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**MAY 2017**

## Important Dates & Info

### SEPT. 2017 TUITION DUE MAY 1

This is needed to hold your child's spot for next year, so please be timely!

### Kids Marathon and Toddler Trot May 6 (Pgh. Marathon May 7)

Ice Cream Social May 16 – Mt. Lebanon Main Park, 6:00-7:30 (no rain date)

### MFLC Board Meeting – May 17

Last Day of School for the Year:  
May 23

### Teacher Appreciation Dinner:

May 23 Please go to the SignUpGenius page --

[www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49aba922a1f58-2017](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49aba922a1f58-2017)

-- to contribute food or drinks for our teachers to enjoy!

Mushroom Teachers In-Service:  
May 24, 9am-1pm; May 25, 9am-3pm

### First Day of School for the 2017-18 Year: Sept. 11

Enrichment Classes and  
"Munchin' Lunchin'"

Contact Ms. Melissa at  
melissa.oprison@gmail.com.

### Keep the School Love Going Over the Summer!

- Youcaring.com/mushroom-family-learning-center
- smile.amazon.com
- United Way: Agency #885339.
- Giant Eagle Apples for the Students program: #5245.
- Tyson Chicken Project A+ labels
- MFLC Scholarship Fund



### How are we doing?

Please take a few minutes to fill out an MFLC parent questionnaire:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/MFLC2017>

*Thank you for your input!*

## From the Director ~ Joan Harrison

One of my favorite quotes to begin this last newsletter has been "So many things to do, so little time." It is true the school year is quickly coming to a close, and there is so much still left to enjoy before we say goodbye for the summer. I would like to thank each of you from the bottom of my heart who made this a great year at MFLC. To all the parents who volunteered in the classroom, donated snacks and supported our school in so many ways, thank you!

Thank you to our dedicated Board of Directors: Erin Betler, Jennifer Weiers FitzGerald, Patrick Furey, Jamie Geisler, Kate Gigliotti-Gordon, Kelley Homitsky, Melanie Johnston, Martha Jurczak, Danika Lagorio, Kelly Lotter, Ben Silvis, Sarah Staffilino, Todd Vernon and Kim Yetter, for the time they have spent this school year making decisions and leading various efforts on behalf of our school.

I would also like to thank our superb staff who have been such a support to me each and every day. This wonderful group has such incredible creativity, enthusiasm and energy! They are truly why MFLC is such a special place for learning and enables each child to experience "individual growth in a shared environment." Thank you for creating amazing experiences daily for our students to learn and grow.

One of John Henry Newman's famous quotes is, "To live is to change, and to be perfect is to change often." I don't know about you, but change is difficult for me even though I know I must.

Next fall we will have a change in our movement program. Debbie Beachler will be retiring. I know all of you know Miss Debbie as the best movement teacher ever. She has been with Mushroom for over 30 years, first as a parent, then board member, board president and teacher. She was the lead teacher in the 3/4s class for many years, and has been a fierce advocate and resource teacher for our students with special needs. I truly think her heart is in the shape of a mushroom. I know we are all saddened by her departure, but excited as she and her husband David embark on a new chapter of their lives. Thank you, Debbie, for your love and dedication, and all the many, many lives you have touched here at MFLC.

We also will have a change in board president. Erin Betler will be ending her term at the end of the month. I don't know where to begin... Erin has been the biggest supporter of our school. Her term began in May 2015 when we moved to our current location. What seemed like a seamless transition was one truly filled with blood, sweat and tears. She worked tirelessly that summer to make sure we would be up and running for Sept. 2015. The list would be too long to tell, but I must share this one example of her complete dedication: we realized that something had been thrown out at our former location, and Erin, without giving it a thought, went dumpster diving! The legacy that I know Erin leaves behind is the playground. When we moved here the playground was in disarray, with unfit play equipment and overrun by weeds and poison ivy. Erin led the cause of having our playground be a fun and safe environment for our students. Job well done! There has never been one request that I have asked that she has declined. And, believe me, there have been many! Erin has always risen to every occasion and solved every problem. It is true that she has not slept these past two years so that *I could!* Thank you, Erin, we have been so blessed by your love and dedication to our school. I know I say it from all of our staff, students and families: **Thank you!**

We would like to wish our oldest students much success as they make their journey on to kindergarten and first grade. We want to thank you for entrusting our staff at MFLC with your most prized possessions: your children. You have touched our lives with your help and support over the years. Thank you! Please know you will always be a part of our Mushroom family.

