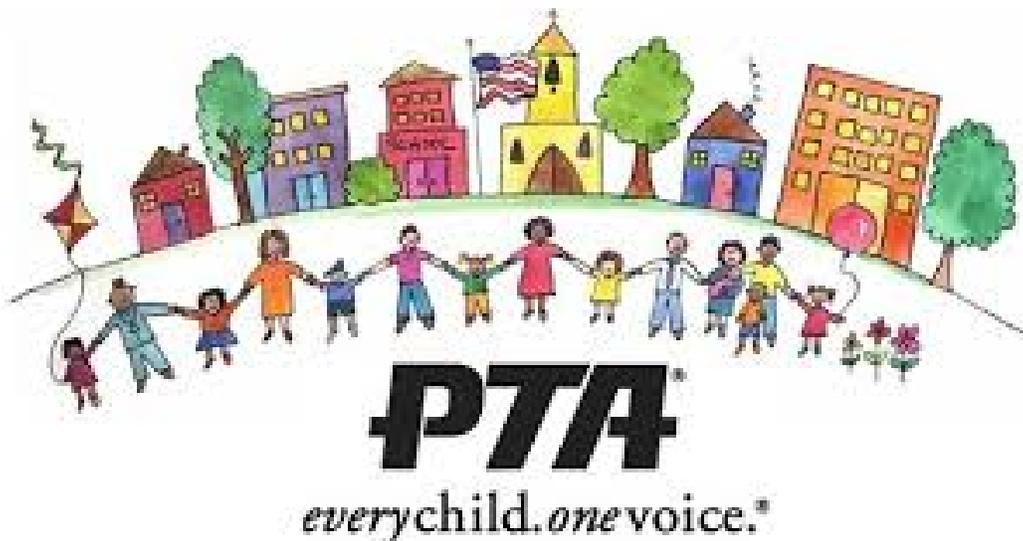


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Mt. Lebanon City Council of PTAs News



PTA Council Meeting

The role of a Council PTA is to bring together the individual Mt. Lebanon school district PTAs. Council PTA offers support and leadership to the individual units. Council is the umbrella organization over the other 10 independent PTAs in Mt. Lebanon. We bring one voice to all the PTAs in Mt. Lebanon. Click [HERE](#) for more information about PTA Council.

[Click HERE to view the 2023-2024 PTA Council Budget.](#)

[Click HERE to view the 2023-2024 Standing Rules.](#)

The next PTA Council Meeting is scheduled for January 10, 2024 at 9:00 AM at Mellon Middle School

Visit our Mt. Lebanon City Council of PTAs website to view information about our officers, committees, meetings and budget!

Information about upcoming events and programs in our Mt. Lebanon Community can be found on the COMMUNITY FLYER page, listed on the left hand side of the webpage.



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News from our Community Partners



Mt. Lebanon School Board

Congratulations to the newest members of the Mt. Lebanon School Board and thank you to the board members who are leaving for their years of continued service.

Sarah Olbrich

Todd Ellwein

Justin Hackett

A special thank you to Mrs. Olbrich from the Mt. Lebanon City Council of PTAs for serving as our School Board representative on PTA Council for many years! You will be missed!



Mt. Lebanon Fire Department

5th graders are starting to take the Fire Safety Test that assesses the lessons taught from K-5 th grade. The kids are competing for T-Shirts, Kennywood tickets, and the Fire Safety Championship Belt.

If you are using candles to celebrate the holidays over the next few months, please make sure that an adult is awake and in the room with the candles. Candles are the second most common cause of home fires in Mt. Lebanon, and this is the time of year when we see them the most.

Thanksgiving is the number one day of the year to have a kitchen fire. Don't leave food unattended on the stove, clean your oven before using it (if you use the self-clean feature, expect your house to fill with smoke), and your stovetop is not a shelf—don't use it for storage. If you do have a fire in your oven, turn off the heat, keep the door shut, evacuate and call 9-1-1.

We are still taking applications for the next group of volunteers. If you want to give back to the community by joining the volunteer ranks (or would like someone else you live with out of the house more often) you can learn about the training and expectations by going to: <http://mtlfd.org/recruitment/volunteer/>

We are continuing smoke alarm installations and fireplace inspections in residents' homes. You can go to www.mtlfd.org or call 412-343-3402 to schedule or find out more information There are no fees for these services.

