



Message from Principal

Dear Liberty-Curtin Elementary Families,

As we head into the Thanksgiving break, I hope you and your family find time to rest, recharge, and reflect on all that you are thankful for. Please know that we are incredibly thankful for your ongoing partnership and support—LC is the place to be because of our amazing families.



December brings 12 important instructional days, and we are excited to keep the momentum going. Below, you will find our December Spirit Days calendar. We hope your child can join in the fun and help us get into the holiday spirit.

You are also invited to our Holiday Concert on December 11 at 6:00 PM in the auditorium at Central Mountain Middle School. Our students cannot wait to share some holiday classics and bring joy to your season.

This year, our PTO is hosting a festive fundraiser—our Staff Holiday Overload Fashion Show on Wednesday, December 3! Staff members will walk the red carpet in their most spirited holiday attire. From December 4–11, students can vote for their favorite outfit by placing donations in that staff member's container. We will wrap up voting the night of the concert—so get your loose change ready! Our staff is excited to strut their stuff at the fashion show.

We wish you a safe, enjoyable holiday season and a very Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

ONE TEAM ONE DREAM



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

Upcoming Activities and Events

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

December 3 - December 18 - Holiday Spirit Days - *see below*

December 3 - Holiday Overload Fashion Show - *more info to come*

December 4 - KCSD Board Meeting Reorganization & Voting - 6:30 PM at the Administration Building

December 5 - PTO Fundraiser - Meat Raffle Tickets Due

December 8-9 - Christmas Store - *more info to come*

December 10 - Star Student Luncheon

December 11 - Holiday Concert - @ CMMS - 6:00

December 12 - Winter Dance - 5:30-7:00 - *more info to come*

December 17 - Santa Visit

December 17 - Holiday Parties - PM

December 18 - Reindeer Games

December 19-January 4 - No School

January 13 - PTO Meeting - 6:00

January 14 - Star Student Luncheon

January 16 - Popcorn Sales

January 19 - Martin Luther King Day - No School

January 23 - Professional Learning / Clerical Day - No School

DECEMBER SPIRIT DAYS 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	01 NO SCHOOL	02 NO SCHOOL	03 DAY C "Crazy" Holiday Sweater or Shirt Day!	04 DAY D Winter Wonderland... Wear a hat and scarf!	05 DAY E Flannel Friday! Wear your flannel shirts and/or pants!	06
07	08 DAY F Hunting for the BEST gift ever! Wear your CAMO!	09 DAY A Wear your festive socks and holiday jewelry!	10 DAY B Western Wednesday Merry Christmas Ya'll!	11 DAY C Wear Stripes like a Candy Cane	12 DAY D Shine Bright and wear Tinsel, Tie Dye, Tutus, and Tights Day!	13
14	15 DAY E Grinch for a Day! Wear your GREEN!	16 DAY F Get Moving this Season! Wear your athleisure wear!	17 DAY A Pajama Day! Wear your holiday jammies for a cozy day!	18 DAY B Reindeer Games—More details to come	19 NO SCHOOL	20
21	22 NO SCHOOL	23 NO SCHOOL	24 NO SCHOOL	25 NO SCHOOL	26 NO SCHOOL	27
28	29 NO SCHOOL	30 NO SCHOOL	31 NO SCHOOL			

Messages and Updates through Class Dojo

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!

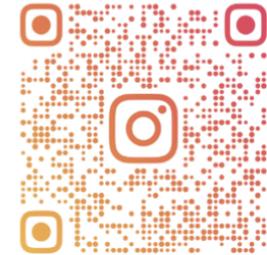


KCSD Website



KCSD Facebook

Follow KCSD on Facebook!



KCSD Instagram

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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.

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

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.

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!

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Missing a day of school here and there may not seem like much, but absences add up!

When a student misses 2 days a month..	When a student misses 4 days a month..
They will miss 20 DAYS a year.	They will miss 40 DAYS a year.
They will miss 30 HOURS of math over the school year.	They will miss 60 HOURS of math over the school year.
They will miss 60 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.	They will miss 120 HOURS of reading & writing over the school year.
They will miss over 1 YEAR of school by graduation.	They will miss over 2 YEARS of school by graduation.



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. Or visit tinyurl.com/SAPKRC

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.

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

Employment Opportunities/Subbing

Employment Opportunities

Are you interested in joining our team? [Please click here to see our current open positions!](#)

We are also looking for substitutes in all areas! If you are interested in becoming a substitute teacher, secretary, para educator, food services or custodian [click here and get signed up with ESS](#). ESS is our contracted partner for fulfilling our substitute needs!

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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](#)

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



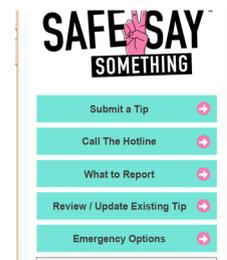
School Gate Guardian

[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 KCS D Safety and Security.](#)



Safe 2 Say

[Click here to access information about Safe 2 Say.](#)

Virtual Academy

[Did you know that KCS D 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.smore.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](#)

[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