



Notes From the Principal

There has been a lot of activity at Mill Hall Elementary during the month of February. We would like to thank you for your continual support in providing our students with a high quality academic and social emotional educational experience.

On February 7th, we celebrated the 100th day of school with many classroom activities. Valentine's Day at Mill Hall Elementary was a little sweeter with our "Spread the Love" fundraiser and our "Spread Kindness" school-wide events. Both events made us proud of how kind our students are both in and out of school.

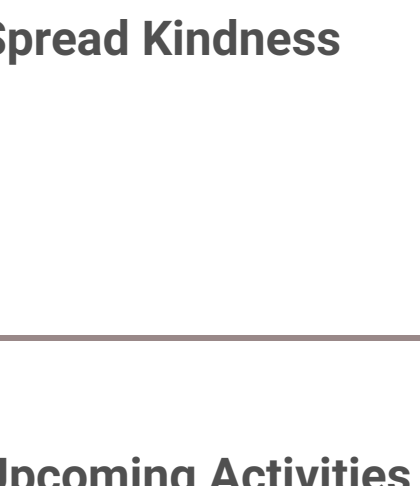
Our 2nd graders, painted their Kindness Rocks as Penguins and were able to deliver them with smiles to staff at the Central Mountain Middle School. These students experienced the joy in reaching out to our neighbors. These 2nd graders were also the recipient of kindness as Officer VanGorder and his K-9, Dutchess provided them with a demonstration of the role of Dutchess within our schools.

We have had two groups of the Principal's Positive Paws winners during the month of February. One group was able to enjoy Popsicles and Pringles with Dr. Breon, while the other group had Pies and Punch.

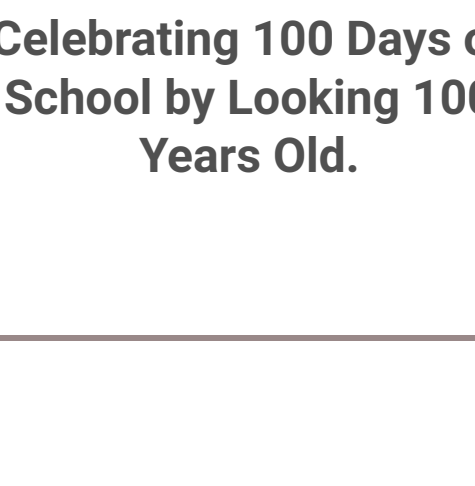
Mill Hall Elementary students were granted the opportunity to visit the Mobile Ag Lab during the week of February 13th. During the visit they were able to experience hands-on activities related to science and agriculture.

At the end of the month, students had the opportunity to shop at our "Wow-mart" and cash in on all the Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS) points they have earned for following our school-wide expectations (Be Safe, Be Responsible, Be Respectful, Be Kind). Many coupons for opportunities in the building and prizes of all ranges were purchased. Some students are recognizing the importance of saving their points for some bigger items. Our staff enjoys watching our students be rewarded for following our expectations. Thank you for your support in reinforcing these expectations at home.

We look forward to many similar exciting activities in March.