To our families returning in the fall, we say thank you – thank you for giving us the opportunity to continue to watch your children grow and learn. Please look for your 2017–2018 beginning of the school year information the last week of July. The first day of school will be September 11, 2017.

## **BIG Thanks to...**

- **Miss Jamie and Miss Lauren** for our fabulous *Mushroom Musical!* And **all of the teachers** who worked so hard on it as well as our *Open House*.

- **Danika Lagorio** (CeCe, K-Too) and **Kim Yetter** (Everett, K-Too, Nolan, Sprouts) for coordinating the Ice Cream Social.

- **Kate Gigliotti-Gordon** (Rowan, PreK, Laszlo, 3s) for coordinating the Taste of Lebo spirit day, and **all the families who participated**.

- **Sarah Staffilino** (Sophia, PreK, David, EL) for hosting the teacher appreciation dinner for the board.

- **All the families who are participating in the marathon.**

- **Kim Yetter** (Everett, K-Too, and Nolan, Sprouts) coordinating the Homeroom Parents group.

- **Erin Betler** (Sylvie, 3s), **Kate Gigliotti-Gordon** and **Rob Gordon** (Rowan, PreK, Laszlo, 3s) for painting & refinishing the trolley.

- **All the homeroom parents and volunteers who gave their time and talents this school year.**

- **All the families who supported our school with donations of toys, supplies, clothes and funds.**

- **Our Board of Directors** for their dedication to our school.

- **The most wonderful group of teachers ever!**

- Our board president, **Erin Betler**, whose term will be ending this month. Thank you again for all your efforts!

## **From the Board President ~ Erin Betler**

So this is my last newsletter article as president of MFLC's Board of Directors. I must admit, as someone who has never been much of a wordsmith, I don't usually look forward to this part of my "job." However, this month, I am worried that I won't be able to get all of what I want to say into my article.

Spring has sprung at Mushroom! Brightly colored artwork is blooming on all the classroom walls, and the windowsills are home to pots of budding grass and flowers. The weather has warmed up and the students (and the staff!) have been thrilled to be able to go outside on a regular basis. With less than a month to go we have a few special events planned. I hope to see you all at the Ice Cream Social at Mt. Lebanon Park. But before the school year comes to end, I want to take a moment to offer my sincere thanks to some very special people.

I must extend an extra-special THANK YOU to our wonderful director, Miss Joan. I'm not sure if you all realize how lucky we are to have this wonderful woman as the leader of our school. She has the kindest heart of anyone I know. She truly always has your children at the top of her priority list. She has often been faced with a fork in the road, a decision to be made, and she ALWAYS chooses the road that will be best for the school/children, even if it is the one that provides the

## **[ Parents' Corner ] Furey family (Liam, K-Too)**

I went to Catholic high school in New Jersey, and for the first two years it was mandatory that all students take Latin. As my wife Denise will tell you, I didn't retain much. I know that *agricola* means farmer, and I know that *puella* means girl – that's pretty much it. The only other phrase I retained was *Succisa Verescit*, primarily because it was (and still is) my school's motto.

I am about to complete my third year as a member of the MFLC board, and in the middle of my first year, I was in the room when we were notified that our lease at our old location (Sunnyhill) would not be renewed. I remember our next board meeting being a rather somber occasion – we were basically faced with a six-week timeframe to find a new location, or unfortunately Mushroom could potentially close. We needed a two-out rally in the bottom of the ninth, we needed to sink a desperation three-pointer, we needed a Hail Mary... (Can you tell I used to write sports in college?)

