

MILL HALL ELEMENTARY

Keystone Central School District

Message From the Principal

Welcome to October!

"I am so glad I live in a world where there Octobers." (L.M. Montgomery) This quote struck me as I consider where we are at in the '24-'25 school year. The newness of the year has passed and routines and procedures have evolved into those moments where we see students continually flourish. Just like the beautiful colors of fall, our students' growth is awe-inspiring!

Some of the highlights of our first month of school include:

- The MHE Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) Kickoff Assembly was held on Sept. 6th. After students were taught the specifics of our school-wide expectations of being safe, responsible, respectful, and kind by their classroom teachers; we put their knowledge to the test through a gameshow. Little Wildcats were randomly selected to compete against big (adult) Wildcats to be the first to provide the correct answer about how to demonstrate our school-wide expectations at Mill Hall Elementary. I am proud to say that the Little Wildcats won by a landslide!
- We were blessed to have over 440 grandparents visit our school for our annual Grandparents' Day Celebration on Sept. 13th. As grandparents were welcomed into classrooms, they enjoyed activities with all the students in the room. The love that was shared that day was truly something rewarding to witness. We are very thankful to everyone who helped to support this day!
- The LHU and KCSD Homecoming Parade is always an enjoyable event. Our 80's themed float was decked out ready to roll down Main Street Lock Haven on the evening of Sept. 26th. Students were selected by those having the most PBIS points in their class and by a random drawing for each class. Our PBIS Ambassadors proudly escorted our MHE float through parade. After enjoying one piece each, our students had fun treating others to the candy that was graciously donated for this event.
- On Sept. 27th students at MHE experienced their first monthly PBIS Reward. Every child was provided a snack and a drink as they all either played together on playground or participated in a dance party. This was also rewarding for the adults as we witnessed our entire student body interacting in very positive ways.



These events have been 'Moments that Matter' for all of us at MHE. We look forward to continuing to grow as students and as a family throughout this school year!



**Little Wildcats vs. Big
Wildcats PBIS Gameshow**



**Smiles Abound on
Grandparent's Day**



**Rocking the 80's at the
Homecoming Parade**

PBIS Reward: Dance Party



Upcoming Activities

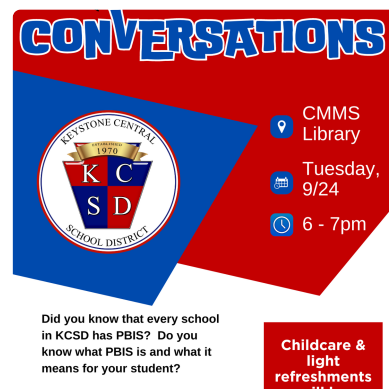
October 14: Columbus Day - No School

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

October 16: PTO Meeting at 6:00 in Library
October 18: Mill Hall Miles
October 28: First Responders' Day
October 31: Halloween Parade at 1:00 in the front of MHE
November 1: 3-Hour Early Dismissal
November 20: PTO Meeting at 6:00 in Library
November 27: 3- Hour Early Dismissal
November 28- December 3: Fall Break

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.



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

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1.2 MB



Reading Under the Lights_BHS 2024 (1).pdf

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Reading Under the Lights_CMHS 2024.pdf

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS

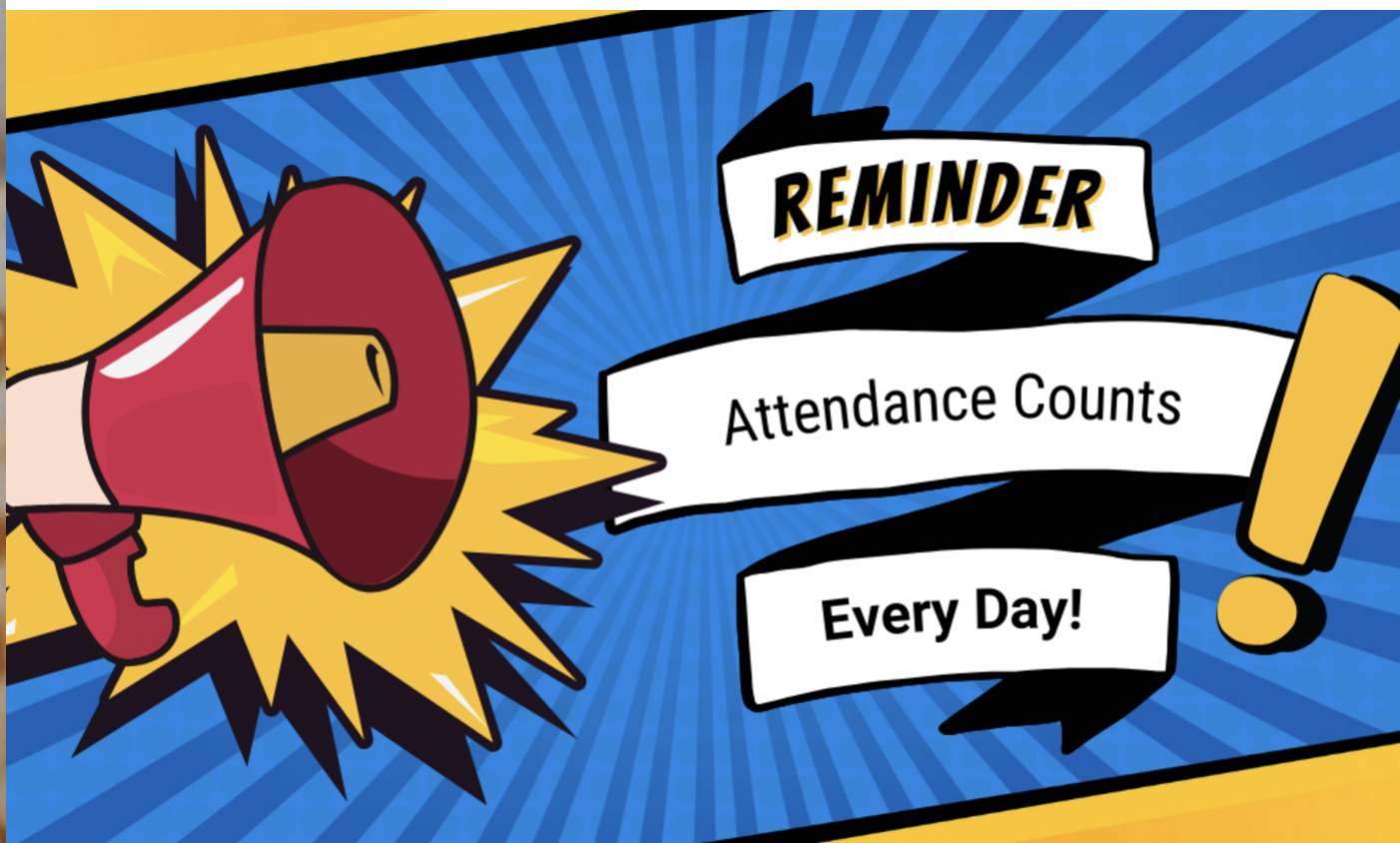
We're so excited to have our schools filled with students and teachers where we can all grow and learn together!

