



Youth Scoop

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Direct Dialog

Well here we are in February! So far winter has been just one cold front and snowstorm after another and though I know that the skiers love this weather, I am personally ready for some warmer temps and sunshine that is not accompanied by below zero temps! (Come on Punxsutawney Phil...keep that shadow at bay) We are doing our best to keep warm here at MYSB and even though the economy has been slow and times are sort of tight for so many right now, we are trying to keep positive and offer some fun and festivities that are easy on the wallet yet still good for the heart! Speaking of hearts the month of February is all about the heart.

MYSB is doing our part to celebrate the heart with several events and we hope that you will too! This year the Mayors office asked us to host the annual **GO RED DAY** which is a nation wide event in recognition of women and heart disease. The deal is simple: Wear red on Friday February 6th and donate \$5.00 to the American Heart Association to show your support of continuing research to cure heart disease. We even have enlisted the kids in our ASP to participate by wearing red too! Though we realize how important this cause is, MYSB encourages us all to educate ourselves about the risks associated with heart disease and take steps to take better care of ourselves.

Also, this month we are hoping to host our first Annual **Chocolate Challenge on Wednesday February 11th from 6pm -8pm**. Stay tuned to our website or call us for more details. Proceeds will benefit the MYSB After School Program as well as The American Heart Association. We will also be having our annual **Valentines Day Social** on Friday February 13th for our ASP kids and families. **Please keep those letters coming to our legislators and the Governors office asking them to keep the Youth Service Bureau funds intact and support after school programs! Thank you and have a Fantastic February!**

Warmest Regards ~ Barbara

Days to Remember:

- February 2nd ~ Groundhog Day
- February 6th ~ Wear Red Day
- February 11th ~ Chocolate Challenge (6pm-8pm)
- February 13th ~ Valentines Day Social
- February 15th & 16th ~ Presidents' Days (Center closed/no school)

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Remember to stay tuned to Channel 20, The Youth Scoop, the Montville Times, and our website: www.montvilleyouth.org for updated program & event information, or give us a call at 848-7724 to speak with a staff member. We will be happy to assist you in any way we can!

MYSB Happenings

MYSB may be hosting a



Chocolate Challenge

Wednesday, February 11th.

Local bakeries will be presenting their best chocolate goodies!

Proceeds from the Chocolate Challenge will benefit
The American Heart Association &
The MYSB After School Program
Stay tuned for more information.



Valentine's Day Social



Friday, February 13th from 3:30 to 5:30

Make sure you wear your **PINK** & **RED** clothes!



Games, Goodies & fun!

(Be on the lookout for a sign up sheet
to bring in goodies for the social.)



Doggie Donation Drive

Montville Youth Action Council & Montville Youth Service Bureau
are still collecting items our annual Doggie Donation Drive to benefit
Montville Animal Control.

Donations can be dropped off during the hours of 9 am and 3 pm.

Please contact Kim with any questions.

Junior Reporters

Montville High School- Loren Rickards

Not much has happened in January, but the end was a busy one! After vacation ended, it was time to start reviewing for Mid Term Exams. On the twenty second of January mid terms started. Everyday that we had a mid-term, we always got out at 12. Each day we had two tests that lasted 2 hours each. In between tests, we had a 10 minute break. But after that, it was back to testing. The testing days ended on the 27. If you missed any day for testing you would have to stay after on the 27 and take the missed tests or make time to take it. After all tests are done, the teachers have to stay and grade them so they can have them graded in time for the report cards. All activities and still up and running. Also, the winter sports are still going on. Soon, the winter sports will end and then the spring sports will have to start up. Also, the drama club is coming close to putting on the winter show, Beauty and the Beast. Rehearsals have been going on for a while and we are learning our lyrics, lines, and dances fast. The set is looking great, thanks to all the parent volunteers and students that came in during winter break and stayed late after school. We do our first show on March 12th.

Grasso Tech- Kailah Pflugbeil

February is very quite month for us at Grasso. We have a half day on the 11th and then we don't have school on the 12th, 13th and 16th. That will be our February break. We swapped cycles on January 30th, which means the seniors and freshman are back in academics and the sophomores and juniors are in shop. This cycle is 13 days long. The beginning of March is very busy, with the sophomores preparing for CAPT testing. Hope you all enjoy your Valentine's Day.

Mohegan Elementary

Aubrey Domijan

Mohegan School Happenings

January has been a very busy month at Mohegan school. The 4th and 5th graders delighted friends and family to the winter concert. Students played songs on there instruments, and the chorus sang beautifully. The 5th grade went to Project Oceanography and got to see and learn all about the life of the ocean. For those of us who went, we made it, seas were very rough and most of us got to learn what sea sickness was. The 5th grade also graduated from D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education). We had a new officer this year. Officer Karen Moorehead, we had a great time learning all about the bad effects drugs can do to us. We were all grateful for all the things we learned during this time. The school has been working on safety and had a lock down procedure and then a fire drill. This teaches us how to be safe and secure if something should happen and a lock down or fire occurs. Hoping the cold weather breaks so we can all go back and do some sledding.

