

Liberty-Curtin Elementary

Keystone Central School District

Message From the Principal

February was a month filled with exciting activities and we are thrilled to share some highlights with you. Our Family Night/Book Fair was a fantastic evening, where families could grab a game to take home to play together that reinforced skills taught at school. Families were also able to shop at our Book Fair. We extend a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported it. Your purchases will help fund new library books, benefiting all our students and enhancing their reading experiences. We are truly grateful for your generosity and support. Additionally, February was also Kindergarten Registration. We had the pleasure of welcoming the students and parents of the class of 2037.



Looking ahead to March, we have exciting plans in store. From March 4th through the 7th, we will celebrate Read Across America Week. Each day, will feature themed days for students to enjoy and participate in. We are also thrilled to announce a special basketball-themed reward, with guest appearances from members of the Central Mountain High School boys basketball team! This promises to be a fun-filled and inspiring end of the month reward.

We look forward to the many enriching experiences March will bring. Please check out some important dates and other exciting activities happening this month.

Upcoming Activities

March 4-7 - Read Across America Week - *see daily themes below*

March 8 - Act 80 Day - No school for students

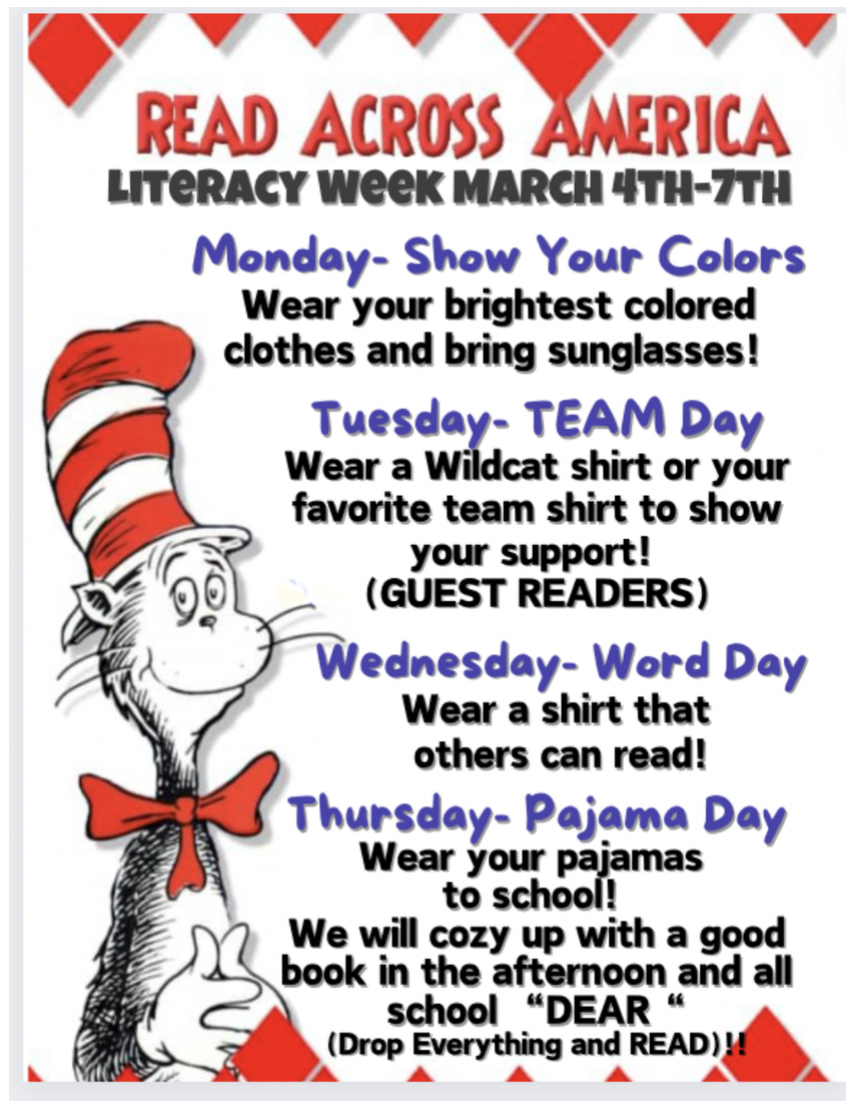
March 11 - In-Service Day (AM Senior Projects/Parent Conferences) - No school for students

