

Mill Hall Elementary

Keystone Central School District

Message From the Principal: Dr. Breon

Dear Mill Hall Families and Students,

February is here, and with it comes a month full of opportunities for growth, connection, and learning. We are excited to continue the work we've started this school year, and I'm looking forward to all the great things we will accomplish together in the coming weeks.



Looking Back: January Highlights

As we reflect on the month of January, there were many moments that made us proud:

- **PBIS (Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports) Booster Sessions:** As we returned from a long winter break, students spent some time reviewing our school-wide expectations for being safe, responsible, respectful, and kind in the main areas of our building.
- **Grade level goal setting:** Miss Fisher and Dr. Breon have worked with each grade level to decrease the number of office discipline referrals each month. As our students have worked hard toward the goals they have set, we have seen our number of referrals almost cut in half. The students are so excited to celebrate achieving these goals.
- **Winter Olympics:** Our PBIS school-wide reward for the month of January was our 2nd Annual Winter Olympics. Organized by Mr. Mansfield, our students were able to participate in modified events such as figure skating, ski jumping, the luge, a torch relay, and hurdling. The events were facilitated by the Central Mountain High School Athlete Leadership Group. A lot of fun was had by both the high school students and our MHE students at this event. Please see the pictures below.

What's Ahead: February Events

There's a lot to look forward to this month at Mill Hall Elementary!

- **100th Day of School:** We will celebrate the 100th Day of school on Friday, February 7th. Our generous PTO has donated a snack for all to help us celebrate this milestone.
- **MHE Shoutout on WSQV:** Students from MHE will be on the WSQV radio station at approximately 8:30 am on **February 11th** to discuss some of the great things we do to create memories and grow learners.
- **Valentine's Day Celebrations:** On **Friday, February 14th**, we will celebrate Valentine's Day with classroom parties. Your child's classroom teacher will be in contact about what your child

needs for this day. It's a wonderful time to practice kindness, friendship, and gratitude with our school community.

- **Curriculum:** At this time our K students are learning about shapes in Math and Native Americans during the Knowledge strand of ELA, our 1st grade students are learning about astronomy and number relationships; 2nd grade is learning about cycles in nature and money and subtraction; 3rd grade will focus on light and sound and division; and 4th grade will learn about poetry and division. Please talk with your child about these topics and see what all they can share!
- **Presidents' Day:** Please note that there will be no school on **Monday, February 17th**, in observance of Presidents' Day. We hope this time provides students and families a chance to rest and recharge.
- **On Wednesday, February 19th the PTO Meeting is at 6:00 pm in the Library.**
- **The week of February 24th** will be an extra exciting week of learning at MHE. Students will have the chance to visit the **Mobile Ag Lab** to learn about agriculture and complete some engaging activities. We will hold our **2nd Annual Writing Olympics with author Alan St. Jean.**
- **MHE Kindergarten Registration** will be held on Feb. 25th and 26th. Please call the office to set up an appointment for any incoming '25-'26 Kindergarten students.

Important Reminders:

- **Dress for Winter Weather:** Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately for the winter weather. Jackets, gloves, hats, and scarves are essential for outdoor recess. If your child needs assistance with winter gear, please let us know – we are happy to help.
- **Absences & Attendance:** As always, if your child will be absent, please notify the school office as early as possible. Consistent attendance is key to student success, and we encourage families to schedule vacations and appointments outside of school hours when possible.

Shout-Outs & Appreciation

- **Our Staff:** A heartfelt thank you to our amazing teachers and staff members who continue to provide a caring, nurturing, and engaging learning environment for our students. Their dedication to excellence is truly inspiring, and we are so fortunate to have such a committed team who truly care about your child.
- **Student Achievements:** We're incredibly proud of our students for their hard work and positive attitude, both in the classroom and beyond. Whether it's mastering new math concepts, creating beautiful artwork, or displaying kindness and leadership, our students are constantly impressing us!

Stay Connected

We value your partnership in your child's education, and we encourage you to stay in touch with us. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to reach out. You can also stay updated on school events and news via our website, email, or social media.

