

Liberty Curtin Elementary

Keystone Central School District

Message From the Principal

Dear Liberty-Curtin Families,

It's hard to believe we are already nearing the the end of another amazing school year! This is our final newsletter for the 2024–2025 school year, and I want to take a moment to thank each of you for your continued support, partnership, and encouragement. Together, we've made this a memorable year for our students, and it's been an honor to work alongside you as part of our school community.



One of the highlights of our end-of-year celebrations is our combined Field Day with Woodward Elementary on May 27 at Central Mountain Middle School. This special One Team, One Dream event will give our students the opportunity to meet their pen pals, sing our One Team, One Dream theme song, and enjoy a full day of games and activities. It's a wonderful way to bring our school communities together and celebrate everything we've accomplished this year.

As we wrap up the school year, I encourage everyone to reflect on the incredible progress our students have made. Whether it was academic achievements, acts of kindness, or personal growth, there is so much to be proud of. Thank you for being part of our team – every student's success is a direct result of our shared commitment to One Team, One Dream.

Sincerely,

Brett Umbenhouer, Principal

Liberty-Curtin Elementary & Woodward Elementary

ONE TEAM ONE DREAM



Click on the image above to access our One Team One Dream theme song (w/ lyrics) that students have been practicing.

Upcoming Activities

- May 2** - School Lunch Hero Day (Cafeteria Staff Appreciation)
 - May 2** - May PBIS Assembly
 - May 5-9** - Teacher Appreciation Week
 - May 7** - School Nurse Appreciation Day
 - May 8** - Special Olympics (Rain date May 9)
 - May 13** - PTO Meeting - 6:00
 - May 14** - Virtual Tab Update Assembly
 - May 14** - LC Showcase - 4:30-6:30 (*Information Below*)
 - May 19** - Career Day
 - May 22** - PBIS Reward - School Carnival
 - May 23** - No School
 - May 26** - Memorial Day - No School
 - May 27** - One Team One Dream Field Day @ CMMS
 - May 30** - School Picnic @ Bald Eagle State Park
 - June 2** - 4th grade Promotion
 - June 4** - End of Year Raffle Assembly
 - June 4** - Last Day of Classes - 3 hr. Early Dismissal / PM Building In-Service
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YOU'RE INVITED

**LIBERTY-CURTIN
SHOWCASE
PAST
PRESENT
FUTURE**

**REMINISCE
WITH FRIENDS
AND PAST
FACULTY**

**MAY 14TH
4:30-6:30
2025**

**MEMORABILIA
PRE-SALES**

**STUDENT
PROJECTS**

Liberty-Curtin Elementary
Parking at the Beech Creek Wesleyan
Church w/ Shuttle Service
Handicap Parking at School

**FOOD &
DRINKS
FOR SALE**



Walk The Halls of LC As We Know It ONE Last Time





Soda Tab Collection Update

Please continue sending in soda tabs for the Ronald McDonald House! At our April 14 Tab Collection Update Assembly, we weighed an impressive 447.5 pounds of tabs. Since then, we have received many more, and we will have an updated weigh-in on May 14.

Our goal is 1,000 pounds between Liberty-Curtin and Woodward, and with your support, we are getting closer! Keep collecting and sending in those tabs—every little bit helps make a big difference for families in need. We plan to conclude our contest on May 27th with our final weigh-in at our One Team One Dream Field Day. Thank you for your generosity!



Feedback and Input Survey

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We want to hear about your experience with your child's education. We invite you to participate in completing the Feedback and Input Survey. This survey includes questions about your personal experiences in our school and will give you the chance to share your ideas about how to make school safer and more supportive. Your responses will be very helpful for us in improving student relationships, learning conditions, and the overall school environment.

Beginning today, 4/28/25, we invite all parents, guardians, and caretakers to complete this survey for our school. The survey is completely anonymous and brief; it contains 24 items, 11 open-ended questions, and takes about 5-10 minutes to complete. You can take the survey online by using the following unique school link: <https://assessment.pbisapps.org/Anon/6vO20BeU4m0>. (If you cannot access this online survey, please pick up a paper copy in your school office, complete it, and leave it in the box designated for that purpose.) Please submit your responses by 5/16/25.

All your responses are completely anonymous. We have no way to connect you to your answers, and results will only be reported as group responses. There are no right or wrong answers. We just want to know about your personal experiences. Responses are housed securely and in an anonymous format with the University of Oregon Technical Assistance Center projects for evaluation research purposes. All evaluation research projects are in compliance with the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act, (343 CFR 99.31 (6)) and human subjects regulations (Protection

of Human Subjects 45 CFR 46).

As you respond to each item, think about your own personal experiences as a parent, caregiver or guardian at your child's school. You can mark "I prefer not to answer" and any other items blank if you don't want to answer a question.

We hope you will take the time to provide us with this valuable information. Feel free to call our office at 570-894-4900 if you have any questions. Each school's results will be used to improve our school's behavior support systems.

The link to complete the survey is <https://assessment.pbisapps.org/Anon/6vO20BeU4m0>

Thank you for your time and participation!

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.

LC Federal Programs and School Improvement Links

Click on this button to access all of our LC and District Federal Programs Links

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.

