

MLEDP Kindergarten Care Newsletter

Welcome to MLEDP Kindergarten Care!

We are so excited to welcome all of our new and returning MLEDP families. As we begin this new school year with lots of hope and determination, we will do our very best to make this school year a success for each and every child in our care!

Everyone is adjusting very well and settling into daily routines. Morning/Afternoon check in procedures have been going very smooth and the kiddos have the tag procedure down. Please make sure you have your check in/out numbers ready to sign your child in/out of the classroom to help speed up the process. Those are very busy times of the day. Quick goodbyes in the morning are always best for the children. It helps them to be able to get their day started and adjust quickly. We do have a goodbye window in the classroom that you may wave to your child once you leave the building! I always try to encourage them to give you a hug and a kiss before you walk out the door each day.

I know as a Mother of three.....the start of a school year can be stressful for everyone. Trust me, it is so much harder on us as parents, than it is on our children! They love it.....because it is FUN!!!

Please send in an appropriate change of clothes in your child’s backpack each day! Also, remember that we do spend a significant amount of time outside

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“CHILDREN ARE NOT A DISTRACTION FROM MORE IMPORTANT WORK. THEY ARE THE MOST IMPORTANT WORK.”
-JOHN TRAINER, MD

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“There are three ways to ultimate success:
The first way is to be KIND,
The second way is to be KIND.
The third way is to be KIND.”
-Fred Rodgers

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Don’t cry because it’s over. Smile because it happened!
-Dr Seuss

every day, so appropriate clothing is necessary. Closed toed shoes are needed for outdoor play! No exceptions will be made!

Lunches

Each child is to bring a healthy, packed lunch each day as well as a beverage. All lunches will be stored in a refrigerator upon arrival each day. Please make sure you are sending the right amount of food that you think your child is going to eat. Any uneaten lunch that is left each day will be sent home so you can see what was eaten, so pack accordingly! Most importantly, please make sure your child's name is on the outside of your child's lunchbox! No Kindergarten students are able to purchase lunch from the school district this year.



We will provide the children with a morning snack at approximately 8:30 and an afternoon snack between 3:30 and 4:00. Children will have access to cold water all day long. It is suggested to send in a water bottle with your child's name on it daily!

SUPER PARENTS

I just want to commend and praise each and every one of you for all of the hard work you are doing with your children. We have had the pleasure of working with them over the last week and cannot believe how well many have transitioned into this new environment! Kudos to you all for preparing your children for such a scary, yet exciting time in their lives! WELL DONE!!!!

Adventurous Play

Is thrilling and challenging forms of play that is exciting to children, meeting important developmental needs. We at MLEDP KC support and implement young children as they make choices and assess risks during highly physical, sensory-rich play. So, instead of telling the children they can't do something...we will make every effort to support them to try something new in a safe way, with extra adult supervision!

Attendance/Daily Call Offs

Please let us know by either email kcHoover@gmail.org or phone call 412-279-5805 if your child is NOT going to be attending for the day! There is a \$25.00 per occurrence if you do not notify us if your child is supposed to arrive on the mid-day bus!

September Themes

Aug 29-Sep 1	Welcome to Kindergarten Care
Sept 5-9	Pete the Cat (Author Study #1)
Sept 12-16	All About Me
Sept 19-23	Make New Friends
Sept 26-30	School Spirit

Center Closed Day- Monday, September 5, 2022

The Center will be CLOSED this day to observe Labor Day!

Please enjoy the day with your families and friends!

September Birthdays

Elena E -5th

Ava V- 9th

Colette M- 21st

Sydney L- 23rd

Lillian C- 24th

Cole F-25th

Henry Z- 27th

Meet Our Staff

Heather Depsky (Center Director/Hoover) Morning & Afternoon Orange Group

Mrs. Heather is a graduate from Edinboro University with a degree in Early Childhood Education. I owned and operated a daycare center/preschool for 16 years, so I come to you with a lot of experience. This is my third year working with MLEDP Kindergarten Care. Most importantly, I am a mother of three amazing daughters who are all in High School this year! In my free time, I love to go to the lake to camp and boat, spend time with my family and friends and read a good book! I have a strong passion for Children's Literature, so you will see me reading a lot of books with the children. I appreciate you entrusting your children to me this year, and I look forward to getting to know and work with each and every one of you!

Jennifer Laux (Morning Kindergarten Care Teacher) Purple Group

Miss. Jen has worked with MLEDP going on 10 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 three dogs. 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!

Elaine Smail (Morning Kindergarten Care Teacher/Monday through Thursday) Green Group

Mrs. Elaine Joined MLEDP In December of 2020 at Howe and worked a bit 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 who resides in TN. She loves her dog, Dixie an old Dachshund! She and her husband enjoy being grandparents to their first grandchild. She enjoys cooking, crafting, baking and walking and is a die-hard Pens Fan!

Corie Turner (Morning Kindergarten Care Teacher/Fridays Only) Green Group

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.

Georgia Muksuris (Afternoon Kindergarten Care Teacher) Purple Group

Mrs. Georgia was born in Athens, Greece. She has a Master's degree in Theology and has taught Greek language to children of all ages. She is going on her 3rd year working with our program. She is an amazing artist and enjoys doing arts and crafts with the children. She is married to a priest and has a daughter who is working on her Master's degree. She is very excited to be working with the children again this year!

Mallory Moore (Afternoon Kindergarten Care Teacher) Green Group

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 looks forward to sharing all of her creative art ideas with us.

Please make sure that everything is labeled with your child's first and last name on it. Children always come to school with a lot of belongings. Please help us keep them organized! We have a lot of amazing children this year, so just imagine how much "stuff" we have to keep track of!

I am always available for any questions, concerns, suggestions or anything else that you may need from me! I appreciate open communication throughout the year! Here is to a great Kindergarten Year for you and your littler adventurous children!

Mrs Heather (KC Hoover Center Director)
