

# Mill Hall Elementary

Keystone Central School District

## Message From the Principal: Dr. Breon

### A February Worth Remembering!

February was a month filled with creativity, community, learning and student recognition! Students and staff had many opportunities to be proud of the great work they are doing during this short but busy month!



### WOW Paw Reward

Students receiving the WOW paw in February were treated to a special event with Dr. Breon! To reward them for their fantastic accomplishments, they were treated to an ice-cream sandwich party while they enjoyed funny animal videos! The entire staff at Mill Hall Elementary is so proud of the WOW Paw winners and the choices they make to make MHE a great place to be!

### WSQV Radio Stars!

On February 11th, a group of students accompanied Dr. Breon to the WSQV radio station to tape a segment about our new reading curriculum, CKLA, which stands for Core Knowledge Language Arts. The students from grades K-4 all spoke about the amazing things they are learning about this year. Each student spoke about subjects they have learned about and the topics they most enjoyed so far this year. Be sure and ask about what your child is learning! You will be amazed at what they can tell you! Great job radio stars!

### School Board Presentation

At the February 13th KCSD school board meeting, a group of students participated in a presentation to the board about Mill Hall Elementary and all the great things that happen here each and every day! The students, representing each grade level, spoke about our PBIS program, special events that have happened this year, helping our community, our growth as learners, and our thriving ESL students. The students spoke so eloquently and the board members congratulated

them on a terrific presentation! It was another occasion to celebrate MHE...where **MAGIC HAPPENS EVERYDAY!**

## Mobile Ag Ed Science Lab

Our students had the exciting opportunity to visit the Mobile Ag Lab that was at our school in February. This traveling classroom teaches our students about agriculture and the countless ways that it impacts all humans! Classrooms were able to choose the lesson they were most interested in. Some of the lessons included Fungi Fun, Magical Beans, Popcorn Capers, Farm Charm and Can You Dig It? The science lessons were interactive and encouraged cooperation and collaboration. Thanks to the Mobile Ag Lab for this amazing experience!

## Writing Olympics with Alan St. Jean

We were lucky again this year to host author Alan St. Jean to assist our students in becoming better writers! Mr. St. Jean worked personally with each classroom to develop a story and create drawings using structured writing and illustrative techniques! He challenges the students to think harder, and leads them to their very best ideas! Once the stories were completed, the Mill Hall Writing Olympics were held on February 28th in front of the students, teachers and our special judges. A huge shout out to our judges this year: Lisa Rusczyk, Colleen Burfield, Lois Gallagher, Rachael Bischof, and Roger Elling. It was a grand celebration of creativity and teamwork! Special thanks to Alan for this tremendous opportunity!

## Student Recognition Awards

February was the kick off for two student recognition events! The first is our **Cafeteria Courtesy Award** which is given to students who have been nominated by staff for their manners, kindness, and appropriate behavior during lunch. Students chosen receive a Denny's coupon for a free children's entree as their reward!

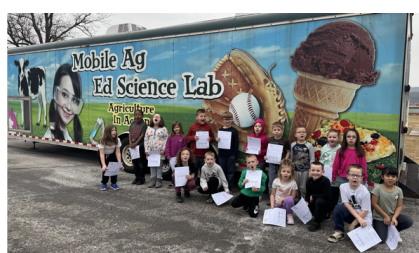
The second recognition event is called **We are Glad You Are Here!** This award is randomly chosen from all students that are present on the day of the recognition. We love it when our students are here and ready to learn!

## February PBIS Monthly Reward

February's PBIS reward for February was Board Game Day! Students were able to bring in and play board games with their friends! Students earn this reward by following the 4 B's to make MHE the best it can be!



**1st Grade Game Day with  
CMHS Basketball Players**



**Mobile Ag Lab**



**Writing Olympics with  
Author Alan St. Jean**

# Upcoming Activities



March 14 - No School

March 17 - No School- In-Service Day AM-Conferences by Request/ PM - In-Service

March 18 - No School- Act 80 Day

March 24-28 - Spring Scholastic Book Fair

March 26 - Family Book Fair Shopping 4-6 pm- PTO Meeting 6:00 in Library

March 27- Spring Pictures - forms will be coming home soon.

