

Mill Hall Elementary

Keystone Central School District

Message From the Principal

Happy New Year!

The turn of the calendar tends to be a time of reflection. It is with great pride that I reflect on all that our students, their families, and our staff have been able to achieve since the beginning of the school year. While we continue to grow academically, we are also experiencing many great moments in which we will cherish.



- As our number of Office Discipline Referrals (ODRs) has been on a rise this fall, we challenged each grade level to set a goal for decreasing the number of ODRs for the month of December. All but one grade level met their goal and were treated to hot chocolate with the works. It was great to celebrate their success with them! We are working on setting another goal for January.
- While Mother Nature forced us to reschedule our K-2 Winter Concert, we were able to enjoy both the 3rd & 4th Grade and K-2 Winter Concerts while our students proudly demonstrated their talents.
- Was it a coincidence that we had 12 days of school in December? We were able to squeeze in a lot of fun in these 12 days! From estimating the number of partridges decking the halls to getting to hear a real bag piper, a lot of magical moments were integrated with our learning this month.
- Our families demonstrated their compassion for others as we were able to raise over \$600 for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and celebrate with a pajama day with our students.
- Students were also reminded of the importance of giving during this holiday season, as our Toys for Tots Drive helped to fill a fire truck that were delivered to local children.
- Our PTO graciously sponsored a trip for all of our students to see a movie at the Roxy. Many children delighted that it was their first time to the theater. Happy children were entertained by "Happy Feet"!
- On the last day before break, students also received a special visit from Santa who delivered treats from our PTO...he even brought some special gifts for the staff!

As we look forward caring for and educating your children in the upcoming winter months, we wish you all a blessed 2025 filled with "Moments that Matter"!

Kindly,
Dr. Breon



**4th Graders at their
Winter Concert**



**1st Graders at their
Winter Concert**



**Students filling the fire
truck with Toys for Tots**



**Students getting ready
for the movies**



A visit from Santa



**Kindergarteners making
Gingerbread houses**



**Part of the MHE 12
Drummers Drumming**



Bagpiper Julia from LHU



**Decorating the human
trees in PE**

Lost and Found

Please be sure that your child brings home their belongings each day! After walking every student past our Lost and Found on multiple occasions and bringing the racks to our Winter Concerts, we still had an abundance of items in our Lost and Found. For the time being these items have been bagged up and will remain in storage. If you are missing something, please let your child's classroom teacher know.

Regretfully, we will donate all unclaimed items at the end of the school year.



Upcoming Activities

January 15- PTO Meeting at 6:00 in the Library
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
January 31- Share the Love Fundraiser Due
February 9- PTO Bingo
February 14- Daffodil Days Orders Due
February 17- Presidents' Day - No School

Keystone Conversations

Meet and Greet with Keystone Central School District Leadership

The Keystone Central School District invites Region I community members to join us for a special Meet and Greet event. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet our district leadership, ask questions, and share your thoughts on the future of our schools.

Event Details:

- Monday, January 13 at 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. – Nittany Valley Fire Company

Mr. Scaff, who represents Greene Township, Logan Township, Porter Township, and Loganton Borough, will be joined by Dr. Frank Redmon, the district's Superintendent, at these informal gatherings. These relaxed events will offer community members a chance to engage in open communication and candid conversation, as your input is vital to the continued growth and success of our schools. Don't miss this chance to connect with district leadership in an approachable and welcoming environment.

Additional events will be scheduled in the near future.

We look forward to seeing you at these outings!

Come, share your voice, and be part of the conversation!

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.

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



STRENGTHENING *Families* PROGRAM

FOR PARENTS AND YOUTH 10-14

Build **STRONGER** Families in 7 Evening Sessions!

BONUS!

Receive \$150
in Gift Cards
for attending at
least 6 weeks!

**Family Dinner
& Childcare**
Provided for
younger siblings

Help your family learn to
manage emotions, set goals,
avoid peer pressure, make
better decisions, and strengthen
relationships. This program is
evidence-based, helps reduce
behavior problems, and prevents
teen substance use.

WHO:
All 10 to 14 year olds
and caregivers

WHERE:
Central Mountain
High School

Register today!
Contact Lydia at 570-337-4269
Lplankenhorn@wbdaac.org or Scan:



Apply by: 2/17/2025

WHEN:
Wednesdays
5:30 to 8:00PM
Starting February 26, 2025

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?

