

August, 2022

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Hoover Mt. Lebanon Extended Day Program. We look forward to providing a fun, enriching and supportive environment for your child. Our after-school program will offer active play, opportunities for socialization, STEAM and creative social/emotional engaging activities.

**Drop off and Pick up**: Parents may park in the circle drive at Entrance A2 to drop off or pick up except during the following times: 8:00 - 8:45 a.m., and 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. During those times, parents will need to park on the street in the designated spaces, avoiding the go-zone. The allowable parking areas are along Robb Hollow, from Bower Hill to the top driveway or anywhere past the school building. Below is a map of the Go Zone/parking areas.

## <u>Use Entrance:</u> A-2 <u>Center Location</u>: 37 Robb Hollow Road, Mt Lebanon, Pa 15243

<u>Snacks:</u> MLEDP will provide a simple packaged morning and afternoon snack. Attention is given to select healthy portions the children enjoy to hold them over to suppertime.

**Programming:** A variety of active play, science, nature, art and imaginary play activities will be planned for both indoor and outdoor spaces. Modifications will be made to activities and sanitizing of equipment to give children an opportunity to play with others and meet MLEDP health and safety standards. Respect is a vital part of how we relate to one another at MLEDP. We show this in our regard for other's property, belongings, beliefs, and physical and emotional well-being. We are anticipating a year filled with growth, friendships, discoveries, and enjoyment for all.

<u>Health and Safety Plan</u>: We will follow procedures in the Health and Safety Plan to keep everyone safe. Please review the expectations with your child to help prepare them for MLEDP.

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## <u>Meet the Staff:</u>

Heather Depsky (Center Director/Hoover) Mrs. Heather is a graduate from Edinboro University with a degree in Early Childhood Education. She owned and operated a daycare center/preschool for 16 years, so she comes to you with a lot of experience. Most importantly, she is a Mother of three amazing daughters who consumes most of her time. In her free time, she loves to go to the lake to camp and boat, spend time with her family, and read a good book! This is my third year as Center Director for Hoover KC. I look forward to continue to grow with the MLEDP program this year and to get to know and work with each and everyone one of you this school year!

<u>Jennifer Laux (Morning Kindergarten Care Teacher)</u> Miss. Jen has worked with MLEDP going on 12 years now! She received a BA degree in Elementary Education from Point Park

University. She has two wonderful children, a loving husband who also works for MLEDP, and a new puppy. While Jennifer has a heart of gold and lots of patience with the children her true passion is spending time with horses and camping with family in Erie!

<u>Elaine Smail (Morning Kindergarten Care Teacher/Monday through Thursday)</u> Mrs. Elaine Joined MLEDP In December of 2020 at Howe and worked at Hoover Kindergarten Care last year. I am thrilled to have her back this year. Elaine has been a fourth grade teacher as well as a kindergarten teacher for 15 years and held a position as Principal at a small private Christian school. She has been married for 25 years and has one daughter whom resides in TN. She loves her dog, Dixie and old Dachshund! Her and her husband just had their first grandson, whom is now 5 months old. He is the joy of her life! She enjoys cooking, crafting, baking and walking and is a die hard Pens Fan!

**Corie Turner (Morning Kindergarten Care Teacher/Fridays Only)** Mrs Corie joined MLEDP in 2019. Prior to working in education, Corie worked for a human services nonprofit organization. She has a bachelor's degree from the University of Pittsburgh. Corie loves interacting with students and hearing stories about their day, and is looking forward to getting to know the kindergarten students at Hoover! She loves to read, run and spend time with her husband, Carson, and their two rescue pups, Ginger and Penny. Corie also works in the admin office when she is not working in a classroom with the children.

<u>Mallory Moore (Afternoon Kindergarten Care Teacher)</u> Ms. Mallory has a BA in game art and design. She has been making art, costumes and games while working with children over the years. She loves doing fun and exciting projects with the children. She is a wonderful mother to her two sons! She is very talented in the arts field and looks forward to sharing all of her creative art ideas with us this year. You will often see her creating amazing things with the children in our class Maker Space area!

<u>Georgia Muksuris (Afternoon Kindergarten Care Teacher)</u> Mrs Georgia has a BA in Greek Culture and a Masters in Theological Studies in Eastern Orthodox Christian Theology. She has been a teacher of the Greek Language for over 20 years for ages K-Adults, as well as Summer Church Camps. She has been with MLEDP for four years. Georgia looks forward to working with another group of Kindergarten students this year! She is very talented with Art activities and would be happy to teach the children all about the Greek language.

Please reach out with any questions you may have. You can contact us through email or voicemail.

Looking forward to meeting you all- Mrs Heather and MLEDP Hoover Staff

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