



**Mt Lebanon
Extended Day
Administrative
Newsletter**

April 2024

ED Corner

Updates from Daryl Lucke, Executive Director

Dear Staff,

I hope everyone had a well-deserved and restful spring break. As we embrace the vibrancy of Spring, I love hearing about the exciting activities you all plan to celebrate the season.

Before we know it, we will be ending the school year and will pivot into summer! We are looking forward to a fun-filled summer program. Your ideas for activities and guests are valued and appreciated. Please use the link in this newsletter to share some fun theme-related activities. At the end of May, we will have an all staff meeting so that the summer teams can get together, get acquainted, and begin the planning process.

We are excited to welcome Anita Dextrateur as our new Center Director for Lincoln! Anita started on April 1st, and she comes to us with a rich background working with children.

I hope to see many of you at our Spring Social Gathering at Totopo on Tuesday, April 9th. Come and enjoy good company, delicious tacos and the opportunity to unwind and connect with co-workers outside of work.

I am excited about the energy and enthusiasm that Spring brings and the opportunity to work alongside talented folks who make our workplace truly special.

Daryl

Executive Director

What's New

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

April Birthdays! Please wish a very Happy Birthday to:

Kelly Helterbran- April 7th

Sarah Beck, Hoover KC- April 26th

Liz Comiski, Hoover KC- April 18th

Matthew Derrick, Markham- April 25th

Judy Hamilton, Washington- April 16th

Sharon Riesmeyer, Jefferson- April 8th



Save the Date! Summer Fun meeting on **Thursday, May 29th from 6:30 pm -8:30 pm** at Howe school.

Please mark your calendars!!

Let's plan Summer Fun RV Adventures!

Hello Campers! Now is the time to begin planning for our RV Adventure! Please take a look at the [Summer Fun Staff Notebook](#). This is the place to start compiling ideas for the success of Summer Fun 2024. All staff are welcome and encouraged to add thoughts about programming, group management, guests... anything you can share to inspire creativity and positivity! Let's make this an RV adventure the kids will never forget!

Please welcome our newest staff members:

Anita Dextrateur - Lincoln Center Director

Anita is a seasoned childcare professional with a BS in Early Childhood Education and well over 20 years of experience in the field. In her

personal time Anita loves to read, garden, knit and hang out with family and friends. Anita has two sons, ages 19 and 16 and currently lives in Belle Vernon. She is excited to start this new chapter in her career.

Activity Spotlight March Madness Washington Center



Peter Yohe, Center Director at Washington, has the kids engaged in a friendly March Madness Bucket List tournament about adventure, culture, nature and food. Each morning and afternoon meeting, the kids get to vote on some of their favorites. At first, the kids were introduced to some of the places or concepts likely to be new to them. As the rounds progressed kids get to know more about the different adventures and they get to stump for different things they hope to move forward in the tournament. Some kids get smart and make sure this aligns with their bracket, others consistently vote against their own bracket. Always a good laugh for the group! They tabulate the scores for each round and have a visual leader board. Everyone is very good-natured about being at the back of the pack and there is a large trophy with the names of past winners.

Thank you Peter for sharing this fun activity with the kids and us!

Reminders

Reminder Taco Tuesday at Totopo!

Taco Tuesday April 9th, 6:45pm

Join us for some fun socializing and delicious tacos at Totopo on Washington Road. The top preference from our staff activity survey was a social gathering at a restaurant so let's kick off Spring together! MLEDP will provide tacos and non-alcoholic beverages. RSVP to [Jen](#) if you plan to come!

Hope to see you there!

April Pay Periods

4/15 pay is for hours worked 3/11-3/31

4/30 pay is for hours worked 4/1-4/14



Staff Corner

Don't forget about the Staff Corner section of the website. You can find past newsletters, current staff roster and other useful links. You can access the staff portal with the password MLStaff1:

[Staff Corner](#)