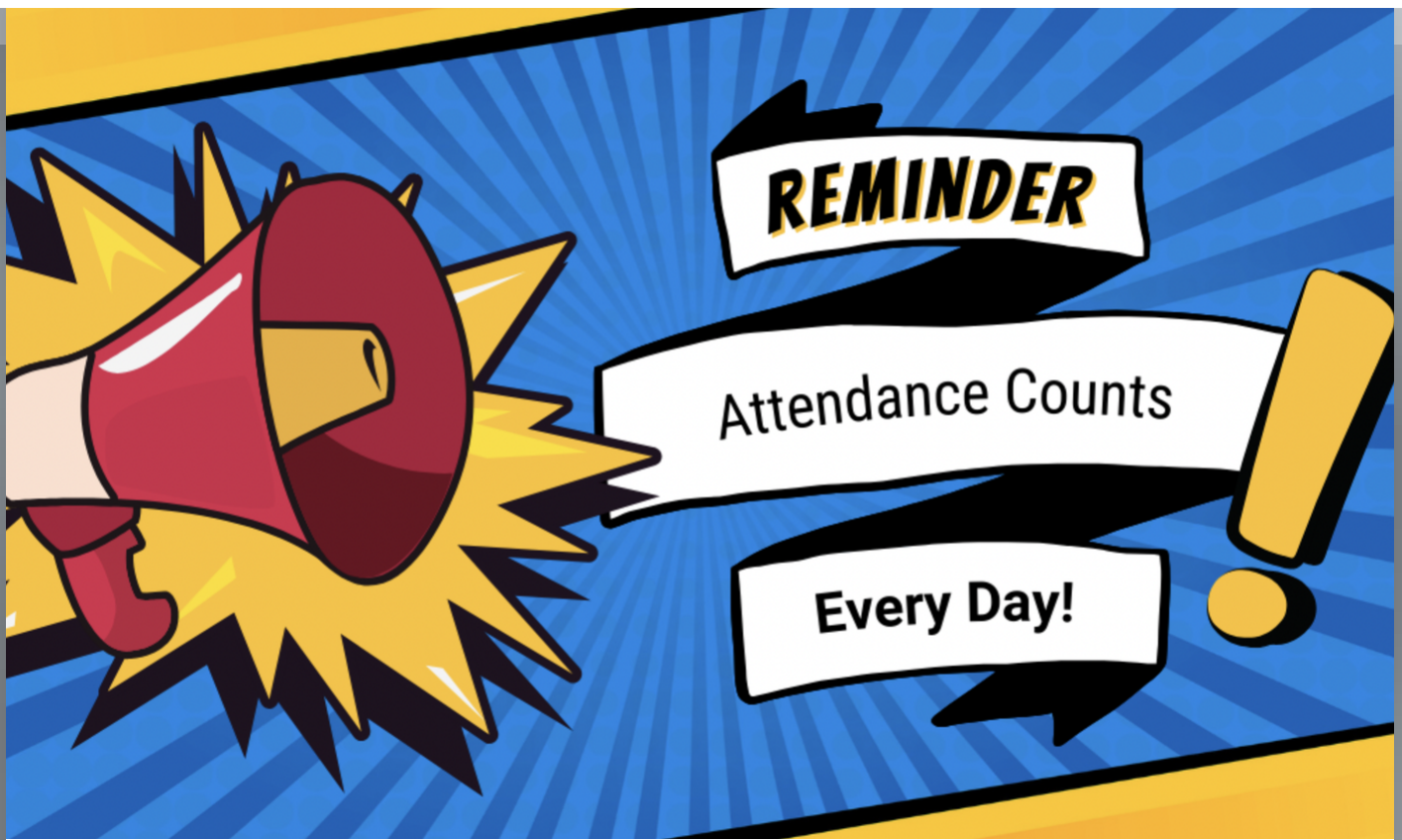
Make sure your student is at school **on time, every day**

Have conversations with your student.

Attending school DOES make a difference!

