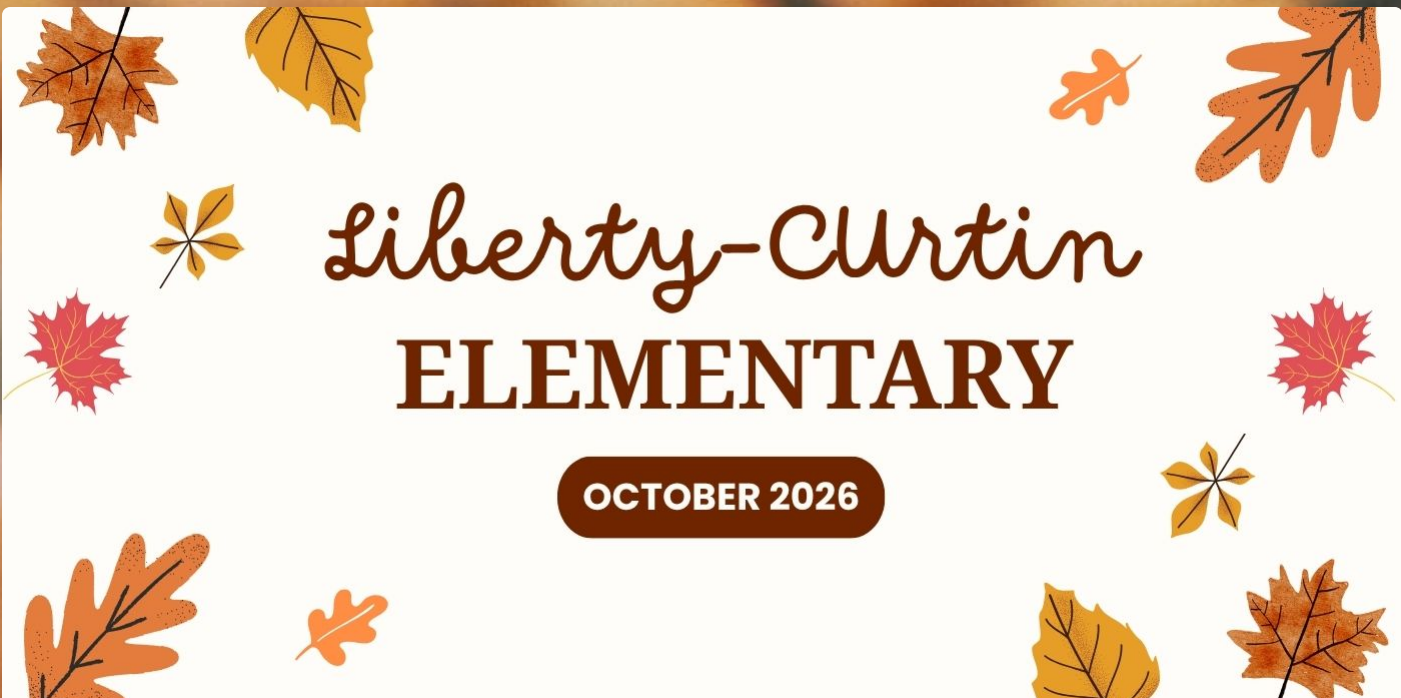




# Liberty-Curtin ELEMENTARY

OCTOBER 2026

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Liberty-Curtin Families,

As we begin October, I want to take a moment to reflect on what has already been an exciting start to the school year at Liberty-Curtin Elementary!

September was filled with opportunities to celebrate our school community. We welcomed more than 300 guests for our Grandparents and Special Persons Day, and throughout the opening weeks of school, we have also welcomed many new students and staff members to LC.

This year, we kicked off our schoolwide focus of **"You Belong Here."** With so many new faces joining our LC family, we want every student, staff member, and family to know that they are an important part of our school community. Our goal is for everyone who walks through our doors to feel seen, heard, and loved.