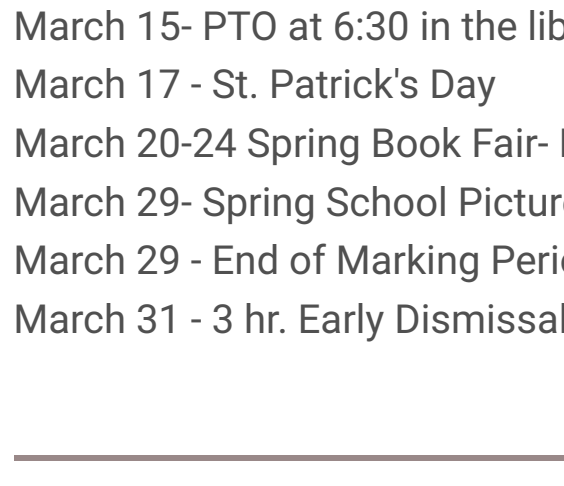
Showing our CMMS Neighbors Kindness



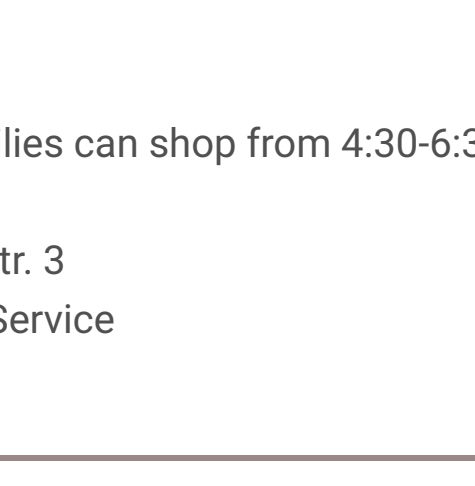
Sending Palentines to Others



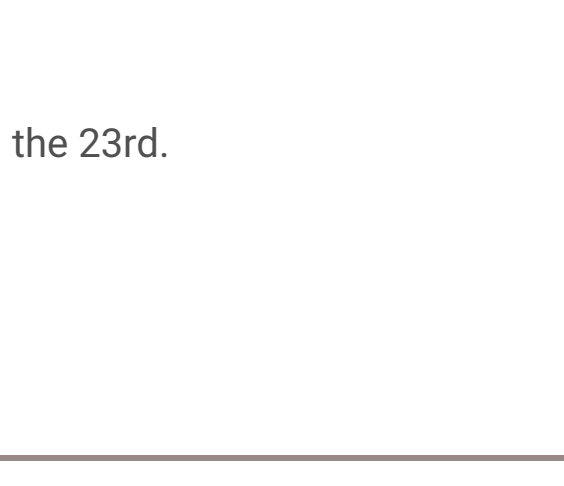
Enjoying the Mobile Ag Lab



Spread Kindness



Celebrating 100 Days of School by Looking 100 Years Old.



Kindness is Sweet

Upcoming Activities

March 3-9 Celebrating Read Across America Week
March 9 - 6:30pm School Board Voting Session
March 10 - Act 80 Day (No School for Students)
March 12 - Daylight Saving Time starts (move clocks ahead one hour)
March 13 - In-Service Day (AM Senior Projects/Parent Conferences [as needed], PM Building In-Service)(No School for Students)
March 15- PTO at 6:30 in the library
March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
March 20-24 Spring Book Fair- Families can shop from 4:30-6:30 on the 23rd.
March 29- Spring School Pictures
March 29 - End of Marking Period Qtr. 3
March 31 - 3 hr. Early Dismissal/In-Service

Read Across America Week March 3-March 9, 2023

Date	Book of the Day	Read Aloud Link	Spirit Day
Friday March-3		No More Noisy Nights	Pajama Day/Flashlight Reading Let's kick off our weekend! Wear your pajamas and bring your flashlight- the will stay up!
Monday March-5		Me and My Cat?	Mixed-up Monday Mix up your clothes while you hear about the story, mixed up day!
Tuesday March-7		Sebastian's Ballet Slides	Workout Clothes Reading will be so sweet if you practice, practice, practice! Wear your workout clothes!
Wednesday March-8		Harry the Dirty Dog	Black and White Is Harry black with white spots or white with black spots? Wear your black and white clothes today!
Thursday March-9		The Rainbow Fish	PBIS Color shirts Reading is a rainbow of possibilities! Wear your grade level colored shirt to create a rainbow of readers!