Thank you for being such an important part of our Mill Hall Elementary community. Together, we are creating a positive, vibrant environment where our students can thrive. We look forward to continuing this journey with you in February and beyond!

Kindly,

Dr. Breon

Principal, Mill Hall Elementary School.



Skeleton



Plank Curling



Bobsled Obstacle Race

Our Mill Hall Elementary Students will be on the radio saying the pledge on the dates outlined below.

They will air on WILQ (Country 105.1 FM) weekday mornings at 7am.

Tuesday 2/11 - McGregor (K)

Wednesday 2/12 - Krout (K)

Thursday 2/13 - Gonzales (K)

Friday 2/14 - Carnahan (K)

Monday 2/17 - Confer (1st)

Tuesday 2/18 - Haussener (1st)

Wednesday 2/19 - Tarantella (1st)

Thursday 2/20 - Collier (2nd)

Friday 2/21 - Gunsallus (2nd)

Monday 2/24 - Wadsworth (2nd)

Tuesday 2/25 - Batterson (3rd)

Wednesday 2/26 - Bennett (3rd)

Thursday 2/27 - Shafer (3rd)

Friday 2/28 - Kaluzny (4th)

Monday 3/3 - Packech (4th)



Upcoming Activities

February 7- 100th Day of School

February 11- MHE Shoutout on WSQV at 8:30

February 14- Valentines Day and Daffodil Days Orders Due

February 17- Presidents' Day - No School

February 19- PTO Meeting @ 6:00

February 24-28- Mobile Ag Lab and Writing Olympics

February 25th & 26th- MHE Kindergarten Registration

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.



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



2024 Rally Flyer.pdf

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FLS SAP Brochure 2024.pdf

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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!

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

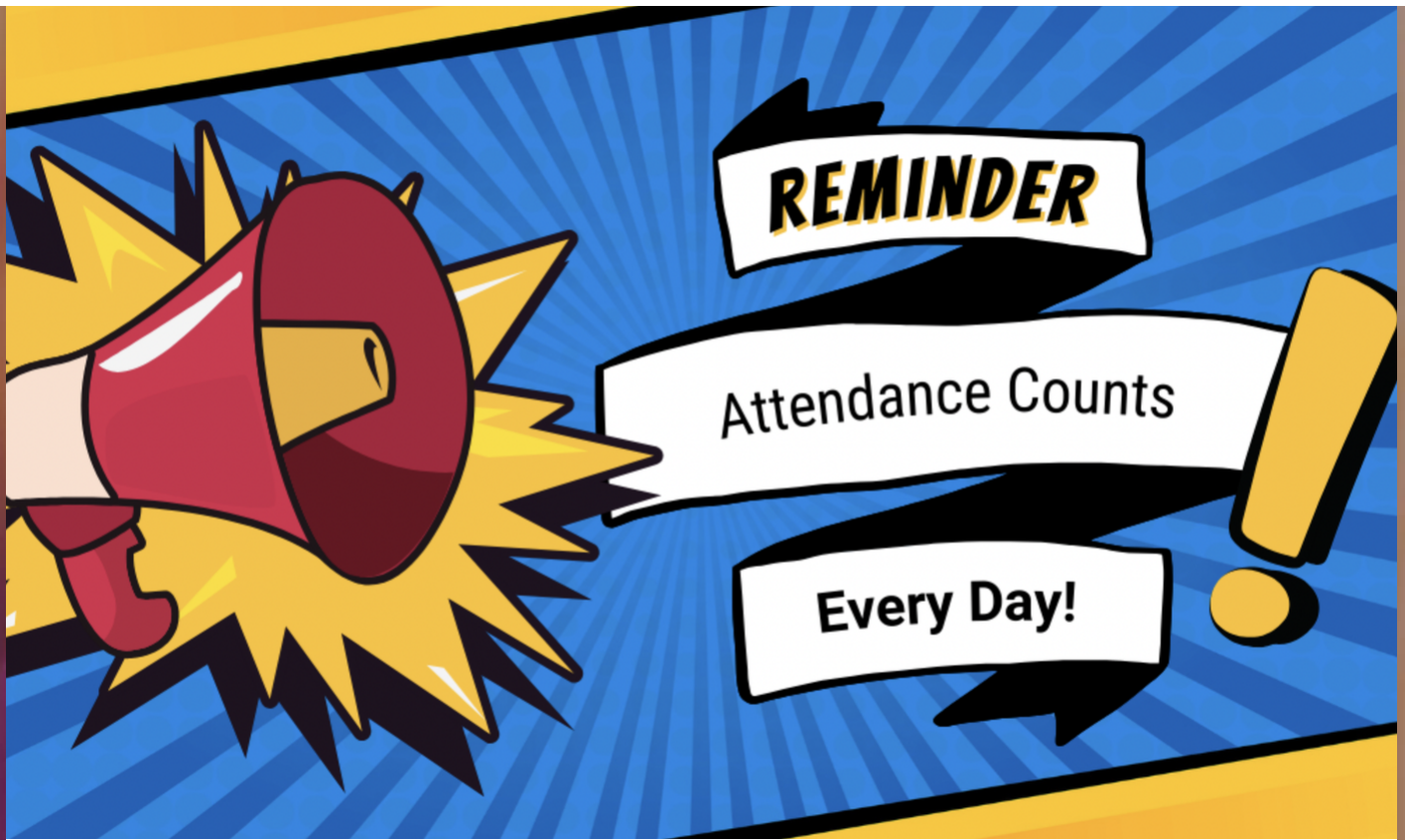
GOOD ATTENDANCE!!

