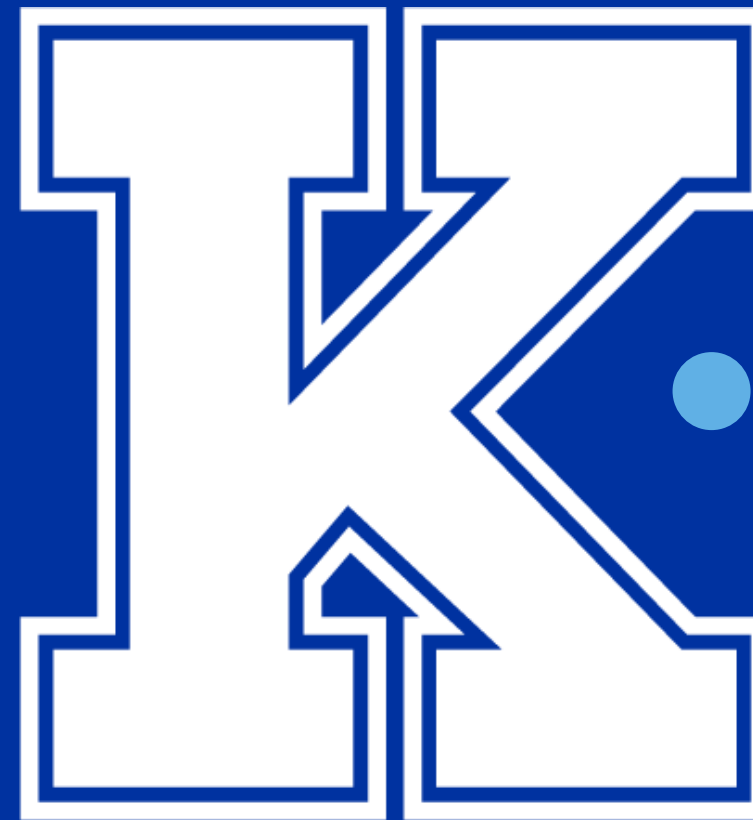


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New Parent Orientation

AGENDA

- Welcome
- Meet Mary D. Lang Staff
- Parents as Partners
- Learn About
 - Safety
 - Academics
 - Support
 - Dining
- Transportation
- Upcoming Events
- Questions





Meet the Mary D Lang Staff

Parents as Partners: A Parentship



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Communication is Key

● *Ways We'll Share the M&Ms of Mary D.*

- **Monthly Family Newsletter** – School updates, celebrations, and important reminders (1-page)
- **Monthly Smore Newsletter** – Family-friendly resources, upcoming events, and photos from around our school (email)
- **Messenger Emails & Phone Blasts** – Schoolwide announcements, reminders, and urgent updates
- **Teacher & Principal Emails** – Classroom and school communication to keep you informed
- **TalkingPoints** – Two-way communication between home and school, with translation available in multiple languages
- **Call the Main Office: 610-444-6260** – We're always happy to help or connect you with the appropriate staff member



Ways to Form and Maintain a Partnership

● ***Communicate with Teachers***

- Attend Parent-Teacher Meetings: Regular meetings provide updates on the child's progress and areas for improvement.
- Send important information via email or in Red Communication Folder - not Talking Points
- Stay Informed: Keep up with newsletters, emails, or any communication from the school.
- Have open communication with teachers about concerns or questions.

● ***Create a Learning Environment at Home***

- Set a Routine: Consistent routines help children feel secure and understand expectations.
- Encourage Reading: Reading together daily can improve literacy and foster a love for books.

● ***Maintain Health and Well-being***

- Healthy Routines: Ensure children get enough sleep, eat nutritious meals, and have physical activity.
- Decrease screen time.

Safety

Safe schools begin when every student feels supported! That's why we offer *comprehensive academic, behavioral, mental health and social services*.

- Mary D. Lang's *doors remain locked* at all times. All visitors **MUST** have an appointment.

To enter the building, all guests must:

- Schedule an appointment
- Enter through the front doors
- Present photo identification
- Receive a KCSD visitor lanyard



- In the event that an incident does occur, we are *prepared to respond* through partnerships with the Borough of Kennett Square, Kennett Township & Southern Chester County Regional Police Forces.