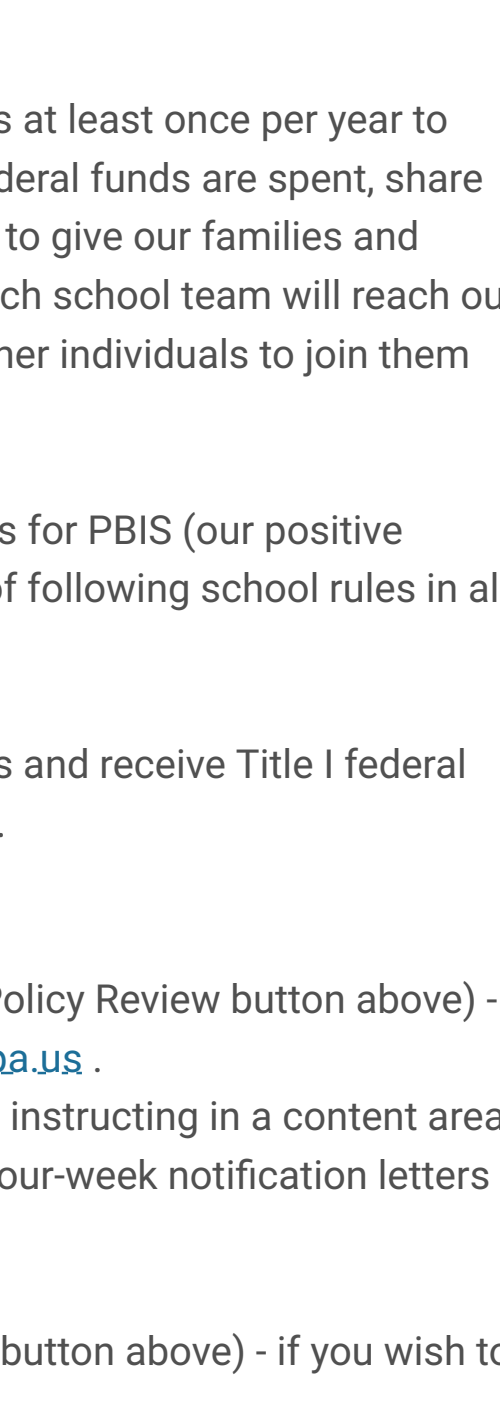
One School, One Book

Beginning on Tuesday, March 14, 2023, Mill Hall Elementary will be kicking off One School, One Book. Each student will be receiving a copy of the book, *Life According to Oog the Frog*, to read at home as a family along with participating in activities here at school. This Title I funded initiative celebrates and explores the book with families, classmates, teachers and friends, and community members. This opportunity reinforces reading instruction, increases family engagement, bridges the home-school connection, and builds a true community of readers. More information on this exciting reading experience will be coming home shortly!



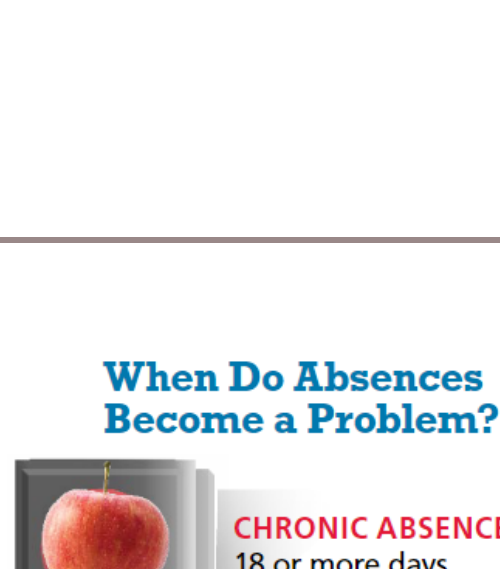
Notes from our Librarian, Mrs. Brown

Please click on the link to read: [Mrs. Brown's February MHE Library Newsletter](#)



Messages & Alerts

With winter moving into unpredictable spring weather, there will be days when we may need to delay the start of the school day, call an unexpected early dismissal or have a remote learning day. Please be sure to sign up for Bloomz, our new messaging app, so you don't miss any important information.



Annual Notices and Policy Review

Click on the button above to access the information.

March Federal Programs Updates

As schools that receive federal funds, we are required to hold meetings at least once per year to involve our families and community in making decisions about how federal funds are spent, share and receive information about all aspects of school improvement, and to give our families and community members a voice of influence within the school setting. Each school team will reach out to the group that helps to write their school improvement plans and other individuals to join them for their spring meeting.