March 28 - 3 hr. Early Dismissal/In-Service (1/2 clerical)

## Please support our PTO Bingo Fundraiser on April 13th.

 **Mill Hall PTO**  
January 8 · 🌐

It's that time everyone! Our annual Cash Bingo! This is our biggest fundraiser of the year! We are looking for donations for the Chinese Auction! Anything from Gift cards, Baskets, monetary donations, ANYTHING will help!

These fundraisers help with educational purposes for the students, field trips, events, and so much more for the students and staff. Our PTO works very hard to keep these fundraisers successful so that the students and staff can benefit throughout the year.... [See more](#)

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**MILL HALL PTO**

**CASH BINGO**

**APRIL 13TH**  
**DOORS OPEN AT 11AM**  
**BINGO STARTS AT 1PM**

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\$25/TICKET

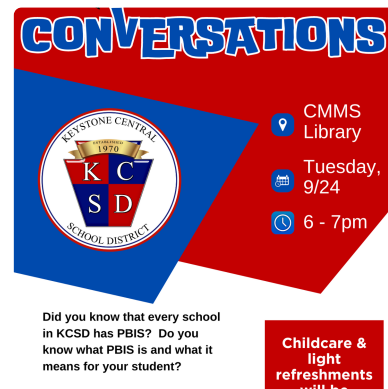
**THERE WILL BE RIP TICKETS,  
A CHINESE AUCTION, 50/50,  
FULL KITCHEN, AND MORE!**

COME HELP SUPPORT OUR PTO SO WE CAN  
CONTINUE TO PROVIDE FOR OUR STUDENTS  
AND STAFF!