Academics

- We present high-quality, research-based instruction:
 - Benchmark Advance (Reading, Writing, and Handwriting)
 - UFLI (Phonics)
 - i-Ready (Math)
 - Nystrom Education (Social Studies)
 - National Geographic Learning (Science)

● We have the following related arts classes:

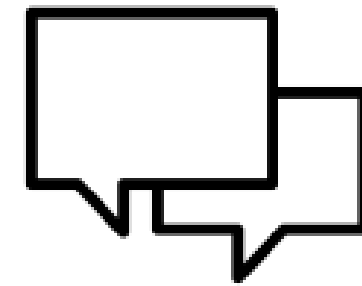
- Art
- Physical Education
- Technology
- Music
- Library



Attendance

Absent or Running Late?

- Submit a parent/guardian note explaining the absence to Christian Lagunas @clagunas@kcsd.org or send a message through Talking Points to your child's teacher. The note can be in the form of:



Important

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A written excuse must be submitted within three (3) days of the absence. Any missed days will be unexcused unless a note is received.

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A student who has missed ten (10) cumulative days may only have additional absences excused by a doctor's note.



Support

- We balance our academic approach with the need to educate the whole child- and integrate these practices throughout our day.
 - Counseling
 - Mental Health
 - Behavioral Supports
 - Nursing
 - Social Work
 - Special Education
- This year we are implementing an evidence-based SEL program designed to help students develop skills that support success in school and beyond. The program focuses on six Core Skills:
 - Self-Awareness
 - Collaboration
 - Empathy
 - Adaptability
 - Agency
 - Purpose



Dining Services

- Breakfast & lunch are served daily by Chartwells. This year's meal costs are:
 - Lunch - \$3.25
 - Breakfast (beginning September 14) - FREE
- Free and reduced lunches are available. Applications must be completed online.*
- Menus are posted on the District website and/or NutriSlice App.



****Call Mrs. Christian Lagunas at 610-444-6260 if you need assistance. Additional information will also be sent via email.*

Transportation

- In the morning, students are bussed to their home elementary school by 8:45 a.m.
 - Bancroft Elementary School
 - Greenwood Elementary School
 - New Garden Elementary School
- Buses then transfer students to Mary D. Lang by 9 a.m.
- This process is reversed in the afternoon.
- Dismissal takes place at 3:05 p.m.
- Instructional Assistants are available to assist at all times.



If you have any questions, contact Tom Jenkins, Manager of Transportation at 610-444-6619.



Drop-Off & Pick Up

- Drop-off time is 8:45-9:05 a.m.
- Pick Up time is 3:05
- Use Mulberry Street when dropping off and picking up your child.
- You must send a note:)
- Please remain in your car.
- Please teach your child how to buckle and unbuckle their seatbelt.
- Place “Dash Sign” on your car’s dashboard.
- Walkers must also present “Dash Sign”



*****Due to the safety of our students, please maintain a consistent method of dismissal.***

Back-to-School-Basics

● If your child is going to be an everyday pickup, email Jane Henry (jhenry@kcsd.org) and your child's teacher as soon as possible.

● We included the following information in your summer mailing:

- Emergency Form and Letter from Nurse
- Teacher Assignment,
- Name Tag
- Bus Book Bag Tag
- Dashboard Sign
- Family Homework Flyer



All notes should be sent in the students' Red Communication Folder—
Please do not use Talking Points.



For the First Day of School

- It would be helpful if students:
 - Know first name
 - Wear the name tag
 - Attach bus tag to book bag
 - Have a healthy snack and bring a water bottle
- Place a note with their name, your name, and your phone number in the bookbag
- Label all items: water bottles, book bags, lunch boxes, and coats
- If your child is an everyday pick-up, PLEASE fill out the form on the back table and leave it in the tray or give it to Mrs. Henry.



For the First Week of School

- Families Should:
 - Expect children to be exhausted, but excited
 - Look out for lots of paperwork in their Red Communication Folder



Upcoming Events

● Sneak-A-Peek

- Thursday, August 27 from 1 to 2 p.m.

● First Day of School

- Monday, August 31 from 8:45 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.

● Parent Back-to-School Night

- Thursday, September 10 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

● Parent Events Committee Meeting

- Wednesday, September 23rd at 6:00

● Inservice Day - No School for Students

- Monday, September 21st

● Picture Day

- Tuesday, September 29th



Questions?



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