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September 2023

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.

At our meeting on September 6, we approved our 2023-2024 budget, reviewed, updated and voted to approve our 2023-2024 Standing Rules, and heard fantastic updates from our District Administration and Community Partners.

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

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

[Click HERE to view the DRAFT minutes of our September 6th meeting.](#)

The next PTA Council Meeting is scheduled for October 4, 2023 at 9:00 AM at Lincoln Elementary School



2023 Georgia Pogue Recipients

Last May, the Mt. Lebanon PTA Council presented the Class of 2023 Georgia Pogue Scholarship winners.

Upon her untimely death in 1997, beloved guidance counselor Georgia Pogue's family bequeathed \$25,000 to the PTA Scholarship fund. In her memory, PTA renamed the fund the Georgia Pogue Personal Achievement Award.

In 1993 PTA Council voted to annually recognize seven seniors, seven being symbolic of our neighborhood elementary schools. Each recipient receives \$500 toward post secondary expenses. In 2018 the scholarship rules requirements were updated so that the scholarship funds could be used towards any post secondary expenses, including (but not limited to) books, tools/equipment for trade school and interview suits,

Nominated by high school administrators, faculty and/or staff, these students must meet one or more of the following criteria:

1. Have significantly improved their academic performance during their high school career,
2. Are all-around good citizens or solid students,
3. Are "always there," dependable at doing tasks, but are not necessarily in the limelight.

These students are wonderful representatives of our Mt. Lebanon school community.

Here are the Georgia Pogue Scholarship recipients for the Class of 2023:

- Efe Iye
- Gina Malachow
- Austin Martin
- Stephen Paliouras
- Michelle Rouleau
- Kelcie Stack
- Cameron Talarico

One dollar of every PTA membership sold in the Mt. Lebanon School District is contributed to the Georgia Pogue Personal Achievement Fund. Thank you for your continued support of this program through your membership at your child's 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.

PTA Council Webpage



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News from our Community Partners



Mt. Lebanon School Board

The School Board is coming back from a relatively quiet summer and they are thrilled to welcome Dr. Friez. The Superintendent's Goals (which were in part based on data collected during the community surveys from the superintendent search) are on the [MTLSD website](#). The School Board has been delighted to see the pictures from Dr. Friez's Walk to School program, through which she has been visiting various elementary schools. Earlier this week, Dr. Friez walked to Hoover with students from the Bower Hill apartments. Visit the PTA Council Facebook page to see pictures!



Mt. Lebanon Fire Department

Fire safety classes start next week. We expect to present about 350 classes throughout the school year. We teach grades K-5, 8th grade, and at the High School.

We have a new Lieutenant on staff. Max Shoeppen has recently started and is in training for the next few months. Max previously worked for Dormont Fire Department.

We also have a new fire engine that arrived last week. Engine 2 was replaced as part of our regular maintenance cycle.

Natural gas emergencies are common in Mt. Lebanon. If you smell gas in your home, don't do anything that can make a spark, open windows and doors if you can do so safely, go outside and call 9-1-1. If you are outside and smell gas, call 9-1-1 from somewhere where you don't smell gas. There is a fantastic PSA available by visiting the [Mt. Lebanon PIO's channel](#).

We are continuing fireplace inspections and smoke alarm installations in residents' homes. You can go to www.mtlfd.org or call 412-343-3402 to schedule or find out more information.

MT. LEBANON
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LIBRARY



Mt. Lebanon Public Library

Thank you to the PTA and to all of our Mt. Lebanon parents for your help with summer reading club. This year over 1000 kids participated.

September is National Library Card Month - first graders will be visited by library staff this month in their classrooms - we hope that you'll stop by the library to get your library card!

September is also Love your Library month, sponsored by Jack Buncher Foundation. Any donations made to the library during the month of September will be matched by the foundation - this is the library's largest fundraiser of the year!

Mental Health Mondays will be continuing for 4th and 5th graders.

Regular programming including storytimes, after school STEM programming, Crafternoons and Book Clubs will be starting up soon. Check out our schedule for dates and times.

TEEN ADULT PROGRAMMING

KIDS PROGRAMMING

New: The library will be launching a new Kids Dungeons & Dragons program for grades 3-5 as a follow-up to the success of the middle school program!



Outreach

QPR Gatekeeper training has been going well with the coaching team and local libraries and municipality buildings. Our QPR Gatekeeper training continues to garner great interest with both school districts and community partners. This program trains adults who are directly working with our youth in peer-to-peer language for suicide prevention.

We are hoping to train the school staff this year and PTA. Due to the generosity of a memorial fund, this program is fully covered for the year ahead. Please contact Maggie Zangara at mzangara@outreachteen.org to find out more and schedule training!

Mental Health Meetups at MTL Library are going to be back in session starting October 2nd from 3:15-4pm. 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!

Group Counseling: Due to the increased demand for services, Outreach has created two groups to support kids and teens in the community. The first group is for teens aged 12-15 to learn coping skills related to anxiety and depression. The group meets weekly for one hour for 6 weeks to work on identifying positive skills to support.

The second group is for teens aged 12-15 who are in need of brushing up on their social skills. The group meets weekly for six weeks for one hour to participate in a curriculum-based group to identify and practice positive skills.

A group must have 3 or more individuals to begin. Visit our website to complete a referral form or contact Outreach directly with any questions.

Parent/Caregivers

Outreach Teen and Family Services is busy putting together a group of like-minded individuals who share in our vision to help every child, teen and family thrive by protecting the mental wellness of themselves and the children in their lives. And WE. NEED. YOUR. VOICE!

Support fellow parents on your shared journeys to build positive relationships with your children. The topics you tackle and the conversations you have will make an impact on the larger community by helping guide the focus of Outreach's Parenting Discussion Series, as well as the Support Program's newsletter and quarterly chats with a counselor.

We know you are busy, which is why we will be meeting once a month. For more information, please contact Kelly Gyurina at kelly@gyurina.com or 412-965-3580.

Coffee with a Counselor

We've planned a great event for Saturday, September 30th at Bird Park's Pavilion, 9am-10am. Join Outreach counselor Maggie Zangara for an open, honest discussion about transitions -- those we face as parents & and the ones our children face with each new age. Coffee, hot cider and donuts will be available. We will encourage those in attendance to join the Supporter Program.

[Click HERE for more information.](#)

50th Anniversary

2024 is Outreach's 50th year in service to the youth and families in our community! If you or your child was a client, and you wish to share your story (anonymously!), please reach out to Mary Birks, mbirks@outreachteen.org. We are gathering this information to assist us in telling the Outreach story in word and on video.

Connections Gala – Wonderland

Mark your calendars for Friday, April 26th for this year's annual gala!



Mt. Lebanon Municipality

Coffee with a Cop

9/14 from 8-10 AM at Orbis Coffee on Washington Road.

Enjoy a cup of coffee while getting to know some of the police officers in your neighborhood! Bring questions. You can ask them anything. All ages are welcome.

Artists' Market

9/30-10/1 10-5 in Academy Lot

[CLICK HERE for additional information](#)

The Uptown Market will continue to run through the end of October. [Click HERE for a list of vendors and additional information!](#)

[CLICK HERE to view a PSA about our School Go Zones](#)

COMING SOON: Plans for Winter Market

Mt. Lebanon City Council of PTAs

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