

Liberty-Curtin Elementary

Keystone Central School District

Message From the Principal

I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving and were able to spend time with your loved ones. Thanksgiving gives us an opportunity to reflect and think about what we are thankful for. At Liberty-Curtin Elementary, we are thankful for all the support we receive from our students' parents and the community. I want to take a moment to express my gratitude to all who have helped make our school an amazing place to be. #LCistheplacetobe



As the end of 2024 draws near, we have many exciting and special activities planned for our students and families during the months of December and January. Please join us in getting into the holiday spirit and celebrating this festive time of year. Starting December 4th, we will have school spirit days throughout the month. Our Holiday concert will be held on December 12 @ 6:00 in the Central Mountain High School auditorium. We will wrap things up with our annual Reindeer Games for students.

Wishing you all a safe and joyous holiday season.

Sincerely,

Brett Umbenhouer, Principal

Upcoming Activities

December 4-19 - December Spirit Days - **see info below**

December 6 - School Dance - 6:00-7:30 - **see info below**

December 11 - Picture Make-up Day

December 12 - Holiday Concert - CMHS - 6:00 - **see info below**

December 12-13 - Christmas Store @ School - **see info below**

December 20 - King of the Mountain - **No School**

December 23 thru January 1 - Winter Break - **No School**

January 14 - PTO Meeting - 6:00

January 17 - 3 hr. Early Dismissal/In-Service (1/2 clerical)

January 20 - Martin Luther King Day - **No School**

January 24 - Act 80 Day - **No School for students**

December Spirit Days

DECEMBER SPIRIT DAYS 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01	02 NO SCHOOL	03 NO SCHOOL	04 DAY D Wear Stripes like a Candy Cane	05 DAY E Winter Wonderland... Wear a hat and scarf!	06 DAY F Flannel Friday! Wear your flannel shirts and/or pants!	07
08	09 DAY A "Crazy" Christmas Sweater or Shirt Day!	10 DAY B Wear your festive socks and holiday jewelry!	11 DAY C Western Wednesday Merry Christmas Ya'!!!	12 DAY D Hunting for the BEST gift ever! Wear your CAMO!	13 DAY E Shine Bright and wear Tinsel, Tie Dye, Tutus, and Tights Day!	14
15	16 DAY F Grinch for a Day! Wear your GREEN!	17 DAY A Get Moving this Season! Wear your athleisure wear!	18 DAY B Reindeer Games- More details to come	19 DAY C Pajama Day! Wear your holiday jammies for a cozy day!	20 NO SCHOOL	21
22	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27 NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL				

School Dance - Friday, December 6 @ 6:00



Holiday Concert - Dec. 12th @ Central Mountain High School



Dear Liberty-Curtin Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to share some important details about our winter concert.

Our concert date is December 12, 2024 at Central Mountain High School, beginning at 6:00. All doors will be open at 5:30. Please have students at **CMHS** no later than 5:40. Once students arrive, they will be directed to their grade level room. At this point, families should report to the auditorium. Please keep your child's coat with you, as this helps to avoid grabbing the wrong coat at the end of the night. Dress for the concert is "concert best". If you are unsure of what this means, ask Mr. Hesser.

This year, our concert will again have a finale, with the entire student body in the auditorium. To be dismissed, students **MUST** be signed out. Kindergarten and 4th grade will be dismissed from the stage. Grades 1, 2, and 3 will be dismissed from their grade level classroom.