CONTACT ASHLEY BAIER AT 570-660-2310  
OR EMAIL OUR PTO AT  
MILLHALLELEMPTO@GMAIL.COM

## 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](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



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!!**

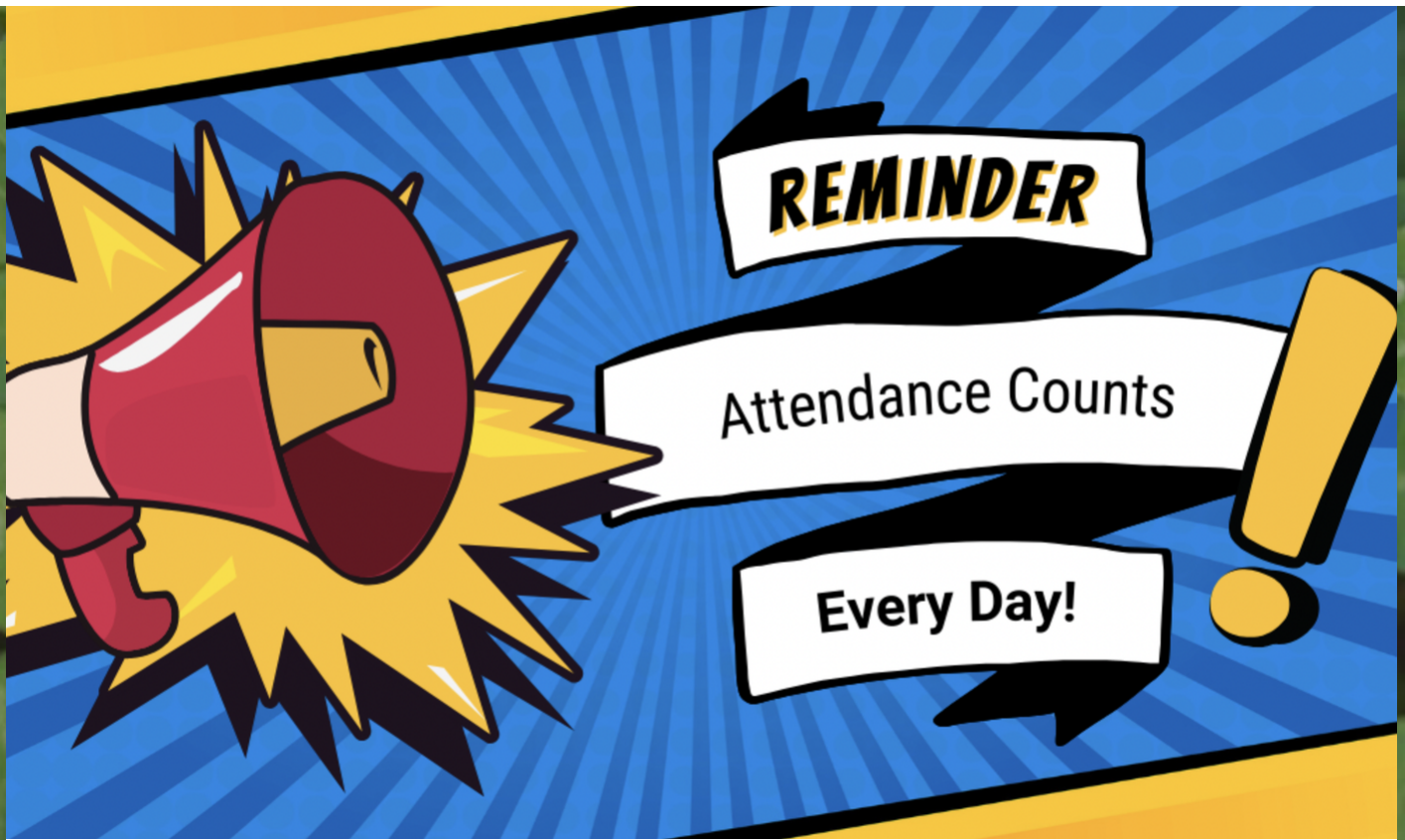
**How parents can help?**

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!

**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.

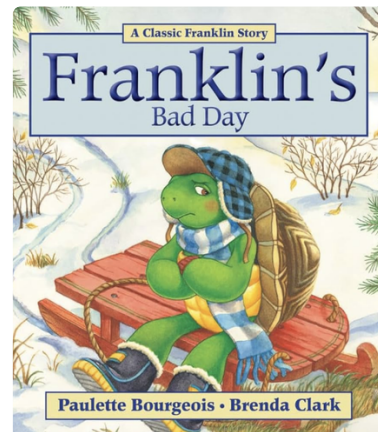
### Counseling Corner

I am hoping that we see some warmth coming our way this month! Even with my hopes for some warmth, my book recommendation this time is set in the winter. The book is "Franklin's Bad Day" by Paulette Bourgeois and Brenda Clark. In the story, Franklin keeps saying how bad the day is and his parents have noticed. When Bear comes to ask Franklin to play, he doesn't want to go, but his parents send him outside to play. Franklin continues to point out bad things and after he gets back home, his father discovers what has been making it such a bad day - his friend, Otter, has moved away. Throughout the story, Franklin displays different feelings. As the story goes, ask your Little

Wildcat about how they think Franklin is feeling. I love talking with the Little Wildcats about noticing feelings within themselves and others; they always have such great insight!

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](mailto:bsmith@kcsd.k12.pa.us) or by phone at 570-893-4900 ext. 2969

Mrs. Smith



## 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

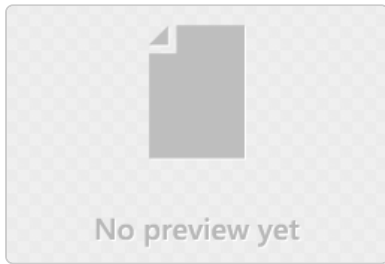
<https://www.kcsd.us/district-offices/human-resources/volunteer-information>

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

86 Administration Drive, Mill Hall, PA 17751

## ATHLETICS & ACTIVITIES

*Check out our School websites for CMHS Athletics*



## Central Mountain High School

Just another SportsHub Sites site

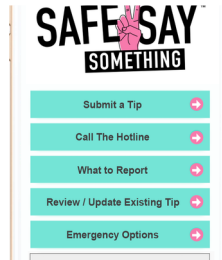
[centralmountainathletics.com](http://centralmountainathletics.com)

## Safety & Security



### Safety & Security

[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.

### Shop @ Weis, Earn \$\$ for your School!

## *Most Up-to-Date Elementary Lunch Menu*

### School Contact Information

Principal: Dr. Amy Breon

Phone: (570) 893-4900 ext. 2910

Email: [abreon@kcsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:abreon@kcsd.k12.pa.us)

School Secretary: Mrs. Geli Collins

Phone: (570) 893-4900 ext. 2910

Email: [gcollins@kcsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:gcollins@kcsd.k12.pa.us)

School Guidance Counselor: Mrs. Bridget Smith

Phone: (570) 893-4900 ext. 2969

Email: [bsmith@kcsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:bsmith@kcsd.k12.pa.us)

School Nurse: Mrs. Sarah Rathmell

Phone: (570) 893-4900 ext. 2915

Email: [srathmell@kcsd.k12.pa.us](mailto:srathmell@kcsd.k12.pa.us)



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