

Dear Families,

Welcome to Summer Fun!



This summer's overall theme is **"There is a Hero in all of Us"** – Each week will focus on a character from the book series "The Questioners". Special activities will be associated with each topic. An added treat this summer will be visits from special guests providing hands- on experiences for the children.

This summer groups will be combined by centers for grades 1-3. In addition, there will be 2 kindergarten groups and also a 4th/5th grade group.
Our center team is from Foster and Howe, and our team color is **Green**.

We have tons of fun activities planned and are so excited for you to join us!

Please send your child with a packed lunch in a disposable bag labeled with their name. All lunches will be refrigerated until lunchtime. Please do not send thermal bags, as they are difficult to fit in the refrigerator space.

Here is what you will need to bring your first day:

- A water bottle labeled with your child's name.
- A lunch labeled with your child's name in a disposable bag.

You may bring a towel to sit on for outside activities or picnics.
Please remember to wear comfortable clothes and tennis shoes (NO FLIP FLOPS) as we will be active for much of the day.

Be sure to check your email for the Summer Fun weekly calendar for the awesome special activities throughout the summer. **See below for specific pool information.*

Summer Fun begins on Monday, June 16, 7:00a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Location: Mt Lebanon High School 155 Cochran Rd. Park in the lot off Lebanon Ave.
Entrance C29. Room: 315 & 316

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us at.

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Howe phone# : 412-344-6080email: howe@mledp.com

We can't wait to see you there!

Chelsea Kirkpatrick (Foster Center Director)

Karlie Aschenbrenner (Howe Center Director)

p.s. Please be prepared to show photo ID when picking up your child. Thank you!

Staff Team:

Chelsea Kirkpatrick

Ms. Chelsea Kirkpatrick is originally from Los Angeles, California. She obtained a bachelor's degree in liberal studies and received her Elementary Teaching credential from California State University, Northridge. She has worked in education for over ten years as an elementary educator, dance and drama teacher, and camp director. When she's not working, she loves to read, play board games, and explore Pittsburgh!

Karlie Aschenbrenner

Karlie Aschenbrenner is the center director over at Howe School Age. She has been working at Extended Day for almost 4 years, taking on the Center Director role in February 2024. Mount Lebanon Extended Day is a great opportunity for students to be with their friends, gain valuable social-emotional skills, and take on projects that showcase their skills. This summer is going to be full of fun, adventure, and growing as an Extend Day family. Let's Go Summer!

Debbie Molinari

Debbie Molinari has worked at Extended Day for 14 years. Prior to that, she worked as an aide at Washington Elementary School. She has three grown children, three cats, a dog, and a turtle. In her free time, she loves kayaking, hiking, and gardening.

Sharon Riesmeyer

Sharon Riesmeyer has a degree in art education and Illustration. She has taught at Pittsburgh Center for the Arts and the Frick Museum among other venues in Pittsburgh. She has 4 children, 2 grown and 2 still at home, a dog and 2 cats. She has been teaching at extended day for 2 years. In her spare time, she paints house and pet portraits on commission and enjoys traveling and exploring nature in her spare time.

Sylvia Alpern

Sylvia Alpern is thrilled to be joining the Summer Fun team this year! She is heading into her senior year at Penn State, where she's studying elementary and special education. She's been working at various summer camps since she was 16 and is really looking forward to all the experiences this summer will bring. She actually attended Foster Elementary when she was younger, so is especially excited to be working with campers from her former school. In her free time, she loves cheering on Penn State basketball, spending time at the beach with her family, and being outside.

Jonathan Haddox

Jonathan Haddox is currently studying Elementary Education/ Special Education at Westminster College where he is also a member of their golf team. He loves being outdoors with the students and playing different games with them. He is very much looking forward to this summer!

Ryan Pieroni

Ryan Pieroni studied English and Philosophy at the University of Arizona and has previously taught juggling and other ground-based circus skills. A recent Pittsburgh transplant, at home he enjoys painting, reading, and exploring the city.

POOL

June 6/20, 9:15 – 10:30 we take the children to the pool to be evaluated by the lifeguards. The staff will use the information you provided at registration and your child's demonstrated ability in the water to determine the areas of the pool your child may use. If your child does not attend Summer Fun on 6/20, he/she may come to the pool for the evaluation. Children not attending will be evaluated on their 1st pool day. Pool begins 6/23rd week.

Beginner swimmers will play in the beach entry area of the pool. Puddle Jumpers are recommended by the pool for any non-swimmers.

Intermediate swimmers will play in the shallow end of the main pool up to the overhead flags. They may use the slide with parent permission and meeting the pool requirements.

Proficient swimmers, who pass the deep water test and have parent permission may use the full pool.

- Per MLEDP policy, all kindergarten children will be assigned an orange band. They will play with friends in the beach entry area of the pool, getting to experience the sprinklers and water play together.
- We staff to a ratio of 1:6 for children in grades K-3 and 1:8 for children in grades 4-5. We have our own lifeguard on staff which accompanies the groups, daily.
- Each group will be assigned a time to go to the Mt. Lebanon pool 3 times each week for a 75-minute period between the hours of 1:00 - 3:45. These pool days are noted below and will be on the weekly activity calendar.
- Please send your child to Summer Fun in their bathing suit on pool days. Please also send a towel, a change of clothes (including underwear), and any other items your child may need at the pool (flip flops, goggles, Red Cross Lifeguard approved life jackets, etc.)
- *Please do not send money for the snack bar.* We plan to enjoy the time in the pool. MLEDP will provide an afternoon snack.
- Children will be sun-screened prior to their scheduled pool time, in addition to any outside time in the sun.

Pool Schedule:

K: Hoover, Jefferson, Markham	Monday, Wednesday, Friday,	1:00 – 2:15
K: Foster, Howe, Lincoln, Washington	Monday, Wednesday, Friday,	2:30 – 3:45
Foster/Howe:	Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday	1:00 – 2:15
Hoover/Jefferson/Washington:	Monday, Tuesday, Friday	1:00 – 2:15
Lincoln/Markham:	Monday, Wednesday, Thursday,	2:30 – 3:45
4th/5th Grades:	Monday, Tuesday, Thursday,	2:30 – 3:45