

# Mill Hall Elementary

## Keystone Central School District

### Message From Dr. Breon

As the school year gracefully approaches its conclusion, May is a month brimming with exciting activities, important reminders, and celebrations of our students' growth and achievements. We are so proud of all that our students have accomplished this year! None of which would not be possible without your ongoing support!



We are very thankful for this support throughout the year, but want to highlight a few things from last month.

- Our PTO Bingo and Texas Roadhouse Fundraisers helped to raise additional funds to support special events and needs of our school that go way beyond a school budget. For example, all of our grades will be enjoying end of the year field trips with these funds! These are rememberable elementary experiences that extend learning beyond the classroom.
- The 3rd and 4th grade students felt the care for their success in completing the Pennsylvania School System of Assessment (PSSAs). This support was shown through messages, snacks, and overall encouragement to do their best.
- In under a week, we have raised over \$1,100 for the family of Tucker Dorman. Tucker is receiving treatment for Stage 3 Hodgkin's Lymphoma. Mr. Martin has encouraged donations by setting the challenge that if we reached \$1,000, he would allow Tucker to shave his head. Well, Mr. Martin will soon give up his locks as Tucker will have the privilege to shave them off!

Some of the other exciting things that have happened this past month at MHE are:

- Students from Mrs. Segura's class represented MHE at Kent's Fest on April 11th, earning the Best Planet Exploration Award!
- On April 15th, our 1st grade students were able to visit Discovery Space in State College.
- Sports Clusters were chosen by our students for our PBIS Monthly Reward. These clusters were supported by the CMHS Wildcat Way Club. April 24th was a beautiful afternoon filled with fun!

We have had a fantastic year filled with learning, growth, and fun! We will continue recognizing student achievements in various ways throughout May and during our end-of-year events. Be sure to check with your child to see if they earn their daily "I Rocked the 4-Bs Today" ticket. These tickets are being entered into drawings for some fun items, some big and some small. Last week, we were able to send a new Kindle Fire home for one winning student.

We also want to take a minute to express our sincere gratitude to our dedicated volunteers who have contributed so much to our school community this year. Your time and support are invaluable to our students and staff. If you are interested in volunteering next year, please look for information below in our newsletter.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support throughout this school year. We truly value our strong home-school connection and believe it is essential to our students' success. We wish you a safe and enjoyable summer break!



**Mrs. Segura's Class at  
Kent's Fest**



**1st Grade Field Trip to  
Discovery Space**



**PBIS Sports Clusters**

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## **A Special Message from Dr. Breon for the '25-'26 School Year**

It is with bittersweet emotions that I announce to you that I will be retiring in the end of December this year. For over 35 years, I have been driven to provide children with the best education possible. While I am very proud of the service I have provided to countless children and families, I have decided it is time to step back and enjoy increased time with my family.

In order to provide a more seamless transition, Mrs. Laura Fragassi will become the new Mill Hall Elementary Principal at the beginning of the '25-'26 school year. Mrs. Fragassi has served as the Central Mountain Middle School Assistant Principal for the past few years. She will bring to MHE her experiences as an instructional, cultural, and student-focused leader. MHE will continue to be blessed with outstanding educators.

Over the summer, I will be supporting Mrs. Fragassi in preparing for the upcoming school year and transitioning into my new role supporting the district by providing professional development opportunities for the KCSD staff throughout the fall.

Thank you for the honor of serving as your child(ren)'s principal! One of the hardest parts of my decision has been my love for the MHE family. I will continue to watch your children grow as a community member, holding them each dear to my heart.

## Upcoming Activities

**5/15:** BOGO Book Fair

**5/16:** BOGO Book Fair/ Student Showcase/School Carnival/ Title 1 Family Night- 4:30- 6:30

**5/21:** PTO @ 6:00 pm in the Library

**5/23** and **5/26:** No School

**5/30:** 4th Grade Promotion @ 9:30

**6/4:** Last Day of Classes - 3 hr. Early Dismissal

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### 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
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## 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





## 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
- & OVER 1 YEAR OF SCHOOL BY GRADUATION

**+1 YR**

**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**

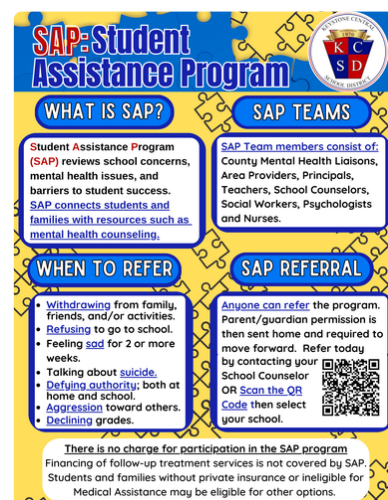
Attendance Counts

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!



## 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!

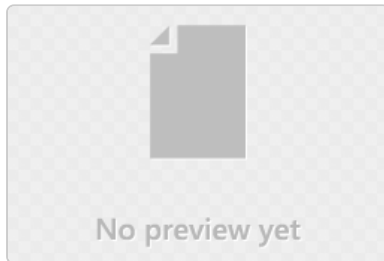
570-893-4900 x 2319

<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)

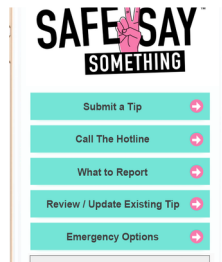
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## Safety & Security



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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!**

Most Up-to-Date Elementary Lunch Menu



## School Contact Information

Principal: Dr Breon

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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: Miss Sarah Rathmell

Phone: (570) 893-4900 ext.2915

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



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Respect for Yesterday \* Pride in Today \* Plans for Tomorrow