

Liberty-Curtin Elementary

Keystone Central School District

Message From the Principal

It is hard to believe the end of the 2023-24 school year is nearing an end. The month of May is filled with many exciting events and opportunities for students to make memories that will last a lifetime. This includes field trips, special guests, promotions, and celebrations. Please check out some important dates and other exciting activities happening this month.



Upcoming Activities

May 1-2 - PSSA Science

May 3 - School Lunch Hero Day (*cafeteria staff appreciation day*)

May 3 - PBIS Monthly Assembly - *for students*

May 6-10 - Teacher Appreciation Week

May 8 - School Nurse Appreciation Day

May 8 - 3rd Grade Field Trip

May 10 - 4th Grade Field Trip

May 13 - Showcase @ Blanchard Church of Christ - **4:30-6:00** - *see information below*

May 16 - LC Laps - *see information below*

May 17 - Popcorn Sales - *see information below*

May 20 - 1st Grade Field Trip

May 20 - 4th Grade "Move Up Day" @ CMMS

May 21 - Career Day - *more information to come*

May 22 - Field Day @ CMMS - *see information below*

May 23 - 2nd Grade Field Trip

May 24 - School Picnic @ Bald Eagle State Park - *see information below*

May 27 - Memorial Day - No School

May 30 - 4th Grade Promotion - *see information below*

June 3 - School Carnival

June 4 -Last Day of School - Early Dismissal / Building In-service

June 4 - Last Day of Classes for Students - 3 hr. Early Dismissal

June 4 - Central Mountain HS Graduation



Student Showcase

The Student Showcase will be held on **Monday, May 13, 2024** from **4:30-6:00** at the **Blanchard Church of Christ**. We will have student projects on display, activities for families, and much more for families to enjoy. Please save the date and look for more information coming home soon!



LC Laps - Make-up Date

LC Laps (PTO fundraiser) will be held on Thursday, May 16th in the Blanchard Church of Christ parking lot. 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



Popcorn Sales

On Friday, May 17th the PTO will have popcorn sales for students. If your child would like to purchase popcorn for this fundraiser please send .50 in with your child. Thank you for your support.



Field Day

On **Wednesday, May 22nd** we will hold our annual field day. Due to construction, we will be having field day at Central Mountain Middle School.



School Picnic

On **Friday, May 24th** we will be going to Bald Eagle State Park for our annual School Picnic. Students will be participating in activities run by Environmental Education Specialists from the park. Look for more information to come home soon.



4th Grade Promotion

Please join us on **Thursday, May 30, 2024** as we recognize and celebrate our 4th grade graduates with a promotion ceremony @ the Blanchard

Please look for more information coming home soon about this field trip and school wide activity.

Church of Christ. The ceremony will begin at **1:00pm** with doors opening at 12:30.

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.

May-June Federal Programs Updates

Each one of our schools is preparing for the end of the school year! We have surveys to send to ask for your input, and we have meetings and activities to hold to meet required expectations for Federal Programs. Please help us to meet these expectations by providing your feedback, support and input! We appreciate it!

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](#)

[School Improvement Plan](#)

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!

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, an SAP best practice. SAP Team members consist of: Principals, Teachers, School Counselors, School Psychologists, 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

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: Building Social and Emotional Skills at Home

Educators help students learn all sorts of new things, including social and emotional skills. Here are six ways you can help your child develop social and emotional skills to bridge learning from the classroom to the home.

1. Encourage connection. Over summer and during the school year, encourage your child to check in with friends and family in person, via video chat, or over text. Especially if your child tends to experience social anxiety, a little regular practice connecting with others can go a long way. After the playdate, check in with your child. These quick conversations can be a helpful learning experience for your child.

2. Think out loud. When your child hears your thinking process, it helps them understand how to cope with frustration and solve problems.

3. Read bedtime stories. This end-of-the-day routine is an ideal time for talking about feelings. Discuss the characters and events in the story. Invite your child to share their thoughts and feelings by asking questions.

4. Work together. Instead of asking your child to do a chore alone, do it with them. Together, you might fold laundry, set the table, rake leaves, or paint a room. Help them join in by shortening the handle of a broom to make it child-size or providing a paintbrush or roller.



5. Play games. Card and board games and outdoor games such as tag or hop-scotch offer built-in opportunities for helping children learn to take turns, cooperate, handle frustration, and more. While playing games, focus on fun instead of winning or losing.

6. Have fun with emojis and memes. These lighthearted images are great ways to explore feelings, emotions, and the intent behind a message (humor, anger)—and to just be silly and have fun, all while practicing social skills.

Report to Parents: Make Summer Learning a Family Affair

Create Mini Lessons

Have kids count change, write a shopping list, or calculate a recipe's measurements.

Encourage Creative Writing

Have your child keep a summer journal, write letters to family members or friends, or start a family cookbook.

Read Daily

Set aside 15 minutes a day for your family to read. Organize a summer read-a-thon with goals for each family member.

Let Them Play

Encourage kids to play matching games or solve puzzles. On a walk, look for shapes in the neighborhood buildings or hunt for letters or words around town.



Travel—Virtually

Cook a meal with recipes from a different country. Learn basic words in that country's language and find it on a map.

Learn on Trips

Stop at zoos, children's museums, or historic sites. Have your child keep a journal along the way.

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

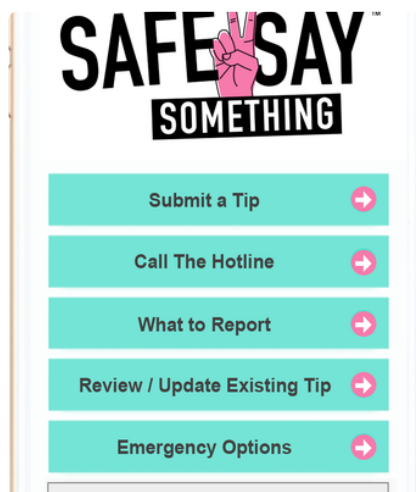
🔗 centralmountainathletics.com

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

KCSD Virtual Academy

[Did you know that KCSD has an online cyber option for students? Please visit our website to learn more about the flexibility and courses that are available to our students!!](#)

Check out our [Virtual Academy Newsletter!](#)

Keystone Central Career & Technical Center

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

<https://www.smores.com/n/3hj0c>

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. 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



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Respect for Yesterday * Pride in Today * Plans for Tomorrow