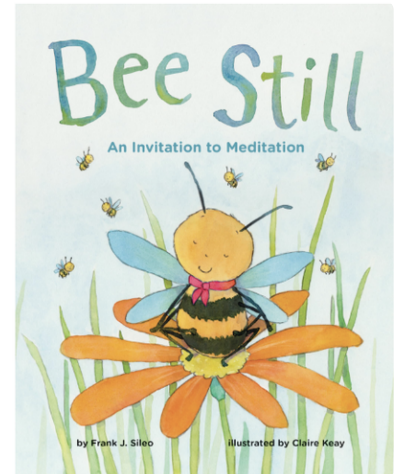


Schedule appointments outside of the school day, if possible.



Counseling Connection

Welcome back, Little Wildcats! I am so excited to be back at school and seeing all my friends in 2025! Although I am excited, I know that I might have some days that it will be important for me to stay mindful that I am back to working. I know that a lot of my students have a hard time transitioning back to school after a long break too. With that in mind, my book recommendation for this month is "Bee Still" by Frank J. Sileo. The book follows the story of Bentley, a honeybee, who knows the benefits of meditation. With all the busy bees around, Bentley finds a comfortable spot to calm his mind and help him to focus. Bentley then shares with his friends how to meditate. One of the best things about this book is that there are notes to parents and caregivers at the back of the book that can help to teach your Little Wildcats how to meditate.

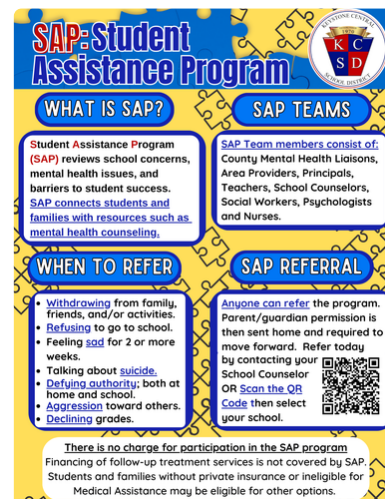


If there is anything that you think I can assist your Little Wildcat with this year, please reach out to me! You can reach me by email at bsmith@kcsd.k12.pa.us or by phone at 570-893-4900 ext. 2969 Mrs. Smith

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>

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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

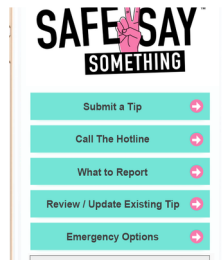
📧 centralmountainathletics.com

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!

Most Up-to-Date Elementary Lunch Menu



MENU FOR JANUARY 2025

Keystone Central School District
Elementary School Lunch Menu
This menu is an equal opportunity provider - Menu Subject To Change



PUMP IT UP!

Kids give their brains a workout at school every day. And research shows that kids who regularly eat balanced, nutritious meals do better in class and score better on tests. So PUMP IT UP!

Word of the Month
char-i-ta-ble
adj. 1. full of love for and goodwill toward others 2. Generous to those in need 3. merciful or kind in judging others



Happy New Year & Welcome Back!
We hope you enjoyed your break!

Thursday, January 2
Regular: Beef & Macaroni, Soft Pretzel Stick, Peas, Green Beans, Applesauce, Milk
Alternate: Pepperoni Pizza (NEW)

Friday, January 3
Regular: Chicken Noodle Soup with Cheesy Breadstick, Caesar Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Mixed Berry Cup, Milk
Alternate: Pepperoni Pizza (NEW)

Families may add money to student accounts free of charge via cash or check. Money may also be added electronically via EZ School Pay with a \$2.00 charge per each transaction. Please see Food Service website for further information.

Monday, January 6
Regular: Chicken and Waffles w/ Gravy, Peas & Carrots, Chilly Cucumbers w/ Dip, Bananas and Blueberries, Milk
Alternate: Chicken Sticks w/ Breadstick

Tuesday, January 7
Regular: Soft Taco (NEW) with Lettuce and Tomato, Salsa, Steamed Broccoli, Peaches and Pears, Milk
Alternate: Chicken Sticks w/ Breadstick, Orange Glazed Sweet Potatoes

Wednesday, January 8
Regular: Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Crispy Celery w/ Dip, Strawberry Cup, Milk
Alternate: Chicken Sticks w/ Breadstick

