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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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Remember to stay tuned to Channel 22, The Youth Scoop, the Montville Times, the Montville Events Magazine, Patch.com and our website: www.montvilleyouth.org for updated program, service & 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!



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!



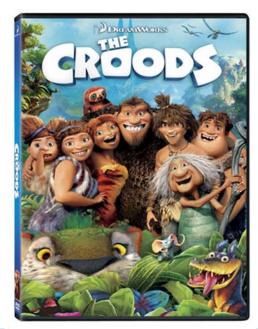








Afternoon with "The Croods" at the Movies...



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.



~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!

HAPPY JANUARY

BIRTHDAYS

Wesley Clark– 3rd Jasmine Loy-Smith– 5th Crystal Messer– 8th

Noelle Plantier- 18th



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



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