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#### **DIRECT DIALOG**

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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 laugh more, be good to others, and forgive with more ease; these practices 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 2016, 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 2016 another successful & fun year for MYSB. Though we have experienced some programmatic growing pains with our relocation to the former Fair Oaks School (Now the Montville Community Center!) it truly has been the best change for the safety, and well-being of our ASP kids!

Our accomplishments, events & fundraisers, and programs cannot succeed without the support from all of you, and as the director of MYSB for the past 20 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 in Montville ~

> > Have A JOYFUL January!

~ Warm regards ~ Barbara



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Remember to stay tuned to The Youth Scoop, 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!

# Penny Drive 2017

What's Happen

The 2017 Penny Drive begins this month! The Youth Action Council will be collecting pennies (& other loose change) to benefit a local organization or charity.

YAC will decide on the recipient of the proceeds this month. Stay tuned for details.

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!!



### **1/2 day of School Movie Event**

#### \*\*This is a YAC fundraiser for our Penny Drive\*\*

January 27, 2017

Popcorn, candy and drink

**\$5.00** 

Movie to be determined at a later date.



# **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 stuffed over 200 stockings.

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



# -Odds & Ends-

### **Parent-Toddler Playgroup**

#### This group meets every Tuesday and Friday

Follows the school schedule

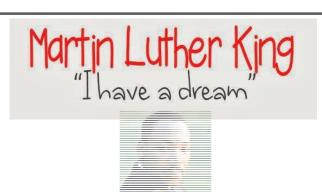
10:30-12:00

Fair Oaks

Birth to 5

Stop in the Youth Center to register

"Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.."



"The ultimate measure of a man is not where he stands in moments of comfort & convenience, but where he stands at times of challenge and controversy."

### Kid of the Month December 2016

It's Josie's first year in the ASP, and what a first impression she has made on us all! She is kind, funny, sweet and a dedicated homework room student! We hope you never lose that sense of humor or that fantastic smile! Great Job Josie!



## Josie English

## CoHappy JANUARY Birthdays

Xavier Jackson—4th Grace Walenczyk—6th Crystal Messer—8th Noelle Plantier—18th Lilian Corrice—22nd Antonio Vargas—27th



# **JANUARY 2017**

| SUNDAY                 | MONDAY                            | TUESDAY            | WEDNESDAY          | THURSDAY            | FRIDAY   | SATURDAY               |
|------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--|------------------------|
| 1<br>Happy New<br>Year | 2<br>Center<br>Closed             | 3<br>ASP<br>2-6pm  | 4<br>ASP<br>2-6pm  | 5<br>ASP<br>2-6pm   | 6<br>ASP<br>2-6pm                                      | 7<br>Center<br>Closed  |
| 8<br>Center<br>Closed  | 9<br>ASP<br>2-6pm                 | 10<br>ASP<br>2-6pm | 11<br>ASP<br>2-6pm | 12<br>ASP<br>2- 6pm | 13<br>ASP<br>2- 6pm                                    | 14<br>Center<br>Closed |
| 15<br>Center<br>Closed | 16<br>MLK Day<br>Center<br>Closed | 17<br>ASP<br>2-6pm | 18<br>ASP<br>2-6pm | 19<br>ASP<br>2-6pm  | 20<br>ASP<br>2-6pm                                     | 21<br>Center<br>Closed |
| 22<br>Center<br>Closed | 23<br>ASP<br>2- 6pm               | 24<br>ASP<br>2-6pm | 25<br>ASP<br>2-6pm | 26<br>ASP<br>2- 6pm | 27<br>Penny Drive<br>Kickoff<br>1/2 Day<br>Movie Event | 28<br>Center<br>Closed |
| 29<br>Center<br>Closed | 30<br>ASP<br>2-6pm                | 31<br>ASP<br>2-6pm |                    |                     |  |                        |



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