What happened next was one of the most rewarding experiences of my professional career. Our board and teachers immediately mobilized, developing a list of potential locations and scheduling a series of site visits over the holiday season. We quickly narrowed our list, then began negotiations with Beth El. By February, we got it done – we hit a 3-2 pitch over the left-field wall, we swished a three from half-court, we caught a deflection in the end zone... we found a new home!

After five years at MFLC, our son Liam will be "graduating" this spring and moving on to first grade. Seemingly overnight, he has gone from the 2-year-old who cried his first day to a 6-year-old who walks around like he owns the place. He loves building and drawing and learning how things work. He loves playing and singing and dancing. He can read, and he knows basic math. He knows the names of Pittsburgh's three rivers, and he knows how a bill becomes a law. Last month, he came home from K-Too singing the same "Fifty Nifty United States" song that I learned as a kid (*when I was in third grade!*). He is compassionate and caring – he actually looks out for the "younger kids" at MFLC. While I would love to say that he learned all of that from Denise and me, most of the credit goes to the teachers at Mushroom. From all of us, thank you for an awesome five years.

Ms. Joan and the teachers at Mushroom are second to none, and we are confident that the preschoolers of the South Hills will be in great hands for years to come. To Steve and Andy and the staff at Beth El, thank you for working with us as we transitioned to our new home – we made a great choice. To my fellow board members, thank you for never losing faith, for all of the hours put in during the move, for putting up with me whistling while spreading mulch on the playground. And to the current and future Mushroom parents, you are in great hands – now keep it going for years to come!

*Succisa Verescit* (Once Cut Down, It Grows Back Stronger)!

most difficult obstacles. She is willing to do anything for our kids and I love her for that, and so should you! She is fair, considerate, gracious, generous and so much more. Just know that your children could not possibly be loved any more than they are at Mushroom. Thank you also for believing that I could do justice in this role, and for supporting me along the way. I am not sure how I will survive without our daily emails

and phone calls, whether to discuss something going on with the school, or something going on in our lives. I hope everyone realizes what a wonderful person she truly is and how much she cares for each and every child in this school.

Second, our wonderful staff! From the lead teachers and assists to substitutes and specialty class teachers...all of you! Each and every one of you brings a special quality to the classroom that makes you so exceptional. I am excited to tell prospective families about our classes and the teachers that make them what they are. You are all so patient, creative, compassionate, imaginative people. It takes a special person to be a preschool teacher and you were all born for this job! Thank you for being you and for the dedication you bring to the school.

Next, my wonderful Board of Directors! My second year as president was pretty smooth sailing and the number-one reason is because of all of YOU! I have never had to beg, plead or grovel to get volunteers for the various fundraisers or events. A couple of honorable mentions I would like to add:

Patrick: Thank you for all that you have done for Mushroom over the past four years. Your positivity and good humor will be sorely missed. We truly wouldn't be where we are today without your help!

Kelly: You have been such a wonderful secretary! I can always count on you to be there when I need you, bring new ideas and I've never ONCE had to ask twice for anything. And our newsletters have been INCREDIBLE!

Kim: You have, yet again, done a fantastic job as Homeroom Parent Coordinator. Thank you for being a great communicator and connector between parents, teachers and the board.

Martha: The Penguins and Pirates raffles were both a huge success because of all your hard work. Thank you for picking up the torch and running with it!

Melanie: You are the woman behind the numbers...alllll the numbers! Fundraisers, tuition, budgeting, etc. – I don't know how you do it all, but you do a fantastic job!



**Register NOW for "Slice of Summer" Mushroom Summer Camp June 5 - June 30**

**Four-week summer program for ages 3 to 6!**

*Arts and crafts, games, science, nature, music, movement and, of course, playing outside!*

**9:15 - 11:45 a.m. Monday through Friday, \$75 per week. If you have any questions, ask Joan!**

I can also say that I feel very confident in turning over the reins to our newly slated Board of Directors. Please look for the 2017-18 Board of Directors slate ballot at the Ice Cream Social and vote on the nominees. Next year will have a board with a lot of heart and a lot of talent!