Last week, our students completed their fall assessments, and they are off to an outstanding start! We are excited to use this information to celebrate their successes, identify areas for growth, and continue providing meaningful learning opportunities throughout the year.

October brings plenty of learning, fun, and opportunities to come together as a school community. During the first full week of October, we will recognize Fire Prevention Week with a visit from our local fire department, and our students will participate in LC Laps Fundraiser.

Later in the month, the excitement continues! On October 23, Exotic Adventures will visit LC to provide students with an interactive wildlife experience featuring a variety of animals. We will then close out October with a full week of special activities, including our Fall Festival with tractor-pulled hayrides, Halloween parade and classroom parties, and our first school dance of the year.

Thank you for your continued support of our students, staff, and school community. Your partnership helps make Liberty-Curtin a place where everyone belongs and where students can learn, grow, and thrive.

Thank you for helping make **LC the place to be!**

Mr. Umbenhouer  
Principal

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## Important Information

**October 4-11** - Fire Prevention Week

**October 5-9** - Homecoming Spirit Days - *info below*

**October 7** - Star Student Luncheon

**October 8** - LC Laps - *Info below*

**October 9** - Picture Day

**October 12** - **No School**

**October 13** - **Professional Learning Day** (*No students*)

**October 23** - Exotic Adventures Assemblies

**October 28** - Fall Festival and Hayride

**October 29** - Halloween Parade and Parties

**October 29** - School Dance - 5:30-7:00pm - *more info to come*

**October 30** - No School for Students & 1/2 Clerical Day for Staff

## Student Handbooks

- [Elementary Handbook](#)
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## ***Homecoming Spirit Week***

# LIBERTY-CURTIN Elementary

## HOMECOMING WEEK

5 Days & 5 Ways to Show Your Wildcat Spirit!!

**MONDAY**  
OCT. 5<sup>TH</sup>

**PAJAMA DAY**

Wear your favorite school-appropriate pajamas!

**TUESDAY**  
OCT. 6<sup>TH</sup>

**REVERSE DAY**

Teachers dress like students and students dress like teachers!

**WEDNESDAY**  
OCT. 7<sup>TH</sup>

**DRESS FOR THE WRONG OCCASION**

Heading to the airport? Going camping? Getting ready for a job interview? Dress like you're going somewhere different than school!

**THURSDAY**  
OCT. 8<sup>TH</sup>

**ANIMAL PRINT**

Wear an animal print design on your shirt or pants!

**FRIDAY**  
OCT. 9<sup>TH</sup>

**SCHOOL PICTURE DAY**

Come dressed in your Picture Day Best!

**LET'S SHOW OUR WILDCAT SPIRIT!**



## Liberty-Curtin Laps



For new students and families who may be unfamiliar with our Laps activity, this event is a wonderful opportunity for students to be active, have fun, and raise money for our school at the same time. The event will be held in the bus loop at our school on **Thursday, October 8th**. Families are welcome to come and cheer on their student during their designated time (***please see the schedule below***). When arriving at Liberty-Curtin, please park in any available spaces or along the curb in the parent drop-off/pick-up lane. Overflow parking is also available at **Blanchard Church of Christ** if needed.

### Schedule:

8:00-8:35 - 1st grade  
8:35-9:10 - Kindergarten  
9:10-9:45 - 4th grade  
9:45-10:20 - 3rd grade  
10:20-10:55 - 2nd grade

The best part of this fundraiser is that there are **no sales!** That's right—no door-to-door selling or delivering items to family and friends after school or on the weekend. Students will simply ask family and friends to sponsor them for walking or running laps during their 35-minute time slot. Sponsors can contribute any donation amount. Two pledge sheets are included in this packet for local family and friends who wish to support your child. **L-C Laps** is a wonderful opportunity for grandparents, aunts, uncles, and friends who want to be part of your child's education.