Mt. Lebanon Public Library

Thank you to the PTAs for your donations to our Love Your Library campaign. With your help, along with the Jack Buncher Foundation and the Mt. Lebanon community, the library raised over \$34,000 this year



Mt. Lebanon Police
To protect and serve

Mt. Lebanon Police Department

We recently wrapped up 2nd grade building tours for our Elementary Schools. Since last meeting, 30 classes have been conducted throughout the Elementary and Middle Schools on various topics including, bullying, cyber bullying, self-esteem, decision making, consequences, and ways to say no. We are looking at ways to streamline our curriculum and introduce new classes that are more relevant to children/teenagers today. We will be continuing our efforts and working with the counselors in our schools to provide holiday meals to families throughout the district.

Safety Tip: With the weather rapidly changing and temperatures dropping, please plan accordingly when dropping off/picking up your children. This is the time of year when we see the biggest issues in the Go-Zones with some of the streets surrounding our schools becoming unpassable. Be patient, pull all the way forward in the Go-Zone before dropping off and picking up, and be mindful of where your vehicle is positioned while waiting in line.



Mt. Lebanon Foundation for Education

MLFE is a group of community members whose purpose is to award grants to teachers for innovative programming.

Fundraising includes t-shirts, sweatshirts, stadium blankets, note cards with designs from our art teachers. MLFE used to organize the Taste of Lebo event, and they are now trying to develop something new. They met with Dr Freiz who had many new ideas. MLFE's goal is to focus on community outreach, so that the Mt. Lebanon Community knows more about what they do and the support they provide to our students and teachers. Look for them on [Facebook!](#)



Outreach

QPR Gatekeeper training is for adults who are directly working with our youth to learn peer-to-peer language for suicide prevention. MOMS (Moms of Multiples) will be trained in QPR 11/2 at 7:30pm @ Mt. Lebanon library. If you'd like to schedule a training, please reach out to Maggie Zangara at mzangara@outreachteen.org or 412-763-3715.

Mental Health Meetups at MTL Library are back in session on Mondays from 3:15-4pm until November 13th. Meetups are for students in grades 6-8 who are interested in improving their self-care and sense of self. Registration is required through the library. This is a free event and snacks are provided!

Outreach is offering a social skills group! The age range is currently for 11-13 year olds. We currently have 3 interested and will cap the group at 6 participants. The group will run for five weeks with a scheduled sixth week makeup session. The dates are as follows: January 19, January 26, February 2, February 9, February 23 and a makeup session on March 1st. Group will be held from 6-7 pm at the Outreach Office. To register, please complete a group intake form on our website at outreachteen.org.

Project Towards No Drug Abuse (TND) is Outreach's new evidencebased Drug and Alcohol Education and Prevention program. Our Certified Drug and Alcohol Counselor is offering a 3-week group to teach high school students ways to stop or reduce the use of drugs, learn about the consequences of use, and gain positive behavioral and emotional coping strategies. There is also a parent component to learn how to support your teen. Stay tuned for official dates in 2024!

Outreach will host a Murder Myster Dinner at the Crowne Plaza on January 27, 2024 at 6pm. The title of the event is "Dial M for Mother"- it's Psycho without the shower. Tickets are \$85. This would be a fun date night or girls' night out. Fun idea for holiday gifts for your favorite teacher! More info will be available on the website this month. There is a limited number for sale, so get yours early!

Please continue to follow us on Facebook and Instagram. We have an amazing counselor providing exceptional content!



Mt. Lebanon Municipality

The Municipality just signed a 5 year contract with Westmoreland trash. It will include curbside glass recycling but we do recommend that you continue to use the Recycling options at Kohls parking lot that we pay for or Michaels Bros because more of the glass will get recycled. We know that Waste Management pick up can be spotty if your trash is missed please either call the Municipality or go to myLebo.mtlebanon.org to report it. If the company is not in compliance with its contract money will be refunded to the municipality.

Budget discussion are slated for Nov and Dec.

Comprehensive Plan is wrapping up and should be able to be voted on in Dec.

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