March 12 - PTO Meeting - 6:00

Mar 27 - PBIS Monthly Reward for students

March 28 - 3 hr. Early Dismissal (PM In-Service)

March 29 - April 1 - Spring Break



Messages and Updates through Class Dojo

KCSD has 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
- 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.

Winter Federal Programs Updates

On February 8, 2024 we held a Stakeholder Committee meeting to review the following information:

1. Federal fund usage requires transparency and stakeholder input
2. We shared-
 1. How we monitor important aspects of our staffing and use of funds
 2. How we use data to determine needs and how the funds are used to address needs
 3. How we are preparing to write the 2024-2025 grants and are seeking your input

We are always looking for community members who want to be involved in reviewing our data and our plans and want to have input. If you are interested in joining our team, [please complete this form to help us maintain a communication list of willing Stakeholders to turn to when we need input.](#)

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

#KeystoneCares - Music in our Schools

Music In Our Schools Month

#KeystoneCares
presents

March 2024

Make music at home
and snap a photo.

Send a photo and description to
pr@kcsd.k12.pa.us
to be highlighted on our
social media pages

Sing a solo
Sing with a family member
Play a musical instrument

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Attendance a priority at KCSD!

Help us reach our Attendance Goal of **94.1%**.

For the month of February, our students showed up **91.2%** of the time.

As of March 1st, there are only 66 school days left. We want to see you all 66 days!!

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?

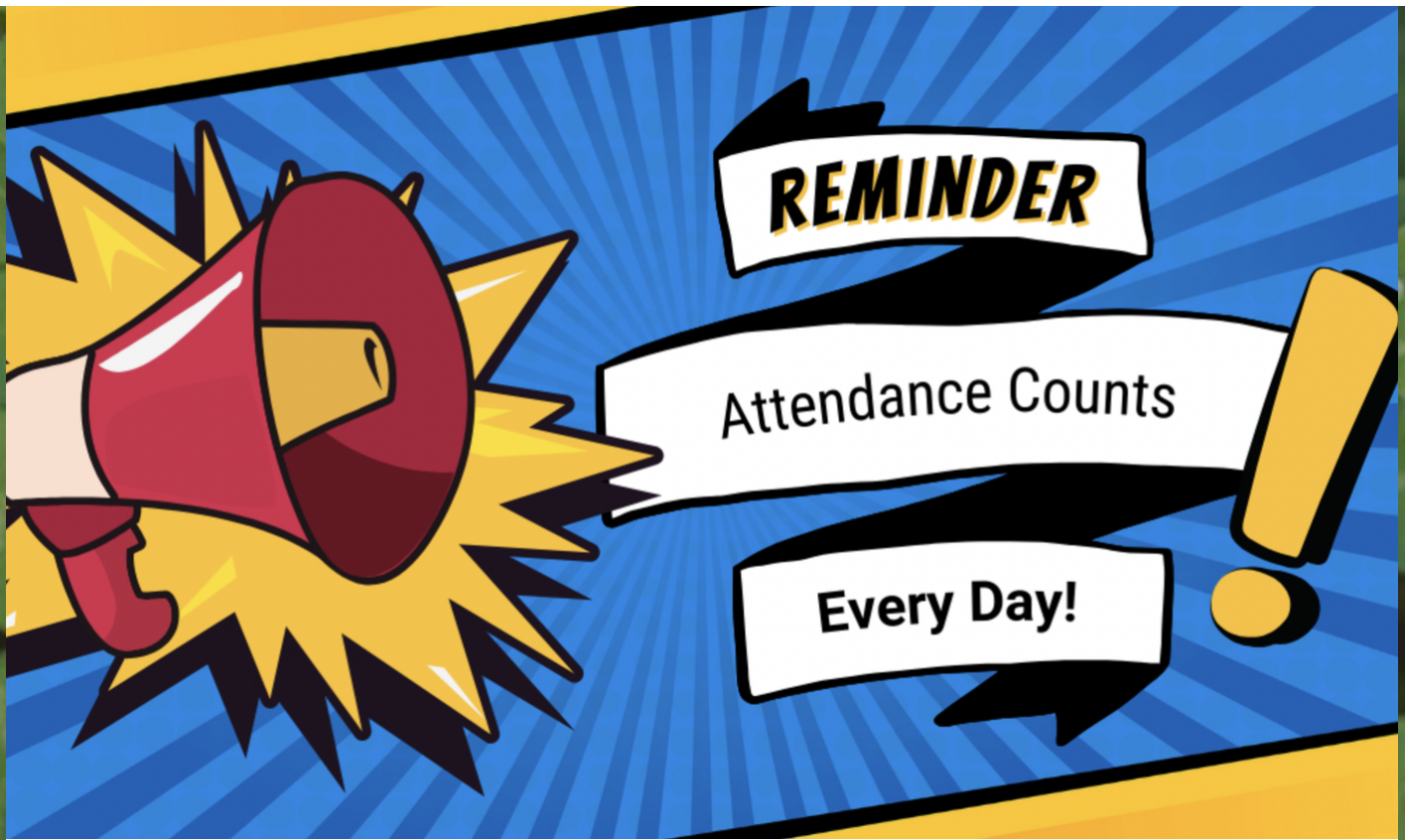
Please complete the [educational trip form](https://www.kcsd.k12.pa.us/educationaltrips) & submit it to your learner's attendance office for review & approval - this must be turned in at least 1-week in advance.

