

School Board President's Report
Sarah Olbrich, President
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Good Evening

Two weeks ago I had the honor of visiting Foster Elementary school and principal Jason Ramsey with Dr Irvin. While I am always impressed with the teachers in our district and their commitment to our children, it was heartening to see in person. From teachers working in small groups, to sitting on the floor with children, to creating library displays highlighting the myriad texts and authors we have, Foster is a vibrant flourishing school. But what has stuck with me the most, is one of the ways Foster stands out. Around every corner there is artwork. From archways painted with birds, to murals made out of bottle tops representing famous artists - where there used to be radiators. There is always something beautiful and inspiring to look at, most evident in the library mural depicting the dewey decimal system. Thank you Mr Ramsey and Dr Irvin for a wonderful visit.

Public Schools Week Celebration

Public Schools Week, which starts today, celebrates our nation's public schools, our students, and the many school professionals who work to help students achieve their greatest potential. Nine out of 10 students in America attend public schools. Public Schools Week is a national celebration to highlight the great things happening in our nation's public schools and in our Mt. Lebanon schools as well. The Mt. Lebanon School District has provided a quality education for all children in this community since 1912 and we have seen the results in our accomplished alumni. This initiative shows the strength and potential of public schools in a democratic society.

A public school education is the great equalizer for children. Regardless of ability, race, wealth, language, religion or country of origin, a public school prepares children for future endeavors. Mt. Lebanon embodies this in myriad ways through our mission statement "To Provide the Best Education Possible for Each and Every Student".

Budget Forum

We will hold a Budget Forum for the public to discuss the factors we will be considering in our upcoming budget deliberations on March 11 at 7:30 pm in the High School Room D205.