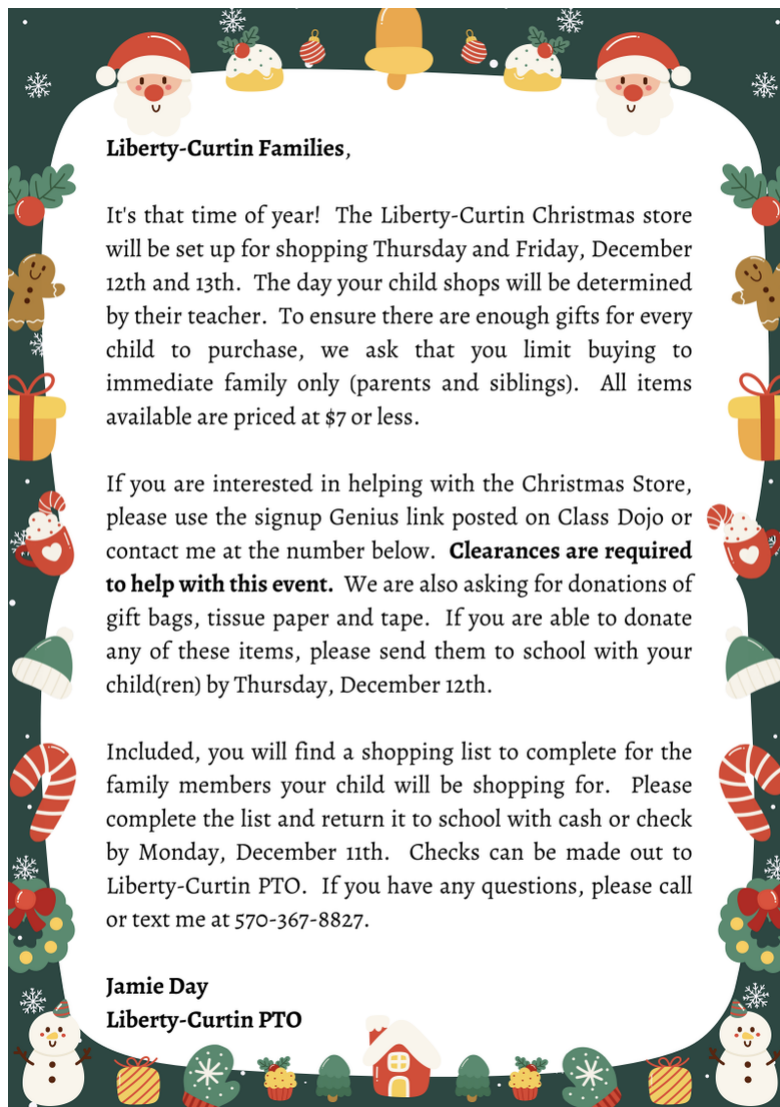
We will not be using tickets this year. Seating is on a first come, first served basis.

We look forward to sharing the results of our hard work with you!

-Mr. Hesser



Christmas Store



Liberty-Curtin Families,

It's that time of year! The Liberty-Curtin Christmas store will be set up for shopping Thursday and Friday, December 12th and 13th. The day your child shops will be determined by their teacher. To ensure there are enough gifts for every child to purchase, we ask that you limit buying to immediate family only (parents and siblings). All items available are priced at \$7 or less.

If you are interested in helping with the Christmas Store, please use the signup Genius link posted on Class Dojo or contact me at the number below. **Clearances are required to help with this event.** We are also asking for donations of gift bags, tissue paper and tape. If you are able to donate any of these items, please send them to school with your child(ren) by Thursday, December 12th.

Included, you will find a shopping list to complete for the family members your child will be shopping for. Please complete the list and return it to school with cash or check by Monday, December 11th. Checks can be made out to Liberty-Curtin PTO. If you have any questions, please call or text me at 570-367-8827.

Jamie Day
Liberty-Curtin PTO

Keystone Conversations

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.