And lastly, and most importantly...the parents at our wonderful school. Thank you for trusting Mushroom with your children. I really don't believe you could have chosen a better place for your children.

Thank you again for another great year at Mushroom! Fortunately, my younger daughter still has two more years at Mushroom until both my girls are officially "alumni."

Have a happy and safe summer and make lots of memories to share with us this fall. You made my job as president an absolute joy and I thank you for that!

**Reminder: Sept. 1 tuition must be paid May 1 to hold your child's spot!**

### **Little Sprouts – Kelsey**

*"Children need the freedom to appreciate the infinite resources of their hands, their eyes, and their ears, the resources of forms, materials, sounds and colors."*

-- Loris Malaguzzi

This quote sums up what I envisioned for Sprouts this year. I tried to put myself in their shoes and what I discovered is that simple is always better...because everything is new and exciting to a 18- to 24-month-old. Their senses are so intensely alive! The inaugural Sprouts class provided plenty of materials for them to explore their worlds, in a safe environment. While playing with objects (maybe a toy, a ball, a stuffed animal), they used their hands and eyes to manipulate and their growing brains to imagine. With every craft they learned about color, texture, and sometimes sound and smell. With every song, they learned how music can change your mood or simply make you want to move! These simple encounters are the gateway to exploring, questioning, comprehending, appreciating, and enjoying the world around them. Our Sprouts have already made great strides and it was wonderful to be a part of it. I'm excited to see them continue to grow in the years ahead at Mushroom!

### **Early Learners – Amy, Sheila and Marlene**

One of the reasons why we enjoy teaching this age group is seeing the great amount of progress that the children make during the year. The starting and ending points are different for each child – hence our school motto is "Individual growth in a shared environment" – but all of the children make great strides in their development!

Some are beginning to play cooperatively with each other for a bit; others who were having a hard time separating now eagerly wave good-bye to their caregiver as they leave. Many of the children are widening the scope of their play, too, as they branch out from their favorite toys and activities to new ones. We are talking about spring in class, and the exciting changes we see outside, and there are exciting changes in your children, too!

Thank you for your help and support with the various teacher substitutions that have occurred this year. We appreciate how welcoming you are to all of our staff. We truly work together as a team! We understand that staff changes can be difficult for the children and work to minimize them, and your explanations and reassurances to your children are invaluable.

We hope that you are all able to join us at the Ice Cream Social at 6:00 on May 16! It's a fun time for everyone, especially when the children see their classmates outside of school. Thank you for sharing your children with us this year – we look forward to watching them grow over the coming years!

### **Threes – Jamie, Debbie and April**

I was helping one of our students wash her hands the other day. We were discussing important four-year-old things like how foamy the soap was and what we were going to have for snack, when she looked at me and said out of the blue, "I love you!" As my heart melted, I realized how very special the relationship between a teacher and student can be.

The students have grown in so many ways but the trust and love they display to their teachers is my favorite. This affection is shown in many ways. The slight grab of our hands, the race to sit on our laps, the way they look when they first see us in the morning or the way they cling to us when they are sad. These tiny moments tug at our heartstrings and leave an impact that is hard to describe.

In the final weeks of our school year, I find us all taking advantage of every moment we have left with our 18 amazing students. We carry on conversations a little longer. We let the children select the events of the day. We read our favorite stories and dance to our favorite songs. It is a very special time of the school year and it is met with bittersweet feelings. I am sad to see this part of their journey ending but excited to see what is in store for them next year. I can't wait to see what wonderful students they become.

Another benefit of working with young children is the relationship that is developed between the teachers and parents. I truly enjoy all of you. You are extremely supportive of our program, so loving of your children and genuinely kind to Debbie, April and me. It is a partnership like no other and it means the world to me. You will forever have a special place

in my heart. When your children are older, they may not remember the crazy teachers they had when they were 3, but my hope is you will look back with fond memories and remember how much we truly cared for your children.