Please keep the attached **Laps Sponsor Sheet** until after the L-C Laps event has been completed. This will help you keep track of pledge money. Each student will receive an index card marked for every lap completed, which will be sent home after the event. Your child can then collect money from their sponsors and proudly show how many laps they completed. Please send all money in by **Thursday, October 29**. Funds raised will support playground improvements, positive behavior celebrations, holiday party snacks, the school Christmas store, field trips, and other special activities and experiences throughout the school year.

**Each student will be given an LC LAPS T-shirt the day of LAPS at school. Also, please remember to have your child wear sneakers the day of LAPS.**

We are really looking forward to our first successful fundraiser this school year! If you have any questions or would like to join PTO, please our PTO board members @ [LCPTO@kcsd.us](mailto:LCPTO@kcsd.us)

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There's always something happening across the district!

- **Music & Arts** – Students are sharing their talents through music and performances.
- **Fall Sports** – Cheer on our teams and show your KCSd spirit!
- **Learning in Action** – Students are learning through hands-on activities and experiences.
- **Community Connections** – Schools continue to connect with local organizations and families.
- **Making Memories** – From classrooms to activities, there are special moments happening every day.

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## Stay Connected With KCSd & LC

### 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!

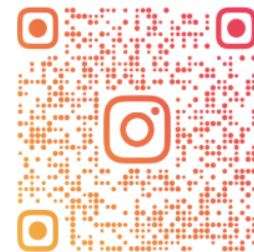


**KCSD Website**



**KCSD Facebook**

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**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).

## LC Federal Programs and School Improvement Links

Click on this 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

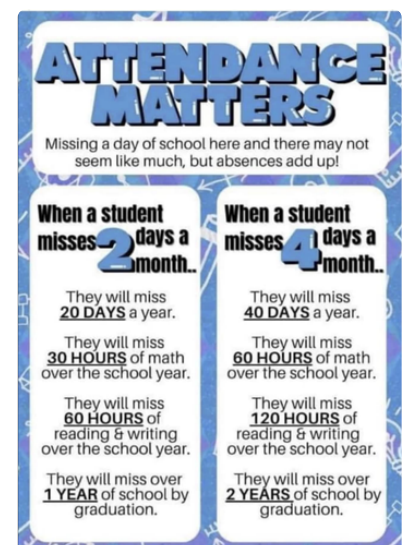
If your family speaks a language other than English, the district has access to translators and interpreters that can accompany you in meetings with teachers and school members. If you would like to be connected with a translator or interpreter please reach out to your child's teacher or the school guidance 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.



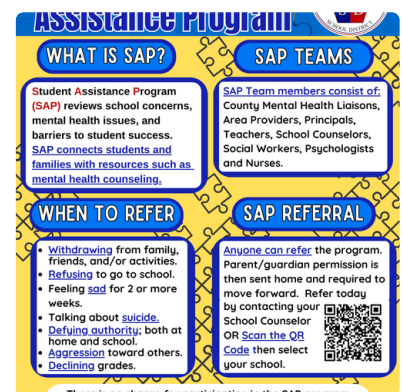


## Counseling Connection

### 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)

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!

Elizabeth Nace is our Personnel Secretary. You can use the information below to contact her, and she will be happy to help you and answer questions!

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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 who help support the safety and security of our students and staff.

Our School Resource Officers work closely with students, staff, and school administrators to help maintain a safe and secure learning environment.

Our School Resource Officers include:

- Kerry Stover
- Ross Fuller
- Kaitlyn Markle
- Scott VanGorder

Officer assignments throughout the district will be shared with our school communities as appropriate.

We appreciate the continued partnership and service of our School Resource Officers as we work together to keep our schools safe.



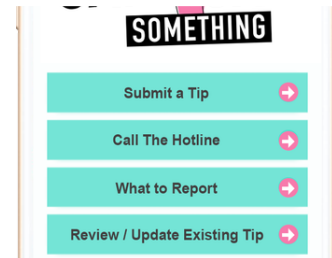
### School Gate Guardian

[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**

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