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.

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.

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 rmurty@kcscd.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 rmurty@kcscd.k12.pa.us.

[Title I District Parent Policy - Policy 918](#)

[Coaching Newsletter for Families - How We Teach Reading](#)

[Title I Complaint Procedure](#)

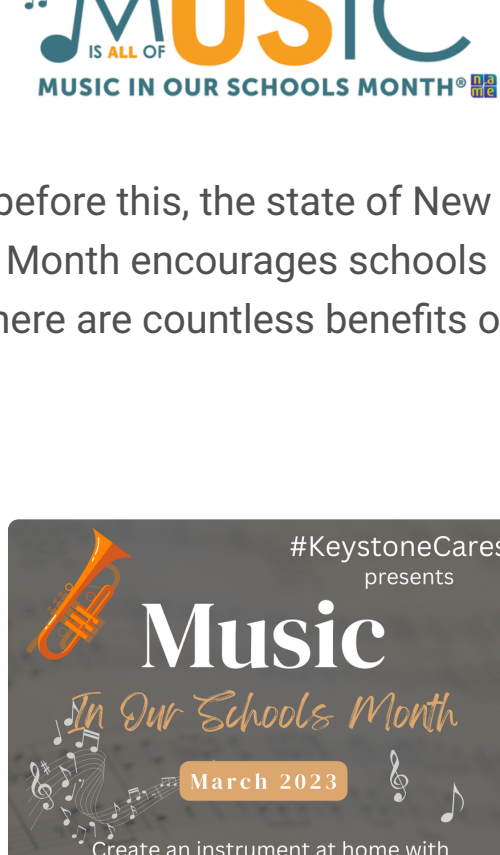
[School Improvement Plan](#)

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Help make school attendance a priority

- Talk about the importance of showing up to school every day.
- Help your student maintain daily routines, such as finishing homework and getting a good night's sleep.
- Try not to schedule dental and medical appointments during the school day.
- If your student must stay home because they are sick, or in quarantine, make sure they have asked teachers for resources and materials to make up for the missed learning time in the classroom.

When Do Absences Become a Problem?



The faculty and staff of KCSD encourage parents to ensure that students attend school everyday in order to achieve academic success!

If you are concerned about your student's attendance, please reach out to your student's school counselor.

KCSD ATTENDANCE POLICY

When students are absent, a parent / doctor's note must be turned in within 3 days of the absence.

battendance@kcscd.k12.pa.us - BHS & BMS
cmhsattendance@kcscd.k12.pa.us - CMHS
cnmsattendance@kcscd.k12.pa.us - CNMS
ltattendance@kcscd.k12.pa.us - Liberty-Curtin
mlattendance@kcscd.k12.pa.us - Mill Hall
rtattendance@kcscd.k12.pa.us - Renovo
robattendance@kcscd.k12.pa.us - Robb
wattendance@kcscd.k12.pa.us - Woodward

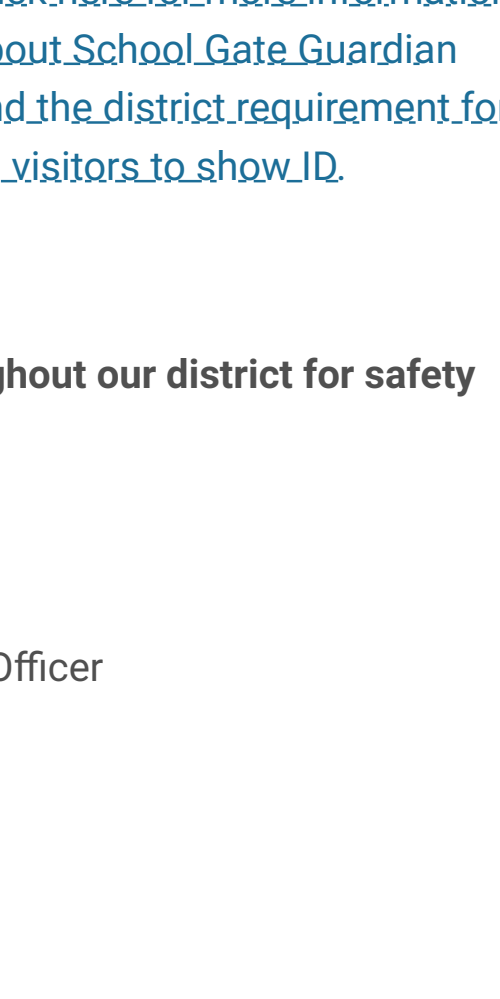
Going on a trip?
Please complete the [educational trip form](#) & submit it to your student's attendance office for review & approval - this must be turned in at least 1-week in advance.