It is never easy to say goodbye. My oldest son is a senior, and although I randomly cry when I think about him going to college next year, I am excited for the next part of his journey. I am grateful he has turned into this amazing young man and hope he knows how special he will always be to me. It is not truly goodbye; instead it is, "See you soon."

Our lives will be forever changed by you and your children. Enjoy every moment, don't forget to dance and remember you are all amazing parents!

### **MAY ENRICHMENT CLASSES**

Enrichment classes are available for those 4 and older on Mondays and/or Fridays each month, 11:30am-2:00pm. Please pack your child a healthy, meat-free lunch. \$15 per class. Email [melissa.oprison@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.oprison@gmail.com).

#### **Days and Themes This Month...**

##### **MONDAYS with Ms. Sheila**

May 1 – Easy No-Mess "Tie Dye"! May 8 – Extra special card making! May 15 – Make picture frames! May 22 – Popsicle Day!

##### **FRIDAYS with Ms. Marilyn**

May 12 – Read "The Red Lemon" by Bob Staake, and make some watermelon lemonade! May 19 – Do some experiments, make our own little boat and read "Big Bear's Big Boat" by Eve Bunting.

### **Three/Fours – Liz, Melissa and Jamie**

I had an unusual vantage point during our musical production in April. Kneeling in front of the stage, helping to keep the production on track, making sure no one fell off the stage, I missed out on the full impact of our amazing and improbably ambitious show. I can't wait to see the video to get the full scope!

My perspective provided me with a different and amazing experience, though. Sweating in the heat of the lights and focused on pulling off set changes and stage exits, I saw the children's faces as they began to sing. What I saw brought tears to my eyes. We had rehearsed our songs on stage many times, but never with the full cast, never with an audience. This time, the children were transformed. They clearly had the experience of being part of something greater than themselves, giving of themselves, sharing a grand event with their friends, and finding their power. It struck me as a perfect culmination of a process that has been developing all year.

When I look back to our first days together in September, I realize how little these children were. Many of our students were separating from their parents for the first time. Some



were having their first experiences with peers. Just getting through the school day was a success, and required lots of hugs and encouragement (not that we minded the hugs!). It has been a thrilling privilege to watch them blossom into independent, secure preschoolers. They have made friends, learned new skills, and discovered more about themselves. As members of our school community, they now know they are part of something bigger than themselves. We are so proud of them!

In May, we will follow the children's interests and focus on simply being together and enjoying each other's company. Jamie, Melissa and I have enjoyed every moment with this lively, creative, loving group. We are grateful to you for entrusting us with your treasures. We have been blessed to know them and to know you. Thank you for your support. It has been a fantastic year.

### ~ Mushroom Wish List ~

There will be a collection bin in the hallway, or see Joan!

#### Recyclables for Summer Projects (washed and dried):

- Plastic lids of any size (Gatorade, juice, etc.)
- Bottles, 2-liter especially
- M&M minis plastic tubes
- Laundry detergent measuring cups
- Yogurt/applesauce-type cups
- Toilet paper and paper towel rolls
- Wine corks

Play food for Early Learners classroom

### **Fours – Liz and Melissa**

Each year as I sit down to write the last newsletter article of the year, I struggle to avoid the obvious clichés. I usually fail. That's because I really can't believe this is the last newsletter and the year is coming to an end. We really do love your precious children. It really has been amazing to watch them grow and blossom. It truly has been a wonderful year. While true, the clichés simply cannot capture the profoundly meaningful experience of sharing a year—in some cases, two—with a group of preschoolers.

It is difficult to sum up our year. We have had a rollicking good time learning through play. It has been such fun to watch as, bit by bit, the group took over ownership of their environment. As their play became increasingly social, role-based and complex, they enthusiastically embraced the tools of literacy, math, and fine motor skills to further their own goals. Don't want zombies to bother you? Make a sign and

define a perimeter. Want to distribute the train cars fairly? Count them up and divide them equally. No phone to call the doctor? Get some construction paper and make one.