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!

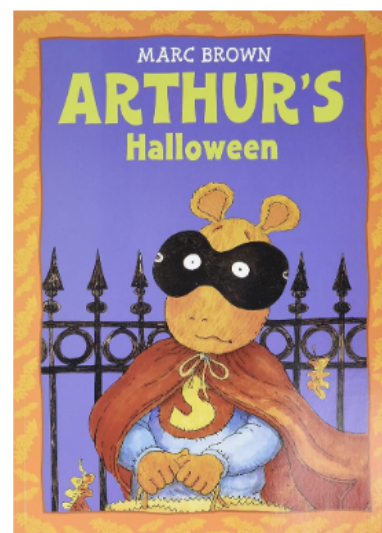
The poster is divided into two main sections: 'ATTENDANCE MATTERS' on the left and 'EVERY DAY COUNTS' on the right. The left section features a blue arrow pointing right with the text 'In one school year' and a list of consequences for missing school: 'When a student misses 2 days a month, they will MISS 20 DAYS A YEAR, 30 DAYS OF MATH, 60 DAYS OF ELA, and OVER 1 YEAR OF SCHOOL BY GRADUATION + 1 YR'. It also includes a red banner stating 'It's never too late to improve attendance!' and a list of tips: 'Going to school more often will make a difference' and 'Attendance habits will follow your student into work & life.' The right section is titled 'EVERY DAY COUNTS' and states 'School & future success starts with GOOD ATTENDANCE!!'. It asks 'How parents can help?' and provides three key actions: 'Make sure your student is at school on time, every day', 'Have conversations with your student. Attending school DOES make a difference!', and 'Schedule appointments outside of the school day, if possible.' The poster uses various icons including a clock, a calendar, and a person sitting at a desk.



Counseling Connection

From Mrs. Smith

Happy Spooky Season! As a child, the fall and winter months were always such a joyous time for me. One of my best childhood memories was when I was a birthday candle in my school's halloween parade. To help enjoy the Halloween season, a great book to read with your child or children is "Arthur's Halloween" by Marc Brown, which shows the importance of not judging others. In the story, Arthur and his friends prepare for Halloween fun in and out of school. While Trick-or-Treating, DW goes into "the witch's house" and a scared Arthur follows her in. He has a hard time navigating his fears and misunderstandings about Mrs. Tibble. After hearing the story, I know our Little Wildcats will be able to identify the positive things Arthur did after talking to Mrs. Tibble. I also encourage you to ask your child or children what they can do if they are feeling scared.

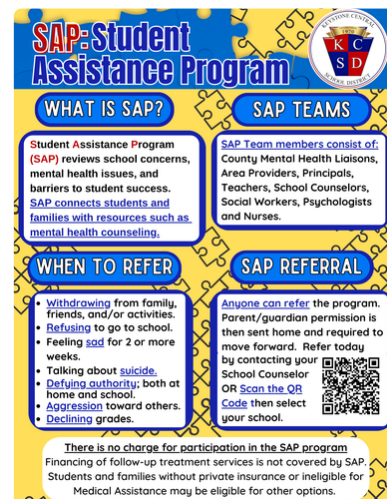


If there is anything that you think I can assist your Little Wildcat with this year, please reach out to me! You can reach me by email at bsmith@kcsd.k12.pa.us or by phone at 570-893-4900 ext. 2969.

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

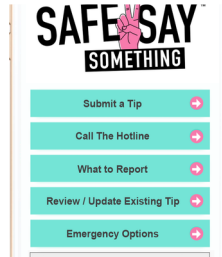
📧 centralmountainathletics.com

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.smcore.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.

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

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Email: bsmith@kcsd.k12.pa.us

School Nurse: Mrs. Sarah Rathmell

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Email: srathmell@kcsd.k12.pa.us



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