

# Woodward 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 Woodward 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.



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 9th, we will have school spirit days throughout the month. Our Holiday concert will be held on December 9 @ 6:00 in the Central Mountain Middle 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

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## Upcoming Activities

**December 6-9** - Santa Shop @ School - **see info below**

**December 9-19** - December Spirit Days - **see info below**

**December 9** - Holiday Concert - CMMS - 6:00 - **see info below**

**December 10** - Picture Make-up Day

**December 19** - PTO Meeting - 6:00

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

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

**January 16** - 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**

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## Santa Shop - December 6-9



**Woodward Holiday Shop**

Hi Woodward Families!

It is already that time of year again for our Holiday Gift Shop! Our shopping dates this year will be December 5th, 6th and 9th.

Attached to this letter you will find an envelope and name tags. Please write the names of the family members/friends/pets that your child will be shopping for on the outside of the envelope. The children will only be able to shop for the names listed on the envelope. If your child will be able to shop for themselves please write that on the outside of the envelope too. Also, please write how much money is enclosed in the envelope.

This year if you do not wish to send in cash there is the option to go online through Fun Services at [www.funhq.com](http://www.funhq.com) to use debit/credit card to purchase a shopping voucher for your child. If you choose this option you have to send the voucher in the envelope with the child's name, auth code and the amount purchased on the voucher. We have included the shopping voucher for you to complete and send back on the following page. We have to have the voucher in order for your child to be able to shop. Please reach out to PTO through Class Dojo if you would have any questions regarding this.

Please have your child fill out name tags for every individual they will be shopping for and place those in the envelope with their money.

We are very excited and can't wait for the kids to be able to do their holiday shopping with us!

Thank you!

Woodward Elementary PTO

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## December Spirit Days



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**Holiday Concert - Dec. 9th @ Central Mountain Middle School**



Dear Woodward Families,

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

Our concert date is December 9, 2024 at Central Mountain **Middle** School, beginning at 6:00. All doors will be open at 5:30. Please have students at CMMS 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



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## 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

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## Federal Programs

**Annual Notices and Policy Review**

## 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](mailto: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](mailto:jevey@kcsd.k12.pa.us).

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

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

[Title I Complaint Procedure](#)

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# 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.

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## Family Activities



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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!**

