

Liberty-Curtin Elementary

Keystone Central School District

Message From the Principal

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this message finds you well. I am excited to share with you our 2024/2025 school year theme: "One Team, One Dream."

This theme embodies our vision of fostering a collaborative and supportive community within our school. It emphasizes the power of teamwork among students, staff, and families, reminding us that together, we can achieve great things.

What "One Team, One Dream" Means:

1. **Collaboration:** We believe that learning flourishes when we work together. Our teachers will focus on collaborative projects and activities that encourage students to support one another, helping to build lasting friendships and strong team dynamics.
2. **Shared Goals:** Our aim is to unite our efforts toward common aspirations—academic excellence, social growth, and emotional well-being. By aligning our dreams for our children's education, we can better support their journey and celebrate their successes together.
3. **Building Relationships:** Strong relationships are at the heart of effective learning. We strive to create a nurturing environment where students feel safe and connected. Positive interactions among peers and between students and teachers enhance engagement, foster resilience, and lead to greater academic success. We encourage you to be involved in building these connections, as your support is essential in helping our children thrive.
4. **Community Engagement:** We know that parents and guardians play a vital role in our students' success. We encourage your active involvement through volunteer opportunities, events, and open communication, as we all share the dream of creating a thriving school community.

Throughout the year, we will host various activities and events that embody this theme. Together, we can inspire our children to dream big and work diligently as a united team.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our school. Let's make this year truly remarkable—together as one team with one dream!

Warm regards,

Brett Umbenhouer, Principal

****Click on the image below to hear the One Team, One Dream theme song we created with a little help from artificial intelligence.****



ONE TEAM
ONE DREAM

LIBERTY-CURTIN ELEMENTARY

Upcoming Activities

October 2 - PBIS Data Assembly for students

October 2 - Custodial Worker Recognition Day

October 4 - Picture Day

October 7-11 - Fire Prevention Week

October 8 - PTO Meeting - 6:00 - *see info. below*

October 9 - Popcorn Sales

October 10-11 - PBIS School Store Shopping Days - students use Dojo points to shop during school

October 14 - Columbus Day - No School

October 15 - Act 80 Day/Conferences - Elementary 12:30-3:30pm & and 5-8pm.

October 18 - LC Laps @ Blanchard Church of Christ (Rain date Oct. 21) - *more info. to come*

October 25 - PBIS Reward for students

October 31 - Halloween Parade - *more info. to come*

PTO Information

President: Julie Shaffer - email: tnj0509@gmail.com

Vice-President: Jamie Day

Secretary: Jamie Phillips

Treasurer: Jody Jolloff

PTO meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month during the school year from 6:00-7:00pm

Meetings will be held in-person and virtually. Please use [this link](#) to join virtually.

Keystone Conversations

This year, we will be offering monthly 'Keystone Conversations' in an effort to provide our parents and guardians with information they feel would be most helpful to assist in closing the gap between home and school. We would love to hear from parents / guardians to know what training or information they would like to receive. We would like all parents / guardians to complete [this short form](#) to let us know what you need.



The flyer features the Keystone Central School District logo on the left, which includes the letters 'K', 'C', 'S', and 'D' in a shield shape. To the right, the word 'CONVERSATIONS' is written in large, bold, blue letters with a white outline. Below this, the location 'CMMS Library' is listed with a location pin icon. The date 'Tuesday, 9/24' is shown with a calendar icon, and the time '6 - 7pm' is shown with a clock icon. At the bottom left, there is a question: 'Did you know that every school in KCSD has PBIS? Do you know what PBIS is and what it means for your student?'. At the bottom right, a red box contains the text 'Childcare & light refreshments will be'.

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.

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.

Federal Programs Updates

All elementary schools within the district are Title I schoolwide schools and receive Title I federal funds to support the positions of Interventionist and Title I Associates. We determine how to use

the funding to staff our buildings based on family input and our school data. If you are interested in becoming a part of our Title I team, please reach out to your building Interventionist or principal. Our Policy 917/918 meetings are a great place to start, because we always review our School Improvement plans and the most updated school data during those meetings.

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.

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 jevey@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 jevey@kcsd.k12.pa.us.

[Title I District Parent Policy - Policy 918](#)

[Coaching Newsletter for Families - How We Teach Reading](#)

[Title I Complaint Procedure](#)

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)

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.

Family Activities



2024 Rally Flyer.pdf

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FLS SAP Brochure 2024.pdf

[Download](#)

1.2 MB



Reading Under the Lights_BHS 2024 (1).pdf

[Download](#)

395.0 KB



Reading Under the Lights_CMHS 2024.pdf

[Download](#)

314.8 KB

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We're so excited to have our schools filled with students and teachers where we can all grow and learn together!

There is so much awesomeness that can be achieved when we're present at school. If something is getting in the way of your student coming to school, please reach out to your student's teacher, school counselor, district social worker, or school nurse. We want to make sure that your student is receiving whatever supports necessary to help them be successful.

REMINDER: As we start a new school year, 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 MATTERS

EVERY DAY COUNTS

In one school year

When a student misses 2 days a month, they will **MISS**

- 20 DAYS A YEAR
- 30 DAYS OF MATH
- 60 DAYS OF ELA

+ 1 YR & OVER 1 YEAR OF SCHOOL BY GRADUATION

It's never too late to improve attendance!

