

# Liberty-Curtin Elementary

Keystone Central School District

## Message From the Principal

March was packed with many exciting events and lots of learning. One of the exciting activities was our March PBIS Reward. Students showed-off their basketball talents during a March Madness style tournament complete with cheerleaders from Central Mountain High School and a little help from the Central Mountain boys basketball team. It was a great event for both staff and students.



[Check out this article from Clinton County Sports about the event!](#) #LCistheplacetobe

It is hard to believe we are three-quarters of the way through the 2023-2024 school year. The last marking period is filled with many exciting events and activities for students and families. Including a Spring Dance on April 5 and our annual PTO fundraiser, LC Laps on April 18. Check out some of the other important activities happening throughout the month of April.



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## Upcoming Activities and Important Dates

**March 29-April 1** - Spring Break - No School

**April 2** - PBIS Monthly Assembly for students

**April 2** - Ultimate Sub Fundraiser - Hoagie Pick-up - 4:30-6:00 at LC Parking lot

**April 3** - Paraprofessional Day

**April 3** - 4th grade Blue Bird box construction

**April 5** - Spring Pictures

**April 5** - School Dance - 6:00-7:30 - *information below*

**April 8** - Solar Eclipse - *information below*

**April 8** - Yearbook ordering deadline - *information below*

**April 9** - PTO Meeting - 6:00

**April 12** - Fair Queen Assembly for students

**April 12** - Report Card Distribution

**April 18** - LC Laps (Rain date April 19) @ Blanchard Church of Christ - *information below*

**April 24** - Secretary Day

**April 22-24** - PSSA - ELA - 3rd and 4th grades

**April 26** - PBIS Reward for students

**April 29-30** - PSSA Math - 3rd and 4th grades

**May 1-2** - PSSA Science - 4th grade

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## Spring School Dance



**SAVE THE DATE**

**LIBERTY-CURTIN  
SPRING  
SCHOOL**

*Dance*

**FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH**

**Time: 6:00pm to 7:30pm**

**ADMISSION FEE:  
\$5.00  
INCLUDES  
SNACK AND  
DRINK**

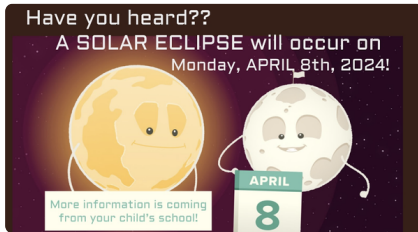
**AVAILABLE FOR  
PURCHASE:  
COOKIE  
DECORATING  
\$1.00**

All proceeds will go towards funding our PBIS School Store

The poster features a decorative border of various flowers and greenery. The text is centered and uses a mix of bold, sans-serif fonts and elegant script for the word 'Dance'. The color palette includes shades of purple, pink, green, and brown.

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# Solar Eclipse



## Solar Eclipse

On MONDAY April 8, 2024, a total solar eclipse will cross North America, passing over Mexico, United States, and Canada. We are lucky enough to be in the path of near totality (approx 95%) - which means, our area will experience a somewhat darker effect as the moon passes between the sun and earth.



## Eye Safety

Eye safety is very important during the SOLAR ECLIPSE. All students will receive solar eclipse glasses from the school.

“The difference between looking at the solar eclipse and the sun is that when people look at the sun under normal conditions, natural reflexes prevent them from looking at it long enough to cause serious damage. But when the sun is eclipsed, people can look at it without immediately being blinded.”

\*\*Intensity of the sun is not different during a solar eclipse. Staring at the sun will cause damage to your eyes.



## Solar Eclipse at LC

On Monday, April 8th, we will have a regular day of school. At approximately 2:15 students will go outside to view the start of the solar eclipse with their teachers and classmates. Students will be provided solar eclipse glasses. Students will dismiss at regular time.

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## Yearbook Orders - due by April 8th

# YEARBOOKS ON SALE!



« Order Your  
**YEARBOOK**  
*Today!* »

## Liberty-Curtin Elementary School

Cash and Check Orders Are Due By: **Monday, April 08, 2024**

*Los pedidos en efectivo y con cheque vencen antes de: lunes, 8 de abril, 2024*

Online Ordering Available Until: **Monday, April 08, 2024**

*Ordenar en línea termina el: lunes, 8 de abril, 2024*

Yearbook Options: <i>Opciones del anuario:</i>	
Softcover Yearbook.....	\$19.50

Add Student's Name ..... \$3.00

Add Student's Name AND Photo ..... \$5.00

Opportunity for Personalization ends 04-08-2024

To order visit: [inter-state.com/order](http://inter-state.com/order) and enter this code: **82174B**

Or return envelope with cash, check, or money order payable to: Liberty-Curtin PTO

*Para ordenar visite: [inter-state.com/order](http://inter-state.com/order) e ingrese el código: **82174B***

*O regrese el sobre con efectivo, cheque o giro postal a nombre de: Liberty-Curtin PTO*

## LC Laps



LC Laps (PTO fundraiser) will be held on Thursday, April 18th in the Blanchard Church of Christ parking lot. The rain date will be April 19th. Our PTO will be sending information home about this fundraiser in the near future. Students will collect sponsors for the number of laps they can complete during their 45 minute time slot. Students and staff will be wearing LC Laps t-shirts that were designed by 4th grader, Mason Quick!! Mason was the winner of our LC Laps t-shirt design contest. Congratulations Mason! Please feel free to come and cheer on your student at their grade level specific time listed below.

