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Melissa Maransky Named Pre-School Teacher for 2008

LutherCare is pleased to announce that Melissa Maransky, Pre-K Counts teacher at St. James Child Care and Learning Center has been named Lebanon County's Pre-School Teacher for 2008.

The announcement was made Wednesday, May 7 at the Lebanon Valley Association for the Education of Young Children annual banquet.

Melissa is a graduate of Penn State University with a Bachelor's degree in Applied Behavioral Science and has been an employee of LutherCare for 11-years at their child care and learning centers.

Ms Maransky's professionalism helps her teach the Pre-K count preschool classroom using both open court curriculum and PA standards. She is a caring teacher who understands children and their needs. Her guidance and experience have helped many children develop and learn. Melissa teaches children numeracy skills, number/letter recognition, print awareness, reading, writing, phonemic awareness, language development; expressive and receptive, health/safety/ nutrition, science experiences, social skills and problem solving. Her pride in her work is evident in her ability to work with the children and help them grow as individuals. Asked what she enjoys the most about teaching, she said, "I enjoy seeing the children's faces when they accomplish something they couldn't do before. Everyday is unpredictable with this age group; their laughter and wonderment is contagious."

Melissa lives with her family in Lebanon.

LutherCare, a social ministry organization affiliated with the Lower Susquehanna Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America and Lutheran Services in America is a leading provider of residential, assisted living, and skilled care residences in Lancaster and Lebanon County. LutherCare operates Luther Acres, a Continuing Care Retirement Community in Lititz, PA, Spang Crest Manor, a skilled nursing, rehabilitation center, assisted living community and adult day services in Lebanon, PA and St. John's Herr Estate, a residential and assisted living community in Columbia, PA. In addition, LutherCare also operates five childcare centers in Lebanon, Annville, Reamstown, Lancaster and Columbia.