REACHING OUT ASAP IS KEY
If your student is experiencing stress or anxiety that is leading to school absences, KCSD can help!
Call your School Counselor or the KCSD Social Worker for help getting your student back to school.

Shop @ Weis, Earn \$\$ for your School!

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.



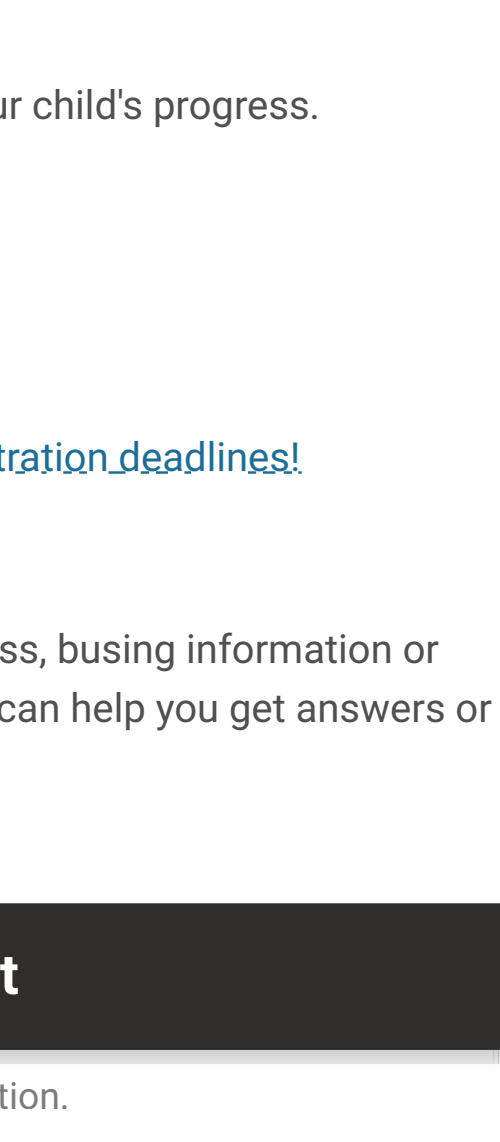
#KeystoneCares- March is Music in Our Schools Month

March is Music in our Schools Month, which has been celebrated since 1985! The celebration of music in schools actually began a bit earlier when the National Association of Music Education created a day to celebrate music education on March 13th, 1975. Actually, even before this, the state of New York started celebrating teaching music in 1973. Music in our Schools Month encourages schools to create music education programs for children of all ages because there are countless benefits of learning about, playing, and enjoying music.

Source: [Music in Our Schools Month](#)

Share Your Love of Music with Us!

Please send a photo of your child or your child with your family enjoying music to pr@kcscd.k12.pa.us so we can share it out on our social media accounts to celebrate Music in Our Schools Month with the community!



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.

