



## Message from Principal

Dear Liberty-Curtin Elementary Families,

October was an exciting month filled with learning, celebration, and community spirit at Liberty-Curtin Elementary! Students enjoyed the Josh and Gab assembly focused on kindness and respect, learned valuable lessons during Fire Safety Week thanks to our honored guests from the Blanchard/Beech Creek and Howard Fire Companies, and wrapped up the month with Red Ribbon Week spirit days, hayrides, our indoor Halloween parade, and the first school dance in our new building – what a fantastic time for our students!



As we move into November, we're looking forward to several special events, including our Veterans Day Assembly on November 10, where we'll honor those who have served our country, and parent-teacher conferences on November 13 – a great opportunity to celebrate student growth and set goals for the months ahead.

With Thanksgiving right around the corner, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude to our families and community for all you do to support our students and school. Your partnership makes a tremendous difference every single day. We hope you find time during the Thanksgiving break (November 26–December 2) to relax, reflect on what you're thankful for, and enjoy time with family and friends.

Together, we continue to grow and succeed as One Team, One Dream. LC truly is the place to be!

Sincerely,

Brett Umbenhouer, Principal

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# ONE TEAM ONE DREAM



Click on the image above to access our One Team One Dream theme song (w/ lyrics).

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## Upcoming Activities and Events

**November 5** - PBIS Data Assembly (grades 2-4)

**November 7** - Report Cards sent home

**November 10** - Veterans Day Assembly

**November 11** - PTO Meeting - 6:00pm

**November 12** - PBIS Data Assembly (grades K-1)

**November 13** - Early Dismissal For Students (11:30) / Parent-Teacher Conferences - 12:10pm-3:10pm & 5:00pm-8:00pm

**November 14** - Popcorn Sales

**November 17** - PTO Meat Raffle Ticket Sale Fundraiser begins

**November 18** - First Energy Assembly

**November 19** - Picture Retake Day

**November 19-25** - Sleep In Heavenly Peace Donations - *see info below*

**November 26- December 2** - Thanksgiving Break - No School



# Sleep in Heavenly Peace

NOVEMBER 19-25,  
2025

WE WILL BE  
COLLECTING COINS  
FOR SLEEP IN  
HEAVENLY PEACE  
(SHP)!

SHP BUILDS BEDS FOR  
CHILDREN AND THEIR  
FAMILIES IN OUR  
COMMUNITY AT NO  
COST TO FAMILIES!



**NO KID SLEEPS  
ON THE FLOOR  
IN OUR TOWN!**

WE WILL BE COLLECTING COINS TO DONATE TO OUR LOCAL CHAPTER OF SLEEP IN HEAVENLY PEACE. THIS IS AN ORGANIZATION THAT RAISES FUNDS AND THEN BUILDS BEDS FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY. THESE BEDS AND BEDDING ARE DELIVERED TO FAMILIES AT NO COST TO THE FAMILY. TO APPLY FOR A BED OR JOIN THE NEXT BUILD, PLEASE VISIT [SHPBEDS.ORG](http://SHPBEDS.ORG)

STUDENTS ARE INVITED TO WEAR THEIR PAJAMAS TO SCHOOL ON 11/25 - THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL PRIOR TO THE THANKSGIVING BREAK!

## Stay Connected!

### Stay Connected with KCSD and LC!

KCSD is using **ClassDojo** to help you stay connected (or reconnect) so you don't miss any important information from your child's school or teachers.

We're also sharing exciting updates and good news on **Facebook** and **Instagram**—be sure to follow us there!

### Make sure you're connected to receive updates about:

- School events and activities
- Important deadlines and assignments
- Emergency alerts, delays, dismissals, and closures

Stay informed and stay involved!



**LC Website**



**LC Dojo**



**LC Facebook**

Follow us on Facebook!

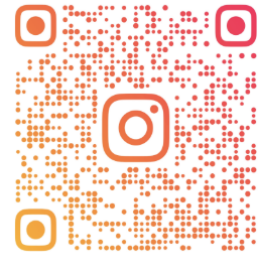


**KCSD Website**



**KCSD Facebook**

Follow KCSD on Facebook!



**KCSD Instagram**

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## Important: SchoolMessenger Alert

As we prepare for the upcoming winter season, the IT Department sent out a SchoolMessenger test alert (via phone call and email) during the week of October 27.

If you did not receive this message, please follow the following steps to update your contact information:

**Staff:** Please submit a Technology Ticket via the school website: [Submit a Tech Ticket](#).

**Parents:** Please contact your school secretary to have your contact information updated in our PowerSchool database.

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## Federal Programs

### Annual Notices and Policy Review

#### 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).

## LC Federal Programs and School Improvement Links

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

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## Family Connections

### 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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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

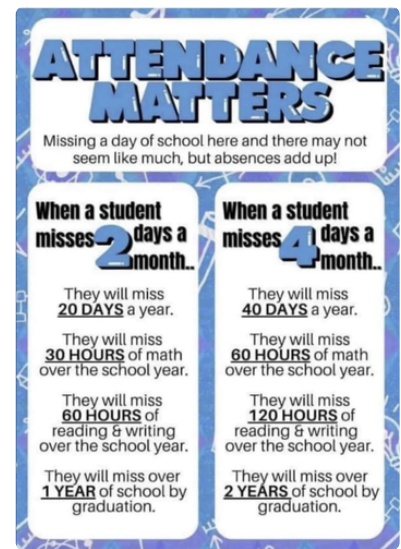


We're so excited to have our schools filled with students and teachers where we can all grow and learn together!

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: Attendance Matters Now!**



## 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 will take you to our Volunteer Application. You may also complete the Volunteer Application and Disclosure Form at your child's school. Please note, we do require a new application for each school year.

Clearances are also required. Here are the links:

- (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>

\*Volunteer service code : 1KG6ZJ (not for employees or paid staff)

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 will be happy to help you and answer questions!

570-893-4900 x 2319

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

<mailto:enace@kcsd.k12.pa.us> or <mailto:personnel@kcsd.k12.pa.us>

86 Administration Drive, Mill Hall, PA 17751

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## Athletics & Activities



### Central Mountain High School

[CMHS Athletic Page](#)



### Bucktail Campus

[BT Athletic Page](#)



### Central Mountain Middle School

[CMMS Athletic Page](#)

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## Safety & Security

**Keystone Central School District has School Resource Officers throughout our district for safety and security.**

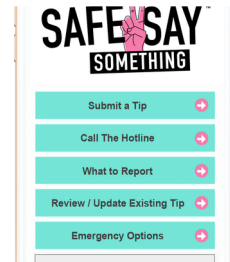
Officer Scott VanGorder - Central Mountain High School

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



## School Gate Guardian

[Click here for more information about School Gate Guardian and the district requirement for all visitors to show ID.](#)

## 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.](#)

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## 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!](#)

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## 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>

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## 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**

**KCSD Transportation Department**



**KCSD Volunteer Application & Information**

**KCSD Student Handbooks**

**KCSD Food & Nutrition Services**

**Special Education**

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

### **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



**Keystone Central School District**

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