- Going to school more often will make a difference
- Attendance habits will follow your student into work & life.

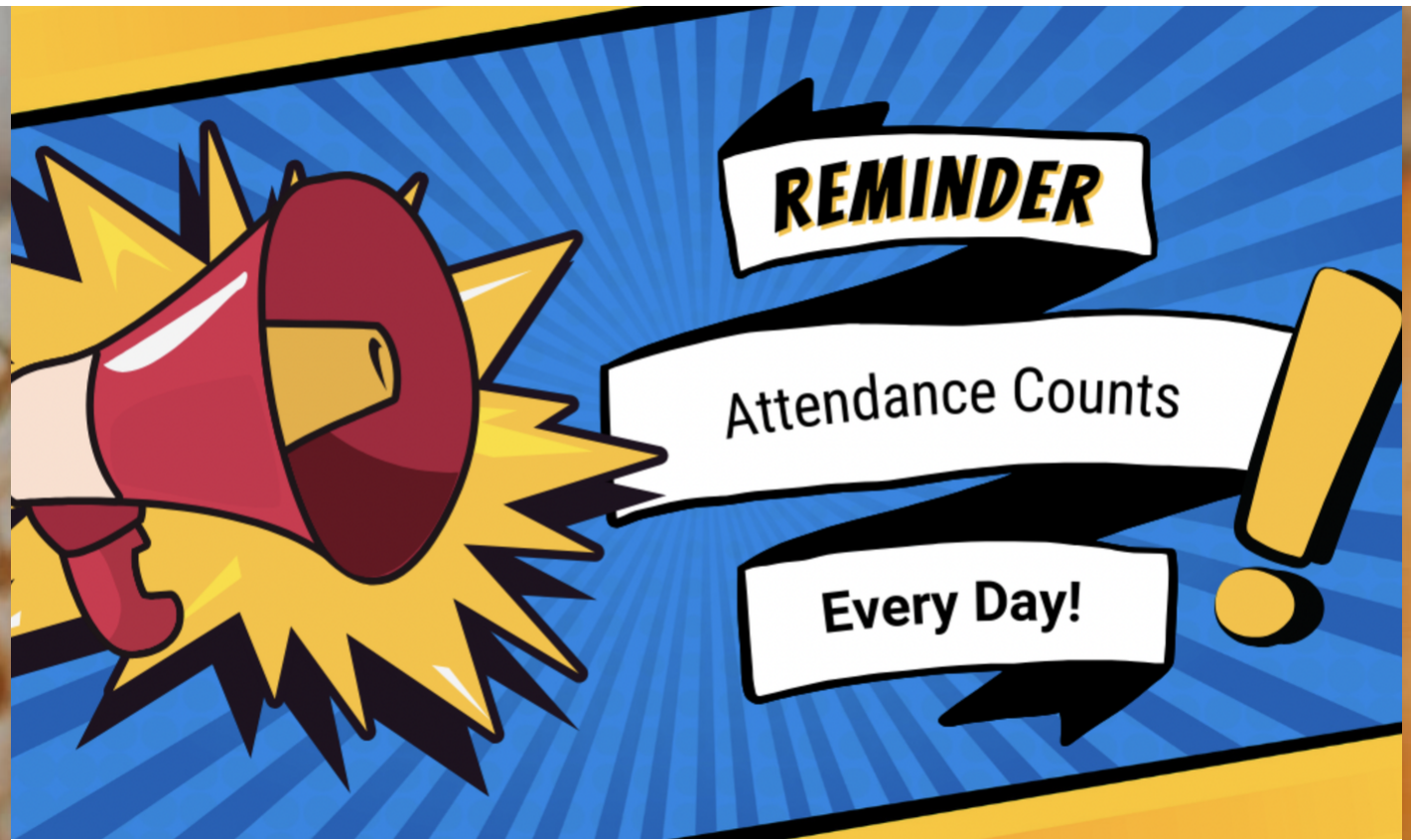
SCHOOL & FUTURE SUCCESS STARTS WITH GOOD ATTENDANCE!!

How parents can help?

Make sure your student is at school **on time, every day**

Have conversations with your student. **Attending school DOES make a difference!**

Schedule appointments outside of the school day, if possible.



Counseling Connection

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

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.

Scan the QR code on the picture to make a referral!



Volunteer Application

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

The link in the button above should take you to our Volunteer Application.

You may also 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 Reporter 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.us/district-offices/human-resources/volunteer-information>

enace@kcsd.k12.pa.us

86 Administration Drive, Mill Hall, PA 17751

ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Check out our School websites for CMHS Athletics

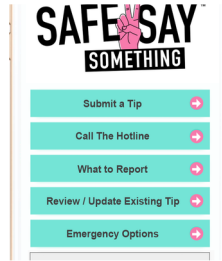


Central Mountain High School

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

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 October.

<https://secure.smores.com/n/29zvd>

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.

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!

Click on the button above to access the information.

Most Up-to-Date Elementary Lunch Menu

Click on the button above to access the information.

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

Sarah Rathmell/Crissie Swartwood, School Nurse, (570) 893-4900 ext. 2525



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Respect for Yesterday * Pride in Today * Plans for Tomorrow