**ATTENDANCE MATTERS 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.

**In one school year**

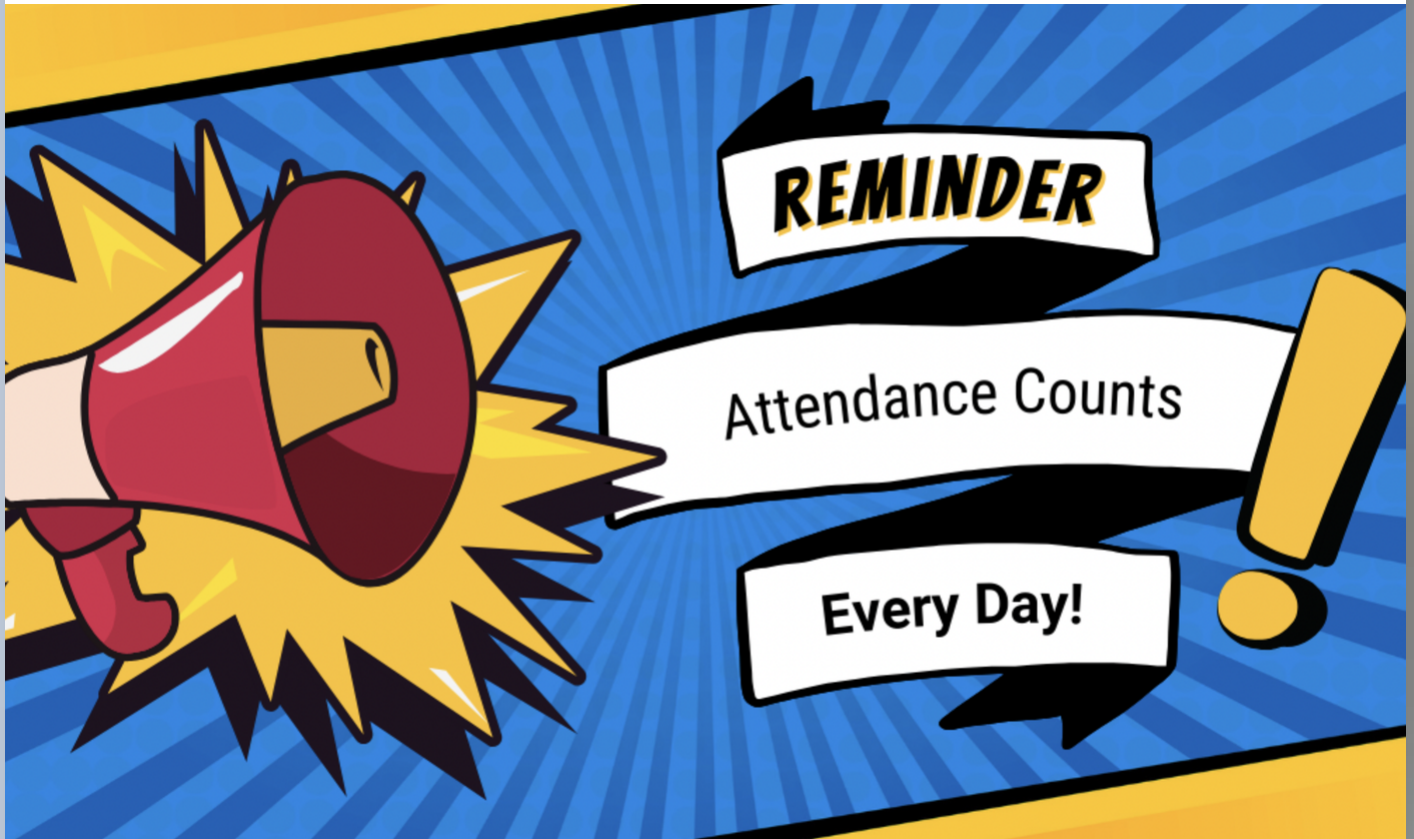
When a student misses 2 days a month, they will **MISS**

- 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.



## 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!

**SAP: Student Assistance Program**

**WHAT IS SAP?**

Student Assistance Program (SAP) reviews school concerns, mental health issues, and barriers to student success. SAP connects students and families with resources such as mental health counseling.

**SAP TEAMS**

SAP Team members consist of: County Mental Health Liaisons, Area Providers, Principals, Teachers, School Counselors, Social Workers, Psychologists and Nurses.

**WHEN TO REFER**

- Withdrawing from family, friends, and/or activities.
- Refusing to go to school.
- Feeling sad for 2 or more weeks.
- Talking about suicide.
- Defying authority; both at home and school.
- Aggression toward others.
- Declining grades.

**SAP REFERRAL**

Anyone can refer the program. Parent/guardian permission is then sent home and required to move forward. Refer today by contacting your School Counselor OR Scan the QR Code then select your school.

There is no charge for participation in the SAP program. Financing of follow-up treatment services is not covered by SAP. Students and families without private insurance or ineligible for Medical Assistance may be eligible for other options.

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## 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](mailto:enace@kcsd.k12.pa.us)

86 Administration Drive, Mill Hall, PA 17751

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## ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

Check out our School websites for CMHS Athletics



**Central Mountain High School**

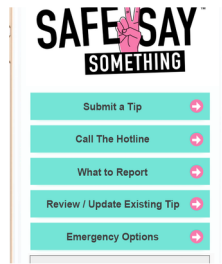
Just another SportsHub Sites site

[centralmountainathletics.com](http://centralmountainathletics.com)

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## Safety & Security



### Safety & Security

[Click here for updates and information about KCSO 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

### KCSO Virtual Academy

[Did you know that KCSO 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

<https://secure.smores.com/n/z42g3>

### 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.

**KCSO 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.

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### **School Contact Information**

Brett Umbenhouer, Principal, (570) 893-4900 ext. 3102 or 2502 (rings through to my cell)

Samantha Hardy, Secretary, (570) 893-4900 ext. 3101

Bonnie Owens, School Guidance Counselor, (570) 893-4900 ext. 3104

Evie Shaffer/Natalie Schaefer, School Nurse, (570) 893-4900 ext. 3103



## Keystone Central School District

Respect for Yesterday \* Pride in Today \* Plans for Tomorrow