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

Reach Out TODAY:



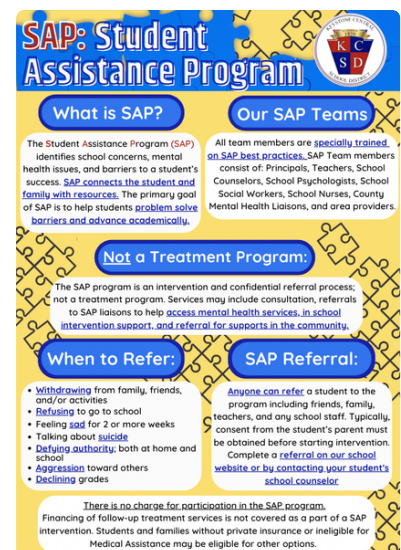
Or go to: tinyurl.com/KCSDhelp



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!



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

Healthy Mind, Healthy Home, Healthy YOU!

Report to Parents: 5 Fun Ways to Instill a Love of History in Kids

naesp National Association of
Elementary School
Principals

History tells the story of how we got to where we are today as a society—and it's chock full of lessons that inspire us to make a difference in the world around us. Use these fun ideas to help your child learn about history.



- 1. Visit a Museum or Historical Site:** Was an inspiring historical figure born in your town? Is your town known for something famous? Whatever makes your town unique, there's bound to be a museum or historical site to celebrate it.
- 2. Listen to a Kid-Friendly Podcast:** You name it, there's a podcast for it—including podcasts for budding history buffs. Ask questions about a favorite fact they learned, how it makes them feel, and why the topic interests them.
- 3. Read About Historical Figures:** Many people in history have made a lasting impact on society. Learning about them enables kids to see themselves in others, learn about different cultures, be inspired, and grow their minds.
- 4. Celebrate Your Family History:** Everyone has a story—your family included. Encourage your child to learn about your family's history and culture and share their stories, too.
- 5. Cook Up a History Lesson:** Find a recipe that is meaningful to a different country or culture. Learn about things like how the meal is prepared and presented and when the dish is traditionally served. Then, eat up!