Thursday, January 9
Regular: French Toast Sticks w/ Egg Patty & Sausage Patty, Crisp Tater Tots, Fresh Carrots w/ Dip, Pears and Oranges, Milk
Alternate: Chicken Sticks w/ Breadstick

Friday, January 10
Regular: Ranch Chicken Wrap (NEW), Salad w/ Dressing, Yellow Beans, Fruit Cocktail, Milk
Alternate: Chicken Sticks w/ Breadstick

Monday, January 13
Regular: Meatballs w/ Sauce, 2 Breadsticks, Green Beans, Cucumber Slices with Dip, Peaches, Milk
Alternate: Cheese Pizza

Tuesday, January 14
Regular: Chicken Caesar Salad, Dinner Roll & Goldfish Crackers, Cheery Cherry Tomatoes, Oranges and Pineapple, Milk
Alternate: Cheese Pizza

Wednesday, January 15
Regular: Funnel Cake, Egg Patty, Sausage Patty, Smiley Potatoes, Roasted Ranch Chick, Peas, Applesauce, Milk
Alternate: Cheese Pizza

Thursday, January 16
Regular: Cheese Pierogies, Cheesy Breadstick, Super Salad w/ Dressing, Mixed Vegetables, Mandarin Oranges, Milk
Alternate: Cheese Pizza

Friday, January 17
Early Dismissal
Regular: Cheeseburger on Roll, Baked French Fries, Fresh Carrots w/ Dip, Grapes, Milk
Alternate: Cheese Pizza



What kind of key opens a banana?
It's obvious -- MONKEY of course! But, really, all of us should be opening bananas! They're loaded with potassium and lots of other stuff that's good for us. And we're not monkeying around about that!
Learn more at www.CHOCOSNYSTATE.gov or bit.ly/chocofoodsny

Monday, January 20
NO SCHOOL

School will be closed today in honor of the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr.

Tuesday, January 21
Regular: Turkey Tenderloin, Medallions w/ Gravy and Pretzel Roll (NEW), Sweet Potato Waffle Fries, Green Peppers w/ Dip, Strawberry Cup, Milk
Alternate: Chicken Nuggets w/ Breadstick

Wednesday, January 22
Regular: Toasted Cheese Sandwich, Tomato Soup, Fresh Broccoli w/ Dip, Fantastic Fruit Cocktail, Milk
Alternate: Chicken Nuggets w/ Breadstick

Thursday, January 23
Regular: Chicken Patty Sandwich, Baked Spiral French Fries (NEW), Brave Baked Beans, Applesauce, Milk
Alternate: Chicken Nuggets w/ Breadstick

Friday, January 24
No School


Chionophobia

Word play
"Chionophobia" is the fear of snow or being snowbound.

Monday, January 27
Regular: KC Bowl, Breadstick, Wild Whipped Potatoes, Golden Corn, Apple Slices, Milk
Alternate: Hot Dog on Roll

Tuesday, January 28
Regular: Tacos and Chips, Sassy Salsa, Cool Black Bean Salad, Strawberry Cup, Milk
Alternate: Hot Dog on Roll, Carrots w/ Dip

Wednesday, January 29
Regular: Macaroni & Cheese, Gorgeous Green and Yellow Beans (NEW), Chilly Cucumbers w/ Dip, Mandarin Oranges, Milk
Alternate: Hot Dog on Roll

Thursday, January 30
Regular: Pulled Pork Sandwich, Salad w/ Dressing, California Blend Vegetables, Apple Crisp, Milk
Alternate: Hot Dog on Roll

Friday, January 31
Regular: Chicken Tenders with Breadstick, Fresh Broccoli w/ Dip, Sweet Potato Fries, Pears, Milk
Alternate: Hot Dog on Roll

School Contact Information

Principal: Dr. Amy Breon

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Email: abreon@kcsd.k12.pa.us

School Secretary: Mrs. Geli Collins

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Email: gcollins@kcsd.k12.pa.us

School Guidance Counselor: Mrs. Bridget Smith

Phone: (570) 893-4900 ext. 2969

Email: bsmith@kcsd.k12.pa.us

School Nurse: Mrs. Sarah Rathmell

Phone: (570) 893-4900 ext. 2915

Email: srathmell@kcsd.k12.pa.us



Keystone Central School District

Respect for Yesterday * Pride in Today * Plans for Tomorrow