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!

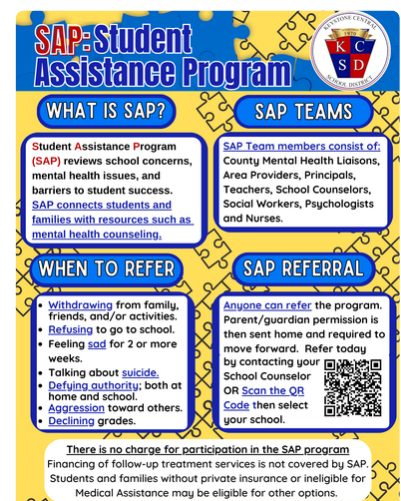
Schedule appointments outside of the school day, if possible.



Counseling Connection

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!



MHE Counseling

This winter has been a cold one so far. Personally, I like to warm myself up with soup and happiness. My book recommendation for this month makes me happy for sure! The book is "Saturday" by Oge Mora. The story is about a mother and daughter who always do special things on Saturday. Ava knows that her mother has to work every other day, so Saturday is when they get to do fun activities together. Ava and her mother attempt to do many things on this particular Saturday, but each part of their day doesn't go as planned. At the end of the story, they talk about how the day went and how spending time together was most important. Spending time with the

ones we love is so important for everyone. After reading the story, I encourage you to ask your Little Wildcat how they would plan out a Saturday with you.

As always, 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.



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

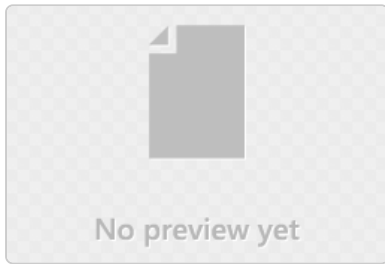
<https://www.kcsd.us/district-offices/human-resources/volunteer-information>

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

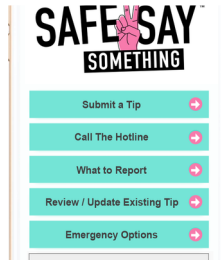
centralmountainathletics.com

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 August and September.

<https://secure.smores.com/n/6axde>

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 Guidance Counselor: Mrs. Bridget Smith

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School Nurses

Phone: (570) 893-4900 ext.2915



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Respect for Yesterday * Pride in Today * Plans for Tomorrow