Tyl Middle School

Diminishing Bullying Seminar
Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:30 pm.

Tyl's Got Talent: Tyl's Variety Show
held at Tyl Middle school by Students & Faculty.

Murphy Elementary-

Morgan MarcAurele

This is Morgan the Murphy news reporter reporting in on the happenings at Murphy:

We are off to a good start with the boys and girls basketball games, they have been real fun and no matter win or lose it has been exciting to say the least. Thankfully all these snow days have no interrupted our games at all so we are still on schedule. Many of us have been practicing really hard for a "D.A.R.E" production we are putting together on January 29th in conjunction with the Montville Police Department. It begins at 6pm and it has some really good singing J Lastly, We are currently holding a competition for "box top" labels at school. The class with the most box tops wins! Murphy can turn in the box tops to get monies that have been used to get us new playground equipment, so come on Murphy Kids "Keep them Coming"

Oakdale Elementary

February 26th-

Jump Rope for Heart Day

(snow make up day 2/27)

Bits & Pieces

The grand total raised in the 2008 Penny Drive for
The Make-A-Wish Foundation® of Connecticut,
With Dime Bank of Montville matching the funds was...



\$956.40



That's a whole lot of pennies!!
Thanks to everyone who supported us!

"FUN DRIVE"

The Montville Youth Action Council will be holding a "Fun Drive" for the
CT National Guard, AVCRAD 1109th, out of Groton, who are
currently serving in Kuwait.

We are looking for items that will help pass the time;

Crossword Puzzles, Word Searches & Sudoku

Playing Cards, Mini Footballs & any other items!

For more information please contact Kim at 848-7724 or drop them off at the
Youth Center between 8 am and 5:30 pm.



Kid of the Month

January 2009

Tyler VanPelt

Tyler is one of the newest members of the ASP and he has already become one of our brightest stars! Tyler is quiet at first but warms up quickly! Weather permitting he spends all his time outside playing any game! He's also a regular on the pool table. He has a great sense of humor and even laughs at the staff's jokes! He is well liked by all the other kids in the program because of his warm, friendly personality!

Keep up the great work Tyler!!

Kim's Korner

Instead of Kim's Korner... here's a special to the Youth Scoop about becoming a Foster or Adoptive Family.

Kids Count!

Have you ever thought about your family becoming a foster or adoptive family? Now may be the right time. More foster and adoptive families are urgently needed to care for children in our area. We are especially in need of families to care for children of various ethnic minority backgrounds and for older children as well.

Foster Families provide temporary nurturing care for children who have been affected by abuse or neglect. As a foster family, you will receive training and medical and financial support for the children while they are in your care. Adoptive families make a permanent legal commitment to a child.

Foster and adoptive parents can be married, single or divorced. You can rent or own your own home. And you may work outside the home.

If you want to make a positive impact in the life of a child, won't you consider becoming a foster or adoptive family? It is an important opportunity to held a child. It's asy to find out more. Just call the Department of Children and Families Foster and Adoptive Services Unit toll-free at 1-888-KIDHERO (1-888-543-4376).



Kid Trivia



Each person can enter one time per month! Spelling counts, use your resources, including the internet and make sure you put your name on your entry!! Good Luck!!

February Kid Trivia

St. Valentine was a Roman who was martyred (killed) for refusing to give up Christianity on February 14th 269 AD, the same day that had become devoted to love lotteries. In what year was February 14th set aside to honor St. Valentine??

Happy February Birthdays!!

1st- Zachary Rand
11th- Emily Woods
11th- Tyler VanPelt
14th Tylor Pflugbeil
18th- Brendan Rothholz
28th- Aubrey Domijan



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Center Closed	2 ASP 2:30-6	3 ASP 2:30-6	4 ASP 2:30-6	5 ASP 2:30-6	6 ASP 2:30-6	7 Center Closed
8 Center Closed	9 ASP 2:30-6	10 ASP 2:30-6	11 ASP 2:30-6 Chocolate Challenge	12 ASP 2:30-6	13 ASP 2:30-6 Valentines Day Social	14 Center Closed
15 Center Closed	16 Center Closed Presidents Day	17 NO ASP Office Hours 8-4:30	18 ASP 2:30-6	19 ASP 2:30-6	20 ASP 2:30-6	21 Center Closed
22 Center Closed	23 ASP 2:30-6	24 ASP 2:30-6	25 ASP 2:30-6	26 ASP 2:30-6	27 ASP 2:30-6	28 Center Closed



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 programs we offer throughout the year.

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