Collins- [gcollins@kcsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:gcollins@kcsd.k12.pa.us)  
School Phone: 570-893-2900 ext. 2910



## Keystone Central School District

Respect for Yesterday \* Pride in Today \* Plans for Tomorrow