



# Liberty-Curtin

## May Newsletter

### Message from Principal

Dear LC Families,

It's hard to believe we are already in our last full month of the school year. May always seems to arrive quickly, and with it comes a wonderful mix of meaningful learning, exciting experiences, and time to celebrate all that our students have accomplished.

To all of our mothers and mother figures—Happy Mother's Day! Thank you for the love, support, and care you give each and every day. We appreciate all that you do for your children and our school community.



May is full of both learning and fun here at LC. Next week, our students will have the opportunity to visit a planetarium set up right here in our school—an experience that is sure to spark curiosity and excitement about the world beyond our own. We are also thrilled to welcome Alan St. Jean back to Liberty-Curtin for two special visits. On May 7, he will share the book he created in collaboration with our LC students. Then, on May 14, he will join us again during our Showcase Night, where he will officially unveil the book to families and the community with a special read-aloud. We are incredibly proud of our students' work and can't wait to share it with you.

I also want to take a moment to recognize May 4–8 as Teacher Appreciation Week. We truly have the very best staff here at LC. I encourage you to take a moment to let them know they are seen, heard, and loved. The impact they make on our students each day is immeasurable, and we are so grateful for their dedication.

Looking ahead, we are excited to share that next school year Liberty-Curtin will welcome our district's English Language Learners (ELL) program. We anticipate 20–30 new students joining our LC family, along with three new staff members who will support this program. We are incredibly excited about the opportunity to grow our school community and enrich the experiences of all our students.

To help with this transition, we will be hosting a special open house for our incoming ELL students and their families on May 19. Additionally, on May 21, we will hold a "Moving Over to LC" day, where our ELL students from Mill Hall Elementary will visit Liberty-Curtin. They will spend part of the day meeting students and staff, touring the building, and getting a feel for their new school. We are committed to making this a welcoming and positive experience for everyone involved.

As always, thank you for making *LC the place to be*. Together, we truly are *One Team, One Dream*

Sincerely,

Brett Umbenhouer, Principal

# ONE TEAM ONE DREAM



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## Upcoming Activities and Events

**May 1** - School Lunch Hero Day (Cafeteria Worker Appreciation Day)

**May 1** - Principal Appreciation Day

**May 4-8** - Teacher Appreciation Week

**May 5** - PBIS Assembly

**May 6** - Planetarium @ LC

**May 7** - Alan St. Jean Visit and Book Reveal

**May 7** - Special Olympics @ CMMS

**May 8** - 4th Grade Field Trip to Philadelphia

**May 11** - 5th & 6th Graders to LC Day

**May 12** - 1st Grade Field Trip to Reptiland

**May 13** - Star Student Luncheon 10:55- (K-1) / 11:30- (2nd-4th)

**May 14** - Showcase - 4:30-6:30pm

**May 18** - Career Day

**May 19** - 4th grade Move-up Day @ CMMS

**May 19** - English Language Learner (ELL) Open House - 6:00-7:00pm

**May 20** - Spring Concert - Live streamed for families @ 12:45pm

**May 21** - ELL Moving Over Day @ LC

**May 22** - Kindergarten Farewell

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

**May 26** - 3rd grade Field Trip to Old Bedford Village

**May 26** - PTO Meeting & School Advisory - 6:00pm

**May 27** - Carnival

**May 28** - 2nd grade Field Trip to Penn's Cave

**May 28** - Final Tab Update & PBIS Assembly - 10:00

**May 29** - School Picnic @ Bald Eagle State Park

**June 1** - Field Day (*Rain date - June 2*)

**June 2** - Star Student Luncheon 10:55- (K-1) / 11:30- (2nd-4th)

**June 2** - Senior Walk and Kickball (PM)

**June 3** - 4th grade Promotion - 9:30am @ LC

**June 4** - End of the year Assembly & Raffle - 8:30

**June 4** - Last Day of School - Early Dismissal - 11:30

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## Showcase - May 14th from 4:30-6:30pm



Come out and join us for an exciting evening at our Showcase! Explore a wide variety of student displays, enjoy delicious options from multiple food vendors, and be part of a special moment as Alan St. Jean unveils the book he created in collaboration with Liberty-Curtin Elementary students. It's a night full of fun, food, and family—you won't want to miss it!