The small size of our class this year has added to the closeness of our community. With only 10 students, the children had no choice but to learn to get along with everyone in the group. It has been lovely to watch as they have learned to respect each other's differences, to seek their peers out for their strengths, and to gently accommodate their weak spots. We have seen them develop empathy, trust, and problem-solving skills. Even more miraculously, they have begun to use these skills to help each other understand their friends' points of view.

The children love taking turns to perform our class jobs. They eagerly check the board each day to see if they might be the Line Leader, Pointer, Weather Reporter, Pattern Maker, or Letter Builder. Even if they don't have one of the rotating jobs that day, though, they know that everyone's job, every day, is to be a good friend. I am so pleased to report that they have all learned to do that job effectively!

It is so difficult to say goodbye. Looking at our young friends, though, we can see that they are truly ready to take their next steps, whether in kindergarten or in the Fives class. We are grateful for our time together, and we are grateful to all of you for your support. It has been a very special experience for Melissa and me. There I go again with the clichés. I have so much to say that I cannot adequately express with words. You and your children are 2 Cool 2 Be 4 Gotten. Have a great summer!

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**Welcome Future Mushroomer Liliana Wright, born Apr. 27!** Congrats to big sister Emma (Pre-K AM) and parents Nadia and Phil.

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### **Pre-K – Cara, Jane, Marlene and Melanie**

I think that providing joy in the classroom is one of Mushroom's core values. This core value seemed even more present while preparing for our school musical, "The Waterhole." There were so many levels of joy present while preparing for the musical as well as presenting the musical. There were many opportunities to experience joy for the children, the teachers and the families.

It seems that the theme this year for my newsletter editions is to share articles that inspire me. So, in honor of my theme, I would like to share an article written about the value of joy in the classroom.

#### **Joy in the Early Childhood Programs, By Bev Bos**

**Children are egocentric—all of you know that. They do not have to be told they are wonderful because they are born**

knowing they are. They are born with an inherent self that is intellectual, complete, an inherent self that can dance, sing, write poetry and tell stories, and has a sense of delight and joy in all things. Inherently, children are born to take risks and grow to their optimum. Inherently, children have a sense of joy about learning, growing and doing.

The word joy will probably not show up in a curriculum guide. But, those of us working hard to ensure a childhood for so many children know that if we did not hear laughter, giggling, hoopla, shouting and cheering in our centers we couldn't go on. It is the JOY of each child that keeps us doing what we do.

Every August, we have a conference at our school and teachers come from all over to be with us. After the workshop was over this year, I was sitting on the porch talking to Zachary Bos, who is four and a half. I talked about the conference and all the people who came, and I said: "Zac, what do you think they thought?" He said: "I think they thought I was pretty amazing." What joy Zac finds in what he does. He was not impressed with how hard I worked, just how hard he played.

Katie and Gus were swinging in the swings side by side when Katie said to Gus: "Isn't it great to be my friend, Gus?" What joy children find in themselves and in each moment.

Children are so present. It is this moment that is important to a child. Adults think about tomorrow, next week and vacations next summer. Children can find joy in each moment and in little things that adults throw away or overlook.

Today at school, on one of the tables, I put out 12 plastic mixing bowls. I also put out salt, flour and warm water. You have never seen so many different mixtures called play dough. Of course, the children added food coloring in varied amounts, and I witnessed colors I have never seen before. Elena spent 65 minutes mixing and stirring. Hers was a kind of quiet joy. Matthew mixed and stirred and added and decided to leave his until tomorrow to see if it would be "okay" after resting. His was kind of a resigned joy – he liked doing it but it didn't exactly turn out the way he expected.

A sense of joy in a children's center can be quiet, loud, gentle and fun. A sense of joy can be heard, smelled and tasted when children make food. It can be muddy and dirty when children work in the garden and when they dig holes. It can be wet and slippery when the hose is out. It can be blue, red, yellow, purple, brown, black and orange when children do art. A sense of joy can be found in the aching tiredness at the end of the day for children, teachers and parents who have spent their day together.

We have experienced so much JOY with your children this school year. There are so many moments throughout the year

### Check your child's cubby for a free day pass to the BOWER HILL SWIM CLUB pool!

that have brought joy to the children as well as to us. So, thank you for supporting us as we have worked to set the foundation for your children to know that learning and growing are meant to be joyful!