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

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



Central Mountain High School

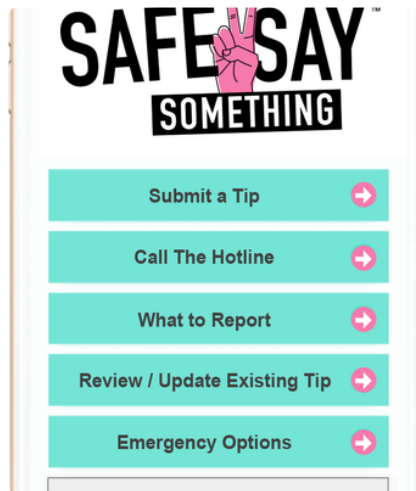
Just another SportsHub Sites site

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/3dme6>

Data & Performance

Upcoming Assessments

Save the Date for State Assessments!

Spring PSSA- All students in grades 3-8 ELA and Math, Science Grades 4 and 8

ELA: Window April 22-26

ELA District Testing April 22,23,24

Math/Science/Make ups: Window April 29-May 10

Math District Testing-April 29,30

Science District Testing- May 1,2

Spring Keystone Exams - All students enrolled in Algebra 1, Literature and Biology Keystone Trigger courses

May 13 – 24 - Spring Testing Window

May 13-14 - 10th grade Literature District Testing

May 15-16 - Biology District Testing

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. **The final Testing Window will be May 13-17.**

[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!

Most Up-to-Date Elementary Lunch Menu



Menus for March 2024

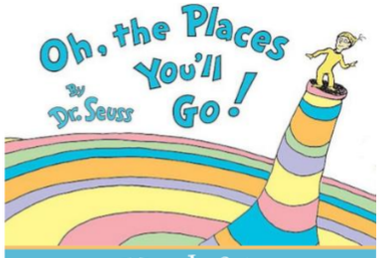
Keystone Central S. D. Elementary Lunch

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Menus are subject to change.

Friday, March 1

Regular
Macaroni & Cheese
Green Beans
Cucumbers w/ Dip
Mandarin Oranges
Milk

Alternate
Hot Dog on Roll



Oh, the Places You'll Go!
by Dr. Seuss

March 2 is
"Read Across America" Day

Monday, March 4

Regular
Chicken and Waffles
w/ Gravy
Peas & Carrots
Chilly Cucumbers w/
Dip
Perfect Peaches
Milk

Alternate
Chicken Nuggets w/
Breadstick

Tuesday, March 5

Regular
Soft Taco w/ Fixins
Salsa
Steamed Broccoli
Fabulous Fruit
Cocktail
Milk

Alternate
Chicken Nuggets w/
Breadstick

Wednesday, March 6

Regular
Mini Corn Dogs
Baked Beans
Crispy Celery w/ Dip
Pears
Milk


Alternate
Chicken Nuggets w/
Breadstick

Thursday, March 7

Regular
French Toast Sticks
w/ Egg Patty &
Sausage Patty
Smiley Potatoes
Fresh Carrots w/ Dip
Strawberry Cup
Milk

Alternate
Chicken Nuggets w/
Breadstick

Friday, March 8



Act 80 Day

No School

DON'T FORGET TO
**SPRING
FORWARD**
ON MARCH 10!



Monday, March 11

**In-Service Day
No School**



Our teachers are
busy sharpening
their skills for you!

Tuesday, March 12

Regular
Chicken Noodle
Soup
Colby Jack Cheese
Stick & Breadstick
Super Salad w/
Dressing
Mixed Vegetables
Pineapple

Alternate
Cheese Pizza

Wednesday, March 13

Regular
Cheese Steak
Sandwich (NEW)
Gorgeous Green
Beans
Cinnamon Sugar
Roasted Chick Peas
Peaches
Milk

Alternate
Cheese Pizza

Thursday, March 14


Regular
Chicken Caesar Salad
w/ Dressing
Shamrock Pretzel
Cheery Cherry
Tomatoes
Bananas and
Oranges
Milk

Alternate
Cheese Pizza

Friday, March 15


Regular
Hamburger on Roll
Baked French Fries
Courageous Carrots
w/Dip
Pears
Milk

Alternate
Cheese Pizza




NUTRITION TOGO

What's the skinny on potatoes? EAT THE SKIN! Ounce for ounce, the skin contains more fiber, iron, calcium, and many other vitamins and minerals than the meat of the spud. The potato is the world's most widely eaten vegetable. Idaho produces a third of all U.S. potatoes - about thirteen billion pounds a year!



