

# Welcome MARCH

LIBERTY-CURTIN ELEMENTARY  
March Newsletter



## Message from Principal

Dear Liberty-Curtin Elementary Families,

March is going to be an exciting month at Liberty-Curtin! Our school will be filled with energy, learning, and opportunities for students to connect with one another and with our community.

We are especially looking forward to celebrating Read Across America Week, welcoming guest readers into our school, and bringing students together for special assemblies and activities throughout the month. These experiences help strengthen our school culture and remind our students that learning can be both meaningful and fun.

I also want to share some wonderful news about our Tab Collection Contest to support the Ronald McDonald House. After just one month, our district elementary schools have collected an incredible 487.8 pounds of tabs – and Liberty-Curtin is currently leading the friendly competition! Our district goal is 1,200 pounds by May 28, and we are well on our way.

Thank you for continuing to send in tabs and for spreading the word to family, friends, and community members. This is a powerful example of what happens when we rally around a cause bigger than ourselves. Our students are seeing firsthand that even small contributions can make a big difference for families in need.

At Liberty-Curtin, we truly live out our belief: One Team, One Dream. When we work together – school and home – there is nothing we cannot accomplish for our students.

Thank you for being such an important part of our team.

***LC 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

**March 2-6** - Read Across America Week - *see info below*

**March 2-5** - Guest Readers visit LC

**March 4** - PBIS Assembly

**March 6** - Masked Reader Reveal Assembly

**March 6** - Texas Roadhouse will visit LC

**March 10** - Spring Pictures

**March 11** - Star Student Luncheon - 10:55 (K-1) & 11:30 (grades 2-4)

**March 13** - Inservice - **NO SCHOOL for Students** (AM-Spring Conferences)

**March 18** - Flag Etiquette Assemblies

**March 19** - Ag Literacy with Bonnie Bettis - grades K-1

**March 19** - Tab Update Assembly

**March 20** - YouTuber - Mr. Mike Assembly

**March 20** - Popcorn Sales

**March 24** - Kettle Creek Program for 4th grade

**March 25** - Birdhouses - for 4th grade

**March 27** - PBIS Reward

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LIBERTY-CURTIN CELEBRATES  
**Read Across America WEEK**

MARCH 2ND - 6TH

**Monday March 2nd**  
Favorite Character...  
come dressed as  
your favorite  
characters

**Tuesday March 3rd**  
Hats Off to  
Reading...  
wear your  
favorite hat

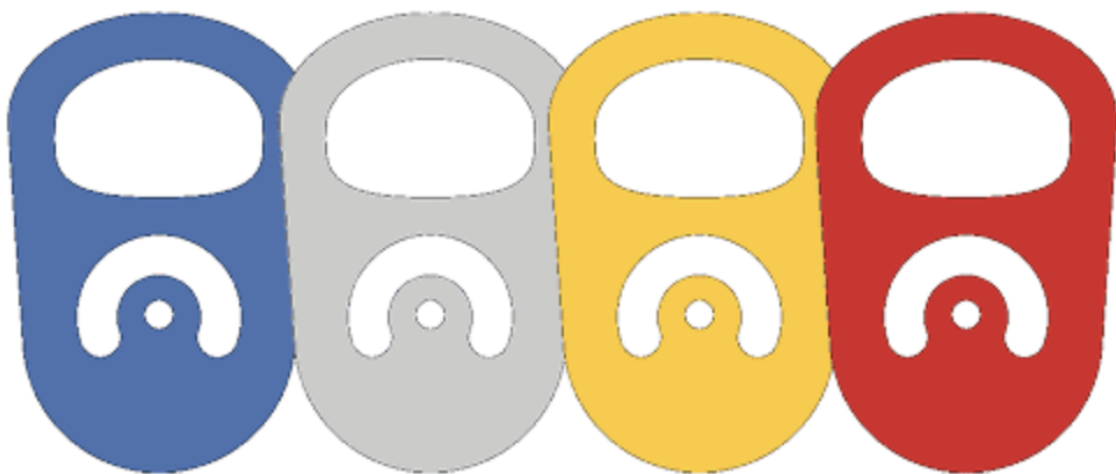
**Wednesday March 4th**  
Wacky Wednesday...  
wear  
mismatched socks,  
crazy hair, or  
inside-out clothes.

**Thursday March 5th**  
Future Day...  
wear your  
future career  
gear

**Friday March 6th**  
Snuggle Up  
& Read...  
wear pajamas &  
D.E.A.R.  
(drop everything & read)

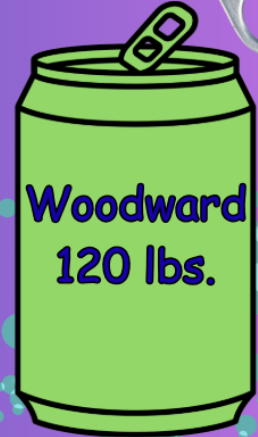
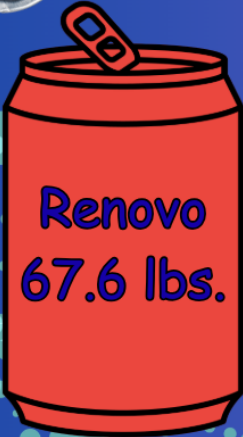
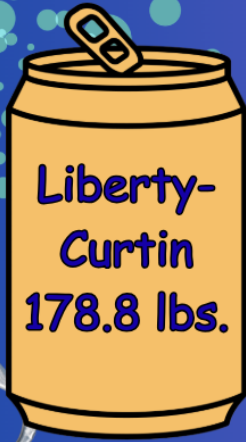
We will have some  
special guest readers  
throughout the week!!