I will leave you with a quote from my latest favorite book, "Teach like Finland: 33 Simple Strategies for Joyful Classrooms." – "There's an old Finnish saying," Holappa said. "Those things you learn without joy you will forget easily."

Good luck and thanks to all our  
**MUSHROOM MARATHON RUNNERS!**

### K-Too – Amy, for Marilyn

We had a great time in K-Too in April! Thank you so much for your help and support while Marilyn was away and I filled in.

We had a great time creating our costumes for the musical! I loved seeing those raindrops and rhinos up on stage, and I'm sure you did, too. Thank you for stopping by our open house as well. I hope I got to share with each of you how much I enjoyed your children!

I was really impressed with their knowledge about the Earth and recycling as we celebrated Earth Day. Several of the children told the class about the compost piles they have at home. How wonderful! I look forward to seeing you at the Ice Cream Social at 6:00 on May 16!

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### Congratulations to all the winning MFLC raffle ticket sellers/buyers!

#### Packages

##### STEAM – Winter family

Look Your Best, Feel Your Best – **Dymond family**

Lions, Tigers and Bears – **Sponsler family**

South Hills Summertime Fun – **Lamb family**

Pirates Fireworks Night Extravaganza – **Lotter family**

#### Teacher Time

3 hrs. of Babysitting - **Etta Ewing (PreK PM)**

Picnic w/Cara/Joan - **Ruby Ewing (EL T/Th)**

Lunch w/Marilyn - **Miles Sponsler (PreK PM)**

Lunch w/Sheila/Amy/Marlene - **Lane Stockhausen (3s)**

Lunch w/Liz/Melissa/Jamie - **Mackenzie Homitsky (3/4s)**

Lunch w/Jamie/Debbie/April - **Sam Freund (3s)**

Brueggers lunch w/Jane - **Ben Schwab (PreK AM)**

Lunch w/Liz/Melissa - **Samantha Sullivan (4s)**

Peace, Love & Donuts Gift Card - **Sam Freund (3s)**



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# ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm  
(No Rain Date)

Mt. Lebanon Main Park, Pavilion #2

Here's the scoop!  
Come and join us for an evening of  
Ice Cream and Fun!



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**Ice Cream Social**  
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6:00 PM – 7:30PM  
Mt. Lebanon Main Park, Pavilion #2  
Come and join us for an evening of Ice Cream and Fun!



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**Last Day of Classes for the 2016-2017 School Year**  
Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Have a great summer!



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**Teacher Appreciation Dinner**  
Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>

Every year, in appreciation of our wonderful teachers, the Board of Directors hosts a potluck-style dinner in their honor. Please sign up online to donate food and beverages to make their dinner a success!

Go to: [www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49aba922a1f58-2017](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a49aba922a1f58-2017)

Please deliver your food/ drink donations to Joan's office on the final day of classes OR to the home of Sarah & Joel Staffilino, (758 Valleyview Road, Mt. Lebanon, PA 15243) by 5:00pm on Tues. If you have questions or need assistance locating Sarah's house for food/ beverage drop-off, please contact her at (513) 218-9021.

Please package your contribution of yummy eats/ beverages for our awesome Mushroom teachers in disposable containers or dishes that are labeled with your last name. All non-disposable containers will be available for pick-up at Sarah's house on 5/24.




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FAMILY LEARNING CENTER

# A Slice of Summer Day Camp 2017

Arts and Crafts, Games, Science, Nature, Music,  
Movement, Stories, Outdoor Fun and So Much More!

Camp will be conducted in (4) week-long sessions:  
Starting June 5<sup>th</sup> and ending June 30<sup>th</sup>  
Monday - Friday  
9:15am - 11:45am  
\$75 per week  
+ Camp Registration Fee: \$15 per child or \$25 per family  
All payments are non-refundable

For children ages 3 - 6  
\*\*includes class for incoming 1<sup>st</sup> graders

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