A TASTY MORSEL FOR PARENTS

**MARCH IS
NATIONAL
NUTRITION
MONTH**



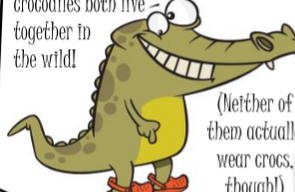
**WHEN YOU
EAT WELL,
YOU CAN
LEARN WELL.**

**Word
of the
Month**
dauntless

adj. 1. incapable of being discouraged or intimidated 2. brave 3. fearless <a dauntless fighter against corruption>

1 AND ONLY!

The Everglades in South Florida is the only place in the world where alligators and crocodiles both live together in the wild!



(Neither of them actually wear crocs, though!)

ST. PATRICK'S DAY



MARCH 17
Follow a Rainbow to a Pot o' Gold!

Monday, March 18

Regular
Sweet & Sour
Chicken w/ Rice
Steamed Broccoli
Fresh Green Peppers
w/Dip
Strawberry Cup
Milk

Alternate
Chicken Nuggets w/
Breadstick

Tuesday, March 19

Regular
Meatloaf w/ Gravy
Whipped Potatoes
w/ Gravy
Soft Pretzel
Gorgeous Green
Beans
Mandarin Oranges
Milk

Alternate
Chicken Nuggets w/
Breadstick

Wednesday, March 20

Regular
Toasted Cheese
Sandwich
Tomato Soup
Fresh Broccoli & Dip
Fantastic Fruit
Cocktail
Milk

Alternate
Chicken Nuggets w/
Breadstick

Thursday, March 21

Regular
Boneless Chicken
Wings w/ Goldfish
Crackers (NEW)
Scrumptious Sweet
Potato Fries
Brave Baked Beans
Blueberries &
Bananas
Milk

Alternate
Chicken Nuggets w/
Breadstick


Friday, March 22

Regular
Cheese Pizza
Salad w/Dressing
Marvelous Mixed
Vegetables
Pears and Pineapple
Milk

Alternate
Chicken Nuggets w/
Breadstick

OFF THE CLOCK.

A clock can't always tell you when it's time for breakfast! Eat at home, before you start your day. Or eat when you get where you're going. Or eat something mid-morning. Research even suggests kids learn and feel better when they eat TWO smaller healthy breakfasts.



EAT BETTER. PLAY HARDER. LIVE HEALTHIER. LEARN EASIER.
WELLNESS IS A WAY OF LIFE!

Monday, March 25

Regular
KC Bowl
Breadstick
Wild Whipped
Potatoes
Golden Corn
Peaches
Milk

Alternate
Hot Dog on Roll

Tuesday, March 26

Regular
Ranch Chicken Wrap
(NEW)
Crazy Carrots
Three Bean Salad
Apple Slices
Milk

Alternate
Hot Dog on Roll

Wednesday, March 27

Regular
Macaroni & Cheese
Gorgeous Green
Beans
Cucumber Salad
Pears
Milk

Alternate
Hot Dog on Roll

Thursday, March 28

Early Dismissal
Regular
Fish Sticks (NEW)
Sweet Potato Fries
Salad w/ Dressing
Fruit Cocktail
Milk

Alternate
Hot Dog on Roll

Friday, March 29

Spring Break



No School Today

SPRING BREAK!

Break begins at the end of classes:
March 28

Classes resume:
April 2

School Contact Information

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

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



Keystone Central School District

Respect for Yesterday * Pride in Today * Plans for Tomorrow