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

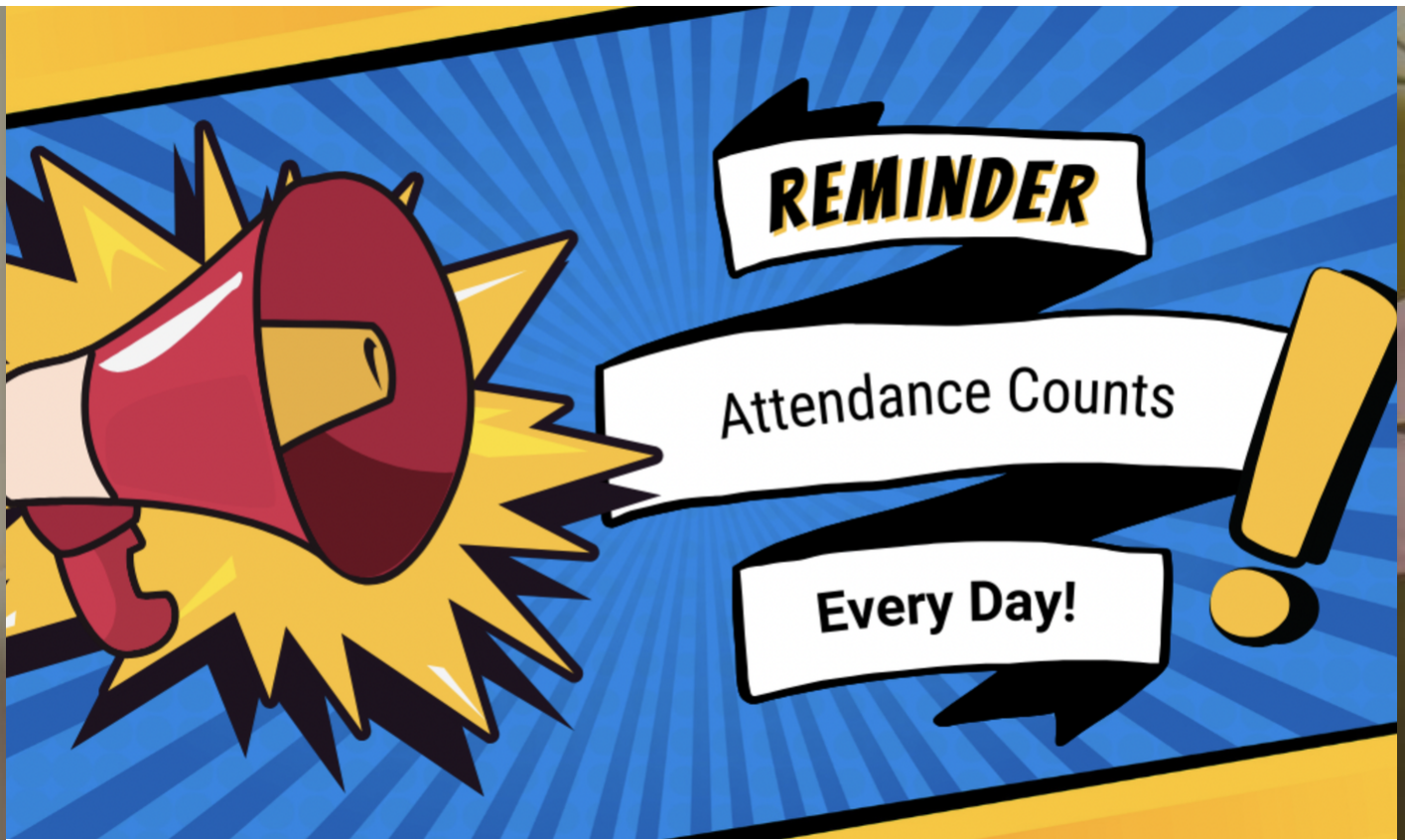
It's never too late to improve attendance!

- 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!



Liberty-Curtin Elementary School Counseling

School Counselors are able to assist your child in 3 main areas: Social/Emotional Development, College/Career Readiness, and Academics.

Some activities provided may be:

- 1:1 Counseling
- Group Counseling
- Classroom Guidance on Interpersonal Skills
 - (i.e. being a good friend, showing empathy, etc)

- Academic Achievement Strategies
- Career Awareness and Interest Inventories

To learn more or to schedule a meeting, please contact:

Bonnie Owens: School Counselor, Liberty-Curtin Elementary

Phone: 570-893-4900 x2521

Email: bowens@kcsd.k12.pa.us

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

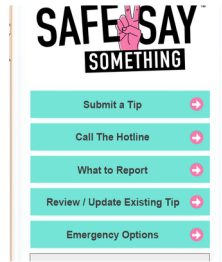
centralmountainathletics.com

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.

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

Click on the button above to access the information.

Elementary Lunch Menu - May/June

Click on the button above to access the information.

School Contact Information

Brett Umbenhouer, Principal, (570) 893-4900 ext. 2502

Wendy Zimmerman, Secretary, (570) 893-4900 ext. 2501

Bonnie Owens, School Guidance Counselor, (570) 893-4900 ext. 2521

Sarah Rathmell/Crissie Swartwood, School Nurse, (570) 893-4900 ext. 2525



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Respect for Yesterday * Pride in Today * Plans for Tomorrow

