

Renovo Elementary

Keystone Central School District

Message From the Principal

March was an exciting month at Renovo Elementary. In March, we welcomed guest speakers to participate in our Career Day event. We would like to thank all our volunteers who donated their time to come to Renovo Elementary. Our students learned about many different careers. Another exciting activity was our March PBIS Reward. Students had the opportunity to show-off their basketball talents as part of the reward. March was packed with many exciting events and lots of learning.

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. Check out the list below for some of the important activities happening throughout the remainder of the school year.





Upcoming Activities

March 29-April 1 - Spring Break - No School

April 3 - PBIS Data Assembly for students

April 3 - Paraprofessional Day

April 8 - Solar Eclipse - *information below*

April 12 - Report Card Distribution

April 18 - PTO Meeting - 5:00

April 19 - Fair Queen Assembly for students

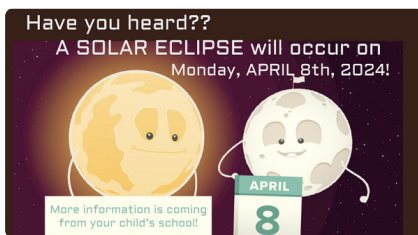
April 22-24 - PSSA - ELA - 3rd-6th grades

April 24 - Secretary Day

April 26 - PBIS Reward for students

April 29-30 - PSSA Math - 3rd-6th grades

May 1-2 - PSSA Science - 4th grade



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



Eye Safety

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



Solar Eclipse at Renovo Elementary

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

means, our area will experience a somewhat darker effect as the moon passes between the sun and earth.

“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.”

their teachers and classmates. Students will be provided solar eclipse glasses. Students will dismiss at regular time.

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

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.

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 .

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

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 \(Spanish Only\)](#)

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

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!



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.

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:

Mrs. Devan Corl: School Counselor, Renovo Elementary

Phone: 570-893-4900 x3656

Email: deverett@kcsd.k12.pa.us

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.

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Check out our School websites for BHS Athletics



Bucktail High School

Just another SportsHub Sites site

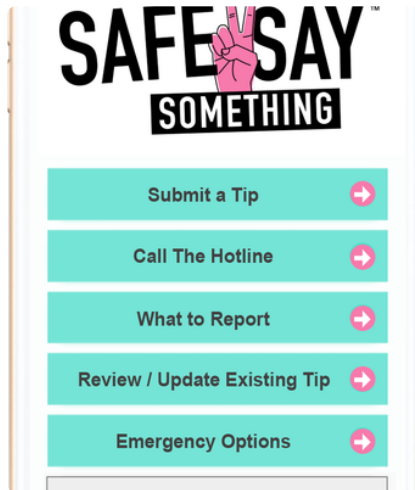
bucktailathletics.com

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.](#)

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

	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

[April 2024 Newsletter](#)

Keystone Central Career & Technical Center

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

<https://www.smore.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.

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School Contact Information

Brett Umbenhouer, Principal, (570) 893-4900 ext. 3524

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

Devan Corl, School Guidance Counselor, (570) 893-4900 ext. 3656

Caitlyn Wagner, School Nurse, (570) 893-4900 ext. 3527