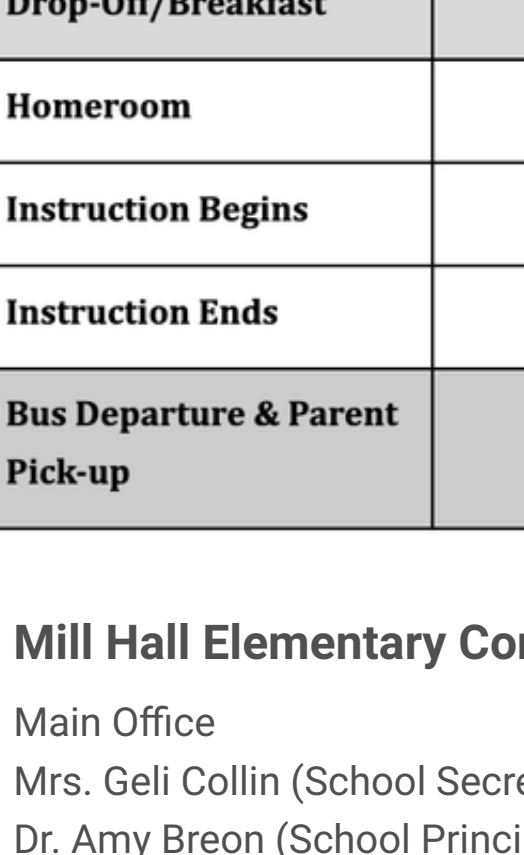
Mill Hall Elementary School Counseling

MHE School Counseling

The Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) window is schedule for April 24-28 (ELA) and May 1-5 (Math and Science). Please try to be sure your child will be present at school during these days.

More information and tips for helping them be successful on these assessments will be coming soon.

Ms. Beth Moore: MHE School Counselor
Phone: 570-893-4900 x2969
Email: bmoore@kcscd.us



Athletics & Activities

Are you interested in helping out as a game worker for our Central Mountain events??? If so see the flyer for more information.

Safety & Security

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Click here for updates and information about KCSD Safety and Security.

Safe 2 Say

Click here to access information about Safe 2 Say.

School Gate Guardian

Click here for more information about School Gate Guardian and the district requirement for all visitors to show ID.

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 James Kren - Central Mountain Middle School
Officer Mike Felzer - Elementary district-wide and District Attendance Officer
Officer Todd Brian - District-wide

Virtual Academy

Did you know the Keystone Central School District offers a full cyber program to students K-12?

Career & Technical Center

Please use the following link to read the the up coming events and information for the month of March.
<https://www.smores.com/3dme65>

Data & Performance

Spring becomes a busy time for both state and local assessments. Assessments play an important role in curriculum, instruction and interventions for student learning.

State Assessments

Spring PSSA Window - April 24-May 12
Spring Keystone Exam Window - May 15-May 26

Local Assessments

Spring AIMSweb and NWEA MAP Window - May 10 - May 17
Act 35 Civics Exam Window - May 22- May 26

Please contact your child's teacher for information and updates on your child's progress.

[NWEA Family Toolkit](#)
[NWEA FAQ](#)
[About AIMSweb](#)

[Need to register for the SAT, find out testing locations, dates and registration deadlines!](#)

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

Click on the button above to access the information.

KCSD Transportation Department

Click on the button above to access the information.

KCSD Volunteer Application & Information

Click on the button above to access the information.

KCSD Student Handbooks

Click on the button above to access the information.

KCSD Food & Nutrition Services

Click on the button above to access the information.

Special Education

Click on the button above to access the information.

School Day Schedules

	Mill Hall Elem (K-4) Liberty-Curtin Elem (K-4) Robb Elem (K-6) Woodward Elem (K-4)	Central Mountain Middle School (5-8)	Bucktail High School (7-12) Central Mountain High School (9-12)
 Doors Open Bus Arrival & Parent Drop-Off/Breakfast	7:20 am	7:45 am	8:00 am
Homeroom	7:40 am	8:05 am	8:20 am
Instruction Begins	7:55 am	8:24 am	8:24 am
Instruction Ends	2:30 pm	3:30 pm	3:40 pm
Bus Departure & Parent Pick-up	2:30 pm	3:30 pm	3:40 pm

Mill Hall Elementary Contact Information

Main Office
Mrs. Geli Collin (School Secretary): 570-893-4900 ext. 2910 gcollins@kcscd.k12.pa.us
Dr. Amy Breon (School Principal): 570-893-4900 ext. 2916 abreon@kcscd.k12.pa.us

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