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



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,

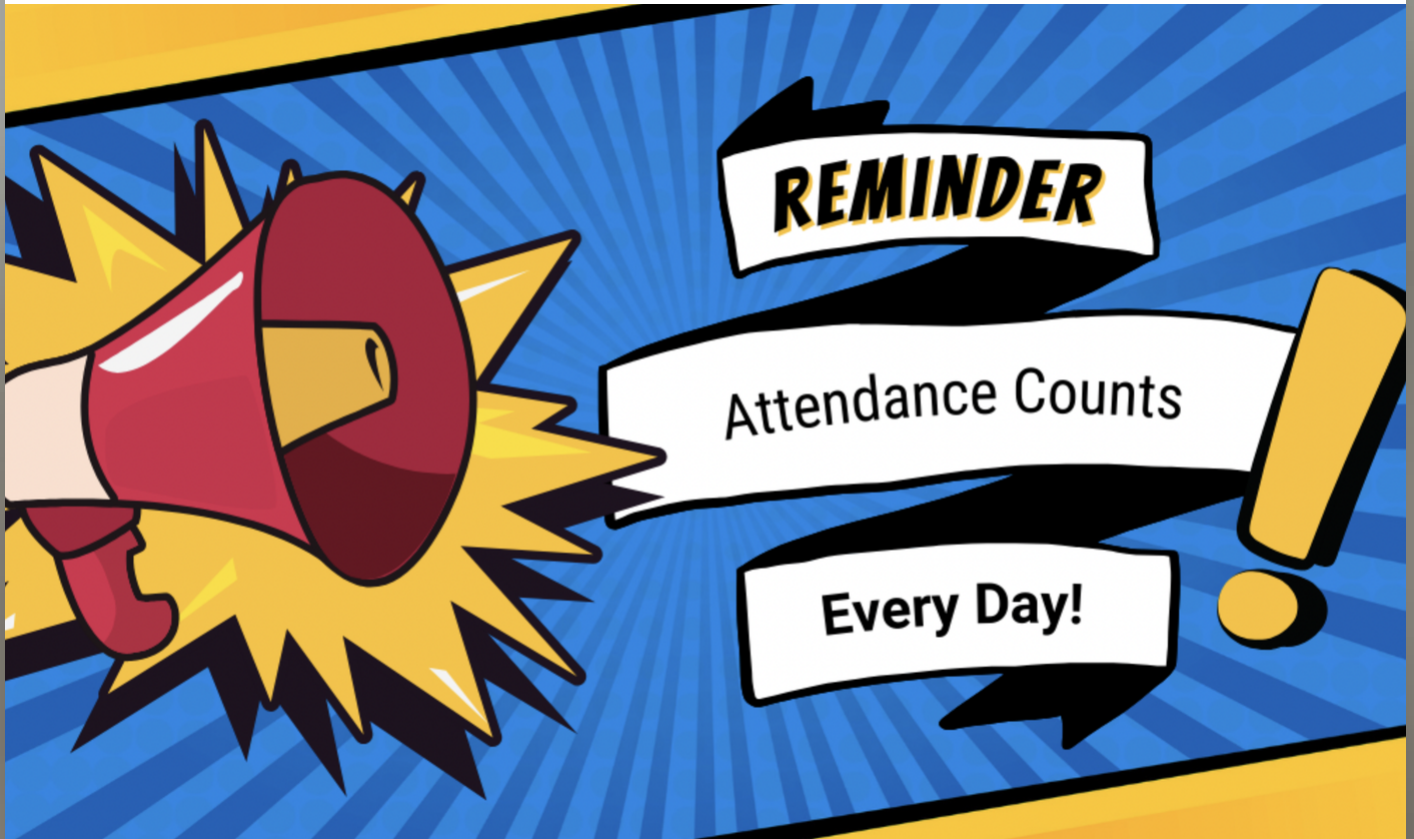
school counselor, district social worker, or school nurse. We want to make sure that your student is receiving whatever supports necessary to help them be successful.

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
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.

EVERY DAY COUNTS
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.

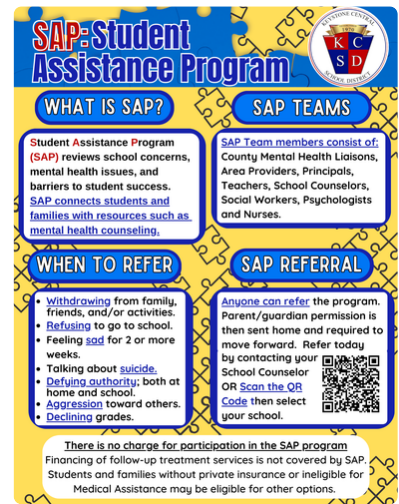


Counseling Connection

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

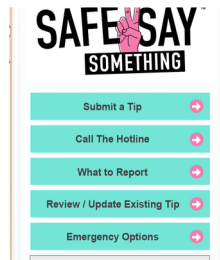
centralmountainathletics.com

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 December and January

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.

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.

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