## Ronald McDonald House Tab Collection Contest



**PULL TOGETHER**

# February Tab Totals



After just ONE month of collecting, our district elementary schools have already brought in an amazing 487.8 pounds of tabs! 🎉

Liberty-Curtin is off to a strong start and is currently leading the friendly competition among our district schools!

Remember, our district goal is 1,200 pounds by May 28 – and we know we can get there with your help!

Please continue to send in your tabs, and don't forget to get your family, friends, and community involved in this great activity to support the Ronald McDonald House.

One Team, One Dream!

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## Revised School Calendar

April 2 is now a student day with early dismissal (3 hours early). Please mark your calendars so this change doesn't get missed!



# School Calendar

JULY 2025							JANUARY 2026						
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SEPTEMBER 2025							MARCH 2026						
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OCTOBER 2025							APRIL 2026						
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DECEMBER 2025							JUNE 2026						
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**KEY**

- Red hexagon: First/Last Day of School
- Blue square: No School
- White circle: Professional Learning Day (No Students)
- Yellow circle: Open House/Conferences
- Red triangle: Early Dismissal
- Orange diamond: Clerical Day

KCSD has been approved for 5 remote learning days due to inclement weather. Anything over 5 will be added to the end of the school year.

**August 20 - Teacher Induction Day**  
**August 21, 22, & 25 - Professional Learning Days (2 which are Clerical)**  
**August 26 - First Day of Classes**

**September 1 - Labor Day - No School**  
**September - Open Houses**

- Liberty-Curtin: 9/10 - 5:00-8:00 PM
- Woodward: 9/3 - 5:00-8:00 PM
- Robb: 9/3 - 5:00-8:00 PM
- Mill Hall: 9/9 - 5:00-8:00 PM
- Renovo: 9/3 - 5:00-8:00 PM
- CMMS: 9/17 - 5:00-8:00 PM
- CMHS:
  - 9th Grade- 8/13 6:00-8:00 PM
  - 10th-12th- 9/4 5:00-8:00 PM
- Bucktail: 9/10 - 5-8:00 PM

**October 13 - Columbus Day - No School**  
**October 14 - Professional Learning Day**  
**October 31 - No School for Students & 1/2 Clerical Day**

**November 13 - Conference Day - Early Dismissal For Students - Conferences afternoon through evening**  
**November 26 thru December 2 - Thanksgiving Break - No School**

**December 19 - King of the Mountain - No School**  
**December 22 thru January 2 - Winter Break - No School**

**January 19 - Martin Luther King Day - No School**  
**January 23 - Professional Learning Day - No School Clerical Day**  
**January 30 - School Closed - Inclement Weather**

**February 16 - President's Day - No School**

**March 13 - Professional Learning Day - AM-Senior Projects Conferences PM & Clerical Day**

**April 2 - 3 hr. Early Dismissal For Students & 1/2 Clerical Day**  
**April 3 thru 6 - Spring Break - No School**

**May 25 - Memorial Day - No School**

**June 4 - Last Day of Classes - 3 hr. Early Dismissal, 1/2 Teacher day**  
**June 5 - Clerical Day**  
**June 8 & 9 - Professional Learning Day (PPL Days)**

End of Marking Period			
(Qtr. 1)	(Qtr.2)	(Qtr.3)	(Qtr.4)
Oct. 31	Jan 23	April 2	June 5

**PSSA Testing Window (subject to change from PDE) Grades 3-8**

English/Language Arts	April 20 through April 24
Mathematics/Science/Make-ups	April 27 through May 1

**Keystone Exams (subject to change from PDE)**

Winter Testing Window (Wave 1)	Dec. 3 through Dec. 17
Winter Testing Window (Wave 2)	Jan. 5 through Jan. 16
Spring Testing Window	May 11 through May 22
Summer Testing Window	July 27 through Aug. 31

**Pre-NOCTI Window**  
 October 14, 2025 - November 7, 2025

**NOCTI Window**  
 April 13, 2026 - April 24, 2026

Approved: 2/12/2026

## 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](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).

## Liberty-Curtin 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 <b>20 DAYS</b> a year.	They will miss <b>40 DAYS</b> a year.
They will miss <b>30 HOURS</b> of math over the school year.	They will miss <b>60 HOURS</b> of math over the school year.
They will miss <b>60 HOURS</b> of reading & writing over the school year.	They will miss <b>120 HOURS</b> of reading & writing over the school year.
They will miss over <b>1 YEAR</b> of school by graduation.	They will miss over <b>2 YEARS</b> of school by graduation.

# REMINDER

## Attendance Counts

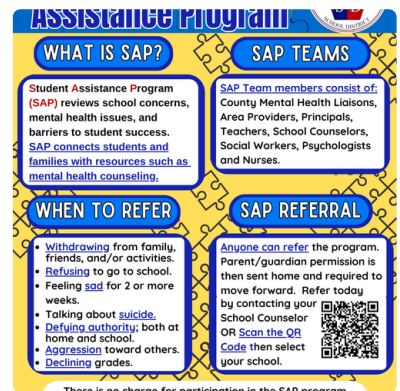
### Every Day!

### 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!



**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.

There is no charge for participation in the SAP program.

## 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)

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](#)



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## Safety & Security

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

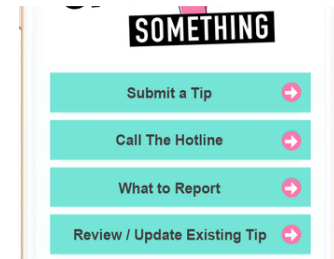
Officer Scott VanGorder - Central Mountain High School

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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## 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!](#)

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### School Contact Information

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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