4th - 7:55-8:40  
3rd - 8:40-9:25  
2nd - 9:25-10:10  
K - 10:10-10:55  
1st - 12:15-1:00

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## 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

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# Federal Programs

## Annual Notices and Policy Review

Click on the button above to access the information.

### April Federal Programs Updates

You may be contacted by your school's Policy 917/918 team to participate in our Spring committee meeting. We are required to make sure that we maintain open communication between the schools and a variety of stakeholders to review federal programs information and receive feedback. If you are interested in participating, 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.

Our original allocation for this school year for Title I was \$1,550,476. The reallocation just came out March 13, 2024, and that number was reduced to \$1,549,039.

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. Our original allocation for this school year for Title II was \$163,939. The reallocation just came out March 13, 2024, and that number was reduced to \$160,680.

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. Our original allocation was and remains \$127,334.

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

### ESL

#### **Math: Learning Together at Home**

Math is everywhere! When you measure an ingredient for a recipe, tell time, pay a bill, or look at the daily temperature, you are using math. These activities offer ideas on how to make math fun at home and start building some math skills that kids will use as they get older. [Click to learn more!](#)  
[Video](#) (Spanish Only)

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## **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 **86.2%** 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 & 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)

**REMINDER**

Attendance Counts

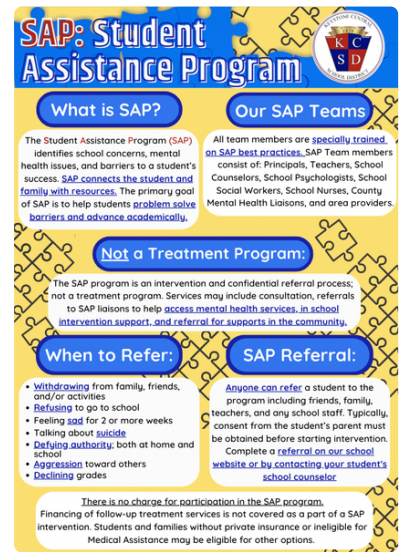
Every Day!

## 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!



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## 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](mailto:bowens@kcsd.k12.pa.us)

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Healthy Mind, Healthy Home, Healthy YOU!



# Report to Parents

## Cultivate Creativity in Children

### Prioritize Imaginative Play

Have paper, crayons, glue, and clay at home, along with toys like blocks, puzzles, or costumes.

### Limit Screen Time

Make it a family affair: Pick a time each week for the family to put away phones and tablets and work together on a creative project.

### Embrace Mistakes

Mistakes are opportunities for growth. Be patient with your child—and model patience as they learn new skills or try a new project.

### Encourage Curiosity

When your child shows natural curiosity by asking a lot of questions, embrace it! Ask “What if” questions, and encourage them to use their imagination.



### Use Community Resources

Check your library, museum, or community center for art classes or workshops to try new creative skills. Keep an eye out for poster or story contests offered by local organizations, too. Or host an art playdate with friends.



## 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.

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# ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Check out our School websites for CMHS Athletics



## Central Mountain High School

Just another SportsHub Sites site

[centralmountainathletics.com](http://centralmountainathletics.com)

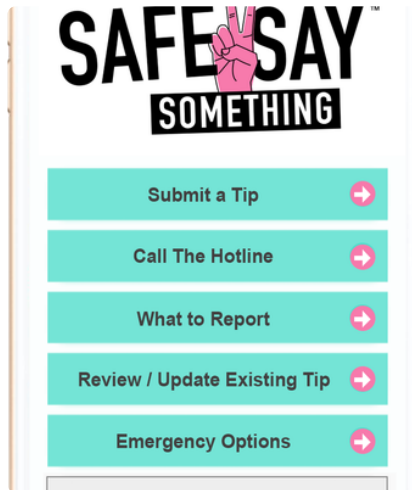
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## Safety & Security



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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.](#)

SchoolGate  
**Guardian**  
School Visitor Management System



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

# Keeping Up With Keystone

## Virtual Academy

[April 2024 Newsletter](#)

## Keystone Central Career & Technical Center

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

<https://www.smores.com/n/at9zg>

## 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**

**May 20-21 - Algebra 1 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.

[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

### School Contact Information

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

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

Bonnie Owens, School Guidance Counselor, (570) 893-4900 ext. 2521

Lisa Bolopue/Crissie Swartwood, School Nurse, (570) 893-4900 ext. 2525



