

YOUTH SCOOP

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Direct Dialog

Happy New Year! A time for new hopes, dreams, & resolutions? Maybe we should abandon the traditional practice of making New Year's resolutions, and simply resolve to try and make this New Year better than the year before! So often we set ourselves up for disappointment by making resolutions we rarely keep...but if we resolve to do well, be good people, and forgive more this should be plenty good enough in the resolution department!

January is a month for new beginnings; taking the time to reflect on the past year's memories, the good ones & the not so good ones and focus on a positive new start! We would like to take a moment to remember the communities that were forever changed in 2013. They say that time heals all wounds but we know that both **Newtown** & **Boston** will relive the pain of these fateful days for years to come. We can only offer support, hope, and prayers, which often are the best gifts we can give. So as we reflect on our own tough times, this may help to put things perspective, and realize that we are built to persevere and overcome even the hardest of times!

As I reflect on 2013, it would be remiss for me to not thank all of the families, kids, MYSB Staff and volunteers whom made 2013 another successful year for MYSB. Our accomplishments, our events & fundraisers, and programs cannot succeed without the support from all of you, and as the director of MYSB for the past 17 years I have been exceptionally fortunate to work with an amazing staff and Advisory Board, and kids and families that have become "family" to me as well. I appreciate the support of the Mayor's office and enjoy working with Kathy Peck (Senior & Social Services) & Pete Bushway (Parks & Rec). I would like to extend a special Thank you to Councilman William "Billy" Caron for his past 8 years as Town Council Liaison to Montville Youth Service Bureau, his support & dedication are both admirable & appreciated!

Remember the new edition of the Montville Community Booklet should be in your mailbox soon! Or pick up a copy at MYSB, or the Town Hall. In the meantime stay warm & safe!

Have a Jubilant January!
~Warm Regards~



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The Need To Know

PENNY DRIVE 2014

MYSB's Youth Action Council will be holding our Annual Penny Drive
January 1st through April 30th!

We will be collecting pennies (and other loose change) to help Lawrence & Memorial Hospital Pediatric Services. Our goal is to raise enough money to purchase two Apple iPads for hospitalized kids to use while at L&M.

Please be on the lookout for Penny Jars all around town!



Afternoon with **“The Croods”** at the Movies...



**Friday, January 17th at
2:00pm**

The Youth Action Council will be hosting an afternoon movie on the big screen during the half day. YAC will be selling popcorn to go along with the movie. All proceeds will benefit the 2014 Penny Drive.

All ASP members are welcome to attend.
Free Event during ASP Hours.

Heart Healthy Week– February 3rd-7th

2nd Annual Winter Olympics– February 10th-13th

Valentine's Day Social & Half Day of School– Friday, February 14th

President's Day Weekend– No ASP February 17th & 18th

March Madness Tournament– March 10th-13th

Shamrock Shakes– Monday, March 17th

No ASP– Monday, March 31st

Spring Vacation– April 14th-18th (No ASP)

Wake-A-Thon– April 15th-16th 7 pm to 7 am

Pick Your Own Pasta Dinner– Sunday, April 27th

As always please be sure to check the front door, sign in table, white board, center calendar, our website (www.montvilleyouth.org) and our Facebook page to stay up to date on ALL things MYSB!!

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~ BITS & PIECES ~

STOCKING DRIVE SUCCESS!

MYSB had another very successful stocking drive this holiday season! The Youth Action Council hosted its first ever carwash this fall, and raised over \$300. They also sold popcorn at the Holiday Parade and raised \$65 to help fill the stockings. With help from the MYSB Families, and the Community we were able to collect almost 200 gift cards to put in the stockings along with candy and little gifts for teenagers in Montville. It was great to see so many generous people give back to help those in need!

A great big thank you from us to you!

Amanda Plantier
December 2013



Amanda is brand new to our ASP, but she is a very welcome addition to our

family. Amanda is quite the social butterfly. She is incredibly kind and has a tremendous heart. She is friends with everyone and never hesitates to let **anyone** join in a game or conversation. She is friendly and outgoing and has a great personality.



She takes time out from socializing to do her homework or to lend a helping hand. Amanda enjoys all that the ASP has to offer and we are so happy she is a part of our program!

Kid of the Month

HAPPY JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

Wesley Clark– 3rd

Jasmine Loy-Smith– 5th

Crystal Messer– 8th

Noelle Plantier– 18th



January 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Center Closed New Years Day	2 ASP 2:30-6	3 ASP 2:30-6	4 Center Closed
5 Center Closed	6 ASP 2:30-6	7 ASP 2:30-6	8 ASP 2:30-6	9 ASP 2:30-6	10 ASP 2:30-6	11 Center Closed
12 Center Closed	13 ASP 2:30-6	14 ASP 2:30-6	15 ASP 2:30-6	16 ASP 2:30-6	17 ASP Half Day Close at 5:30	18 Center Closed
19 Center Closed	20 Center Closed MLK JR Day	21 ASP 2:30-6 YAC MEETING	22 ASP 2:30-6	23 ASP 2:30-6	24 ASP 2:30-6	25 Center Closed
26 Center Closed	27 ASP 2:30-6	28 ASP 2:30-6	29 ASP 2:30-6	30 ASP 2:30-6	31 ASP 2:30-6	



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Be sure to check out our website for other great programs we offer throughout the year.

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