

Mill Hall Elementary

Keystone Central School District

Message From the Principal: Dr. Breon

It is hard to imagine that we are in our last month of our 2023-24 school year. I find myself repeatedly watching our students and reflecting on how much they have grown this year. It appears that some of them are physically growing inches in a week! Some continue to be model students in following our school-wide expectations, while others have greatly increased in their ability to Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respect, and Be Kind. I continually smile in seeing our students demonstrate reading, writing, and math skills that were merely goals a few short months ago. The relationships that have developed this school year will be treasures for years to come. The privilege of working with and caring for your children is embraced by the MHE staff each day. The last day of this year will truly be emotional as we close this school year.



Below are some highlights from the month of April:

- **4/3** WOWPaws Winners earned 'Hopscotch, Hoops, and Hawaiian Punch' with the principal.
- **4/5** Since March was a high month for office discipline referrals(ODRs), the PBIS Team offered students who did not get a ODR the chance to earn daily ticket entries to slime the staff. A large number of our staff offered to be chosen by the students drawn to be slimed. It was a very rewarding time. (These tickets have also been used for mini-special activities with Mr. Kody throughout the month.)
- **4/12** An assembly was held to introduce our students to the Clinton County Fair. The Fair Queen and Princess shared with our students all the fun and engaging activities that can be enjoyed at the fair. In addition, our students were invited to submit projects for our MHE Student Showcase (May 10th). These same projects can be entered into the Clinton County Fair. The Keystone Foundation will cover the cost for all entries to the fair.
- **4/19** Our student body provided our students from Mrs. Segura's class a send off parade as they participated in Kent's Fest at the Commonwealth University- Lock Haven. We were overjoyed to learn our school earned first place for the second year in a row at the fun competition. Our 3rd and 4th graders also participated in a friendly kickball game to "Kick Off the PSSAs" (Pennsylvania System of School Assessment). Also, we pulled additional names

from our "No ODR" tickets and had fun as teachers slimed some students who had earned the opportunity.

- **4/22- 5/2** Our 3rd and 4th graders have shown their persistence in demonstrating all that they have learned as students at Mill Hall Elementary on the PSSAs. Their reactions were mixed, but many stated the assessments were easy and a few actually said they were fun! Make up assessments will be completed the week of 5/6-5/10.
- **4/26** Our school-wide PBIS Monthly Reward was a Hawaiian Dance Party. It was rewarding to watch our student and staff participate in a 'Staff Palm Tree' contest, a Hola Hoop competition, the Limbo, a 'staff vs. students Dance Off', and a dance party all organized by the CMHS Student Athlete Leadership Club.

This year has seen a significant increase in the number of absences our students have accumulated. Students need to be present in school to continue to grow not only academically, but social-emotionally. Please see the "Attendance Matters" information below and let's encourage our students to be present for the last few weeks.

If you or anyone you know would like to be involve in our Mill Hall Elementary Community Advisory Committee, please email me at abreon@kcsd.k12.pa.

Finally, if there is anyway that our staff can support your children over the summer months, please reach out to myself or the main office.

We wish you and your families a safe summer filled with memories to cherish!



**Hoops, Hop Scotch, and
Hawaiian Punch with the
Principal**



**Students Sliming the
Teachers**



**Clinton County Fair
Assembly**



**Sending Mrs. Segura's
Class off to Kent's Fest**



**Teachers Sliming the
Students**



**PBIS Monthly Reward: A
Hawaiian Dance Party**

Upcoming Activities

May 6-8: Young Author's Program for 4th Grade

May 10: [Student Showcase](#) and [School Carnival](#) 5:00-7:00 at MHE

May 13: 4th Grade Move-Up Day to CMMS

May 14: 4th Grade Field Trip

May 17: 3rd & 4th Grade field Day

May 21: Water Day

May 23: Whole School Field Trip

May 24: 3rd Grade Field Trip

May 27 - Memorial Day - No School

May 28: School-wide Spelling Bee

May 30: 1st Grade Reward

May 31: 4th Grade Promotion

June 3: PBIS Monthly Reward

June 4: Last Day of Classes for Students - 3 hr. Early Dismissal- 11:30

Central Mountain HS Graduation

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 Technology 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%**.

As of May 1st, there are only 23 school days left. We want to see you all 23 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:

SCAN



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!



Mill Hall Counseling

While Mrs. Smith is ending her first year as our school counselor, we thought we'd share an article from The University of Pennsylvania titled "[School Counselors are your Ally. Here are Six Tips for Working with Them.](#)"

Should you have any questions or concerns about your child in which you would like to discuss with Mrs. Smith please contact her at 570-893-4900 ext. 2969 or reach out through email (bsmith@kcsd.k12.pa.us) or Dojo.

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

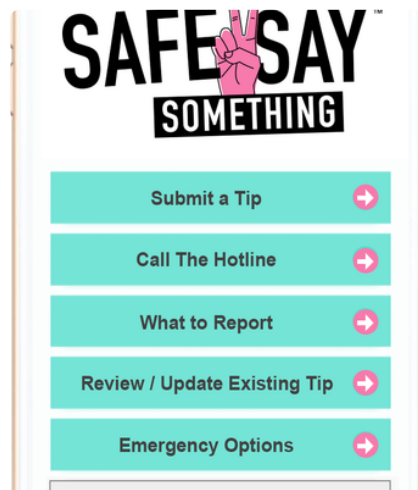
centralmountainathletics.com

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

Principal: Dr. Amy Breon

Phone: (570) 893-4900 ext. 2910

Email: abreon@kcsd.k12.pa.us

School Secretary: Mrs. Geli Collins

School Guidance Counselor: Mrs. Bridget Smith

School Nurse: Mrs. Natalie Schaefer



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Respect for Yesterday * Pride in Today * Plans for Tomorrow