

Mill Hall Elementary

Keystone Central School District

Message From the Principal: Dr. Breon

Happy April! As the weather begins to warm and the days grow longer, our school is buzzing with exciting learning opportunities and activities. We've had a wonderful March Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) Monthly Reward celebrating our students who consistently follow the 4-Bs. As the spring flowers grow, we look forward to a busy and engaging month ahead watching our students continue to grow at MHE!



Below are some highlights from March as we strived to create moments that matter for our students:

March 3-7: Read Across America Spirit Week was full of fun for the love of reading. We kicked off the week with students from the CMHS Childcare Program reading some fun stories with our classes.

March 4th: CMHS SkillsUSA club members Alaina Carnahan, Maitland Dilley, and Leah Karstetter presented an engaging session to our Kindergarten, First Grade, and Second Grade students on hygiene. These role models for our students provided them with some engaging activities that will be rememberable for years to come.

March 7th: The Principal's Pawsitive Paw students were celebrated with Donuts and Directive Drawings. While they munched on Dunkin Donuts, students drew adorable axolotls and Stitch.

March 13th: Was our first PBIS Sham-Rock Dance. Students appeared to have a fabulous time! We appreciate all the support our staff and families provided to make this a memorable event for our students.

March 19th: First Grade had a lesson on agriculture provided by Mrs. Sue Dotterer who shared all the benefits we receive from agriculture.

March 20: Many beautiful flowers were purchased in support of the American Cancer Society through the KCSD's Daffodil Days sales.

March 21: Students were treated with an assembly from our Clinton County Fair Queen, Elizabeth Walker who shared her love of the fair with our staff. Students were informed of all the activities that happen at the fair and all the things they could enter as projects for the fair.

March 24-28th: The Scholastic Book Fairs always bring a lot of excitement for students. It is amazing to see the students explore all the books and then to be able to take home a few of their favorites.

Please take a moment to read through this newsletter for important updates, upcoming events, and ways you can continue to support your child's learning journey.



CMHS Students Reading to Kick Off Read Across America



CMHS SkillsUSA Students Sharing Good Hygiene Habits



Fun at the PBIS Sham-Rock Dance

Upcoming Activities

- April 16th – PTO Meeting at 6:00 in the MHE Library
- April 18th-21st – Spring Break
- April 22nd, 23rd, 24th – ELA PSSA
- April 28th, 29th – Mathematics PSSA
- April 30th, May 1st – Science PSSA
- May 16th - Mill Hall Elementary Student Showcase, PTO School Carnival, and Title 1 Parent Night

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.



Did you know that every school in KCSD has PBIS? Do you know what PBIS is and what it means for your student?

Childcare & light refreshments will be provided

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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1.2 MB



Reading Under the Lights_BHS 2024 (1).pdf

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395.0 KB



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.

REMINDER

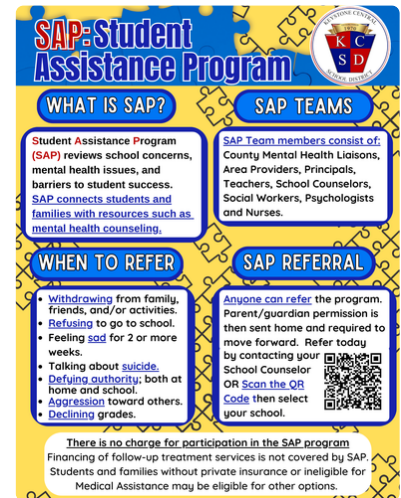
Attendance Counts

Every Day!

Counseling Connection

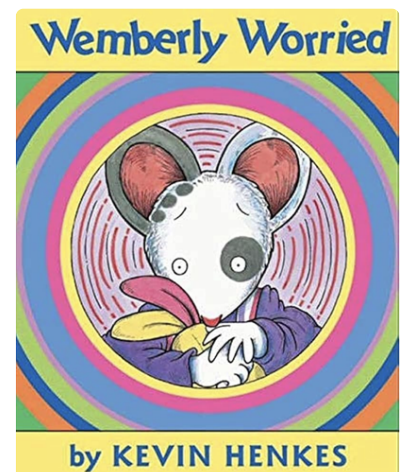
SAP

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!



Counseling Corner: Mrs. Smith

April showers bring May flowers and April tests bring the knowledge out of students' heads for us to see. For some, taking tests is no big deal; it's just another day. For others, they worry a bunch about it. One of my favorite books to read with worried students is "Wemberly Worried" by Kevin Henkes. The story looks into Wemberly's thoughts and all of the things she worries about. It seems like she worries about everything! After reading, ask your Little Wildcat what worries them and what they can do to help stop the worrying. Some of my favorite things to do to stop my worrying are talking to a friend and doing belly breaths.



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

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

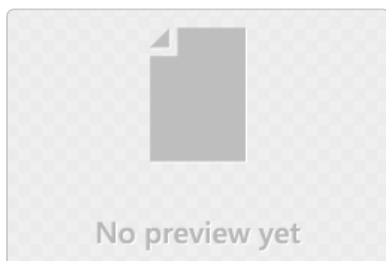
<https://www.kcsd.us/district-offices/human-resources/volunteer-information>

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

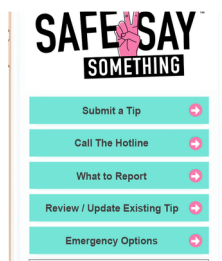
🔗 centralmountainathletics.com

Safety & Security



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[Click here for updates and information about KCS D Safety.](#)



Safe 2 Say

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School Gate Guardian

[Click here for more information about School Gate](#)

[and Security.](#)

[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 Nurse: Miss Sarah Rathmell

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