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### **Direct Dialog**

Happy New Year! A time to create 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 well then this should be plenty good enough as far as making resolutions is concerned!

January is a month for new beginnings; taking the time to reflect on the memories of 2015, all the good ones & the not so good ones too, and focus on a positive new start! We can only offer one another support, hope, and friendship, which often are the best gifts we can give to anyone. So as we reflect on our own tough times and those of others, 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 the past year, I would be remiss not thank all of the families, kids, MYSB Staff, and MYSB volunteers who made 2015 another successful & fun 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 19 years I have been exceptionally fortunate to work with an amazing staff and Advisory Board. I appreciate the support of the Mayor's office and enjoy working with other town departments, and the schools to bring out the "Very Best of Montville"!

(Remember the new edition of the Montville Community Events 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 JOYFUL January!

~ Warm regards ~





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Remember to stay tuned to The Youth Scoop, the Montville Events Magazine, our website: www.montvilleyouth.org and our Facebook page for up-to-date 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!

# What's going on?

### Penny Drive 2016

The 2016 Penny Drive begins this month!

The Youth Action Council will be collecting pennies (& other loose change) to benefit the Safe Futures Phoenix House youth activities.

YAC will be hosting several events to raise some extra change, including a play day, Wake-A-Thon and movie nights!

Be on the lookout around town, and in the Youth Center for the penny jars and more information!!



Remember... EVERY Penny Counts!



# Penny Drive Kick Off! Double Feature Movie Matinee!

The Maze Runner & The Maze Runner: Scorch Trails

When: Saturday, January 16th

Cost: \$5.00 per person (includes popcorn, drink & movie candy)

This event is open to Middle & High School Students Only!

Doors Open at 2pm
The Maze Runner begins at 2:30pm
Intermission 4:30 to 4:45
The Maze Runner: Scorch Trails begins at 4:45 pm
Pick up at 7:15pm

Permission Slips are required. See Kim for more information.

### THANK YOU!

Thank you to everyone who donated gift cards or money for gift cards to the stocking drive!

We collected OVER 200 gift cards and money... so we have a wonderful head start for next year!

We are amazed by the generosity of the Montville Community, our MYSB Families & Friends, town departments and local businesses!













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Be sure to "like" us on Facebook to get more information!!



# id of the Month December 2015 Ada



Adam has been part of our ASP for three years now and is such a great part of it! Adam spends his time out on the playground hanging out with his friends, after homework is done, of course! Adam is one of the nicest kids we know, and is great about including everyone. Adam has a great personality with a wonderful sense of humor. Adam is a great role model for all the kids in our program!!

Keep being you, Adam, you're awesome!!

# Adam Archambault

### @Happy January Birthdays 9



Jasmine Loy-Smith- 5th **Grace Walencyzk-6th Crystal Messer-8th Ouinton Scott- 13th Noelle Plantier- 18th** Lilian Corrice- 22nd Erika Santiago- 25th **Aaron Plemons – 30th** 



## January 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Happy New Year!! Center Closed	2 Center Closed
3 Center Closed	4 ASP 2:30-6	5 ASP 2:30-6	6 ASP 2:30-6	7 ASP 2:30-6	8 ASP 2:30-6	9 Center Closed
Center Closed	ASP 2:30-6	12 ASP 2:30-6	13 ASP 2:30-6	14 ASP 2:30-6	15 ASP 2:30-6	16 Penny Drive Kick Off Movie Night
17 Center Closed	MLK Jr Day Center Closed	19 ASP 2:30-6	20 ASP 2:30-6	21 ASP 2:30-6	ASP 2:30-6	23 Center Closed
24 Center Closed 31	25 ASP 2:30-6	26 ASP 2:30-6	27 ASP 2:30-6	28 ASP 2:30-6	29 Half Day of School Close @ 5:30	30 Center Closed



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