**YOU'RE INVITED TO THE**  
**LIBERTY-CURTIN**  
**SHOWCASE!**

**COME SHARE. COME CELEBRATE. COME BE AMAZED!**

**MAY 14<sup>TH</sup>** | **4:30 – 6:30 PM** | **LIBERTY-CURTIN ELEMENTARY GYM**

**DOES YOUR CHILD HAVE SOMETHING AMAZING TO SHOW?**

**WHETHER THEY LOVE:**

- SPORTS** (Basketball, Soccer)
- ART** (Paint palette)
- SINGING OR PERFORMING** (Microphone)
- COLLECTIONS** (Trading cards)
- UNIQUE INTERESTS** (Magnifying glass)
- ...OR ANYTHING IN BETWEEN!**

**SIGN UP FOR A SHOWCASE SPOT IN THE GYM AND LET YOUR CHILD SHOW OFF WHAT MAKES THEM AMAZING!**

**SPOTS ARE LIMITED AND WILL FILL UP FAST!**

**FIRST COME, FIRST SERVE—DON'T MISS OUT!**

This is a wonderful opportunity for students to build confidence, celebrate their passions, and share what they love with friends, family, and our school community.

**COME JOIN THE FUN, SUPPORT OUR STUDENTS, AND MAKE IT A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!**

**★ SIGN UP TODAY TO RESERVE YOUR CHILD'S SPOT! ★**

We want to see your student's amazing talents, gifts and abilities and celebrate them! We have limited spots in the gym where your student can set up a display to showcase something they love about themselves! USE THE LINK to sign up as SPOTS ARE LIMITED.

<https://forms.gle/fXAhsyb2FVFWTX4G9>

## Ronald McDonald House Tab Collection Contest

Liberty-Curtin is currently leading all schools with over 447.8 pounds of tabs! As a district, our goal is 1,200 pounds by May 28, and we're already at 1,154.3 pounds—so close! Keep those tabs coming in as we support a great cause!

# WE NEED TABS!



PULL TOGETHER

## April Tab Totals

Liberty-  
Curtin  
124.2 lbs.

Our combined  
KCSD total is...  
1,154.3 pounds

Mill Hall  
46.8 lbs.

Renovo  
32.4 lbs.

Robb  
73 lbs.

Woodward  
47.5 lbs.

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

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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

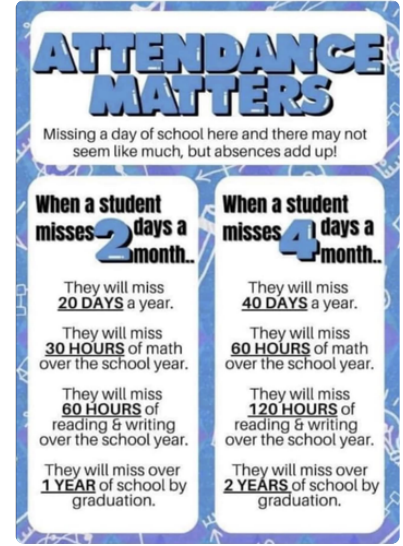
**We're so excited to have our schools filled with students and teachers where we can all grow and learn together!**

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!**



**ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

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

When a student misses <b>2</b> days a month..	When a student misses <b>4</b> 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

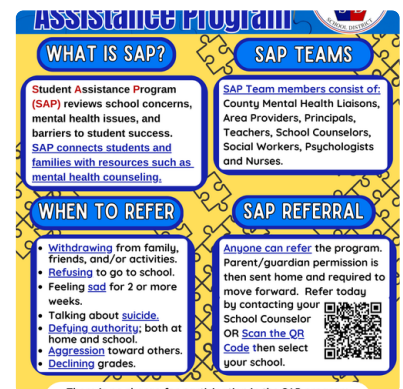
Every Day!

## 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)

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



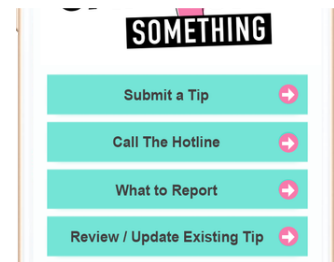
### School Gate Guardian

[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 KCSD Safety and Security.](#)



### Safe 2 Say

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

## 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](#)

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## School Contact Information

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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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