

MILL HALL ELEMENTARY WELCOME BACK!

Ready to Thrive in 2024 - 2025!

**WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE MILL HALL ELEMENTARY HAS
BEEN CHOSEN AS ONE OF THE**



This recognition has helped to affirm the great things we do to grow our students to be 'the best they can be' at Mill Hall Elementary and the hard work our students have devoted to learning. According to the 2023 PSSA results, Mill Hall Elementary students scored in the "Well Above"

category for growth in both ELA and Math and in the "Above" category for growth in Science! More can be read about this award at [US News & World Report \(https://tinyurl.com/5a8akn7h\)](https://tinyurl.com/5a8akn7h). While we are honored with this recognition, we anxiously await our 2024 results to see how we can continue to grow, and we look forward to continuing to thrive in the 2024-25 school year!

Our Mission

The mission of Mill Hall Elementary is to ensure a safe, child-centered learning community where students will meet high expectations guided by staff, family, and community support.



THINGS YOU SHOULD KNOW FOR THE 2024–25 SCHOOL YEAR

The staff has been working diligently to prepare for the **first day of school on Wednesday, August 28th**. We have missed our students and are excited to meet all of the new MHE students. There will be a **New Student and Kindergarten Orientation on Monday, August 26th**. This will be an opportunity for the Kindergarten students and their families to visit their classrooms and get to know their teachers. All new 1st through 4th grade students and their families will get a tour of the building and be able to see their classrooms.

2024-25 Student Day

Arrival

- The doors open for students at 7:20. For safety reasons, please do not drop students off prior to this time as there will be no supervision available for them until 7:20.
- If your child will be dropped off at the school rather than ride a bus, the driver should pull into the parking area inside the loop in front of the school, leaving the lane closest to the building for buses. If you are not able to quickly drop off your child, please pull into a parking space as a courtesy to others.
- An adult will be available to help students safely cross the bus loop in front of the school.
- From 7:20-7:40, students can enjoy a FREE breakfast in our cafeteria or visit with their classmates.
- At 7:40, students will transition from the cafeteria to their classrooms.
- **After 7:40, students will be marked tardy this year.** This is a change from previous years. Any student arriving after 7:40, will need to report to the office with an adult for a tardy slip.

Lunch:

- The Keystone Central School District has once again been approved by the National School Lunch Program for all students to receive breakfast and lunch at no cost to the family.
- A la carte items will be available for purchase for students who have funds in their accounts. Directions for adding funds into an account for your child will be forthcoming from the

Dismissal:

- Bus students will be dismissed at approximately 2:30.
 - Those picking students up by car should park in a space in the parking lot, leaving the lot free for traffic flow and the bus loop open for buses. Please remain in your car until the last bus leaves the loop.
 - Once the last bus leaves the loop, an announcement will be made dismissing those being picked up.
 - **Please be sure that your child's teacher knows how your child will be going home each day.** Any changes from these plans should be reported to the office before noon the day of the change. Please do not rely on a message to your child teacher concerning a change. They are teaching and may not get your message until well after dismissal.
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School Details:

A partnership in educating your child is essential to their success. As we work along side you to achieve this goal, we strongly encourage you to reach out any time you have a question or concern, and we will do the same. Please know that you do not need to wait for scheduled conference days. You can request a conference concerning your child at any time throughout the school year.



We will use [Class Dojo](http://www.classdojo.com) (www.classdojo.com) again this year as our home/school communication app. Once school starts, teachers will be sending home information on how to access their classes.

Our school webpage can be found at mh.kcsd.us This page has information regarding breakfast and lunch menus, transportation, attendance, special announcements, and more.

Our school office hours are 7:15 am until 3:15 pm. You can reach our school office at 570-893-4900 ext. 2910.

The Mill Hall Elementary Positive Behavior Interventions and Support (PBIS) program will teach and reinforce our school-wide behavior expectations. These are that when students are present, they will

- Be Safe
- Be Responsible
- Be Respectful
- Be Kind

Being the best they can be everywhere, every time.

When a student violates the code of student behavior, the consequences outlined in the 2024-25 Elementary Student Handbook will apply.

MEET OUR NEW STAFF



Mrs. Batterson

Meet Mrs. Batterson. She will be one of our 3rd grade teachers this year.



Miss Karwowski

Miss Karwowski will teaching music this year at MHE on Days A, C, E.



Miss Fisher

Our new Title 1 Associate this year will be Miss Fisher.



Mrs. Mitch

One of our new Building Assistants this year will be Mrs. Mitch.



Miss Rathmell

The new School Nurse this year will be Miss Rathmell.



Miss McNitt

Miss McNitt will be our Speech and Language Pathologist this year.



Mrs. Shafer

Miss Geyer was married this summer. Her married name is Mrs. Shafer.



EVERY STUDENT, EVERY DAY!

Did you know...? Why Daily Attendance Matters:

1. **Missed Lessons = Falling Behind:** Even one day can mean missing critical instructions and activities, making it harder for your child to catch up.



2. **Impact on Future Success:** Consistent attendance is a strong predictor of academic achievement and future opportunities.
3. **Building Resilience:** Regular attendance teaches your child the value of perseverance and responsibility—essential skills for success in life.
4. **Stronger Friendships:** Daily presence helps your child develop and sustain friendships, which are crucial for emotional and social development.
5. **Healthy Routine:** Attending school every day establishes a stable routine, promoting better mental and physical health.

Who to contact if your child doesn't want to come to school: Mrs. Smith, 570-893-4900 ex. 2969 or bsmith@kcsd.k12.pa.us

A top-down view of a wooden desk cluttered with various school supplies. There are several colored pencils, a pair of glasses, a blue stapler, paper clips, a spiral notebook, and a pair of scissors. The text 'BACK TO SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER' is overlaid in large, bold, orange letters.

BACK TO SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

August:

26th- Kindergarten and. New Student Orientation 5:00-6:00 at MHE

28th- First day of school

September:

2nd- No School Labor Day

13th- Grandparents' Day

October:

8th- Fall Student Pictures

14th- No School

15th- No School- Parent/Teacher Conferences

31st- Halloween Parade

November:

1st- 3 Hour Early Dismissal

11th- Veterans' Day

15th- Fall Student Picture Retakes

27th- 3 Hour Early Dismissal

28th- Dec. 3rd- No School Thanksgiving Break

December:

20th- No School King of the Mountain

23rd-January 1st- No School Winter Break

Download the district calendar here or from our district page.

Stick on fridge!

RESOURCES FOR FAMILIES

How to help your child succeed from Day 1

This article has concrete advice for kids & their grownups, plus a very helpful checklist:

<https://tinyurl.com/m6jv89f2>



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