

Youth Scoop

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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 2018, 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 to thank all of the families, kids, MYSB Staff, and MYSB volunteers and interns who made 2018 another successful & fun year for MYSB. Our accomplishments, events & fundraisers, and programs cannot succeed without the support from all of you, and as the director of MYSB for the past 22 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!!

Barbara



PS- A huge thank you to all the families and friends of MYSB for their support for our Annual Stocking Drive for Montville Social Services! Because of all of your generosity and support, YAC was able to fill 210 stockings for teens this holiday season!

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Remember to stay tuned to The Youth Scoop, the Montville Community Booklet, 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!

Things to Know!

Montville Youth Action Council's

2019 Penny Drive

Kicks off with our Winter Wonderland Event on Friday, January 18th and continues until the end of May! This year's penny drive will benefit Healing Horses & Soul Friends; both organizations are Connecticut based with similar goals!

Healing Horses' Mission:

To provide a professional, enjoyable, safe, and relaxing environment for people with emotional and cognitive challenges in which they can achieve personal, wellness goals through the use of horses rescued from abuse or neglect.

Soul Friends' Mission:

To be a pro-active leader in research and service in the fields of animal assisted interventions and nature therapy for children.

MYSB will be placing jars around town and will be hosting special fundraisers and events to help raise money for these two great programs!

For more information about the Penny Drive, please contact Kim!

Winter Wonderland



Friday, January 18th

2019 Penny Drive Kick-off Event

benefitting Soul Friends & Healing Horses



\$5.00 donation includes; hot chocolate station, cookies & more!

High School & Middle School Event- 3:15 to 4:00

Elementary School Event 4:15-5:00

For more information about both organizations,
please see the poster at the Youth Center!

Stay tuned...

January- Penny Drive Kick-off*!

February- Heart Healthy Month & Valentine's Day Social

March- Shamrock Shakes, Kick Butts Day & March Madness*

April- Turn off TV Week, Spring Break & Penny Drive Event*

May- Youth Services Day at the Capitol, Fun Days Week
& Penny Drive Play Day*

*Sign ups required for these events!

“Tell me Something Good!”

New Year's Reminders:

-Half Day of School (January 31st & February 1st)- MYSB provides a \$5 lunch for high school & middle school students. Sign ups are required. MYSB closes at 5:30 pm.

-Courtesy calls are expected if you will be late picking up your child.

-Please discuss homework with your child. If you would like them to do their homework here, please let MYSB staff know, so we can make sure they get it done. MYSB will not check backpacks/folders or planners, but can remind your child that they should be getting their homework done.

-It is your responsibility to make sure your child's snack bin has snacks in it! Please feel free to pop into the kitchen to check your kid's bin!

-Please make sure you are reading the information on the sign in table, checking our Facebook & get our text alerts about upcoming events! ASP participants not signed up for the events, will not be able to participate! Look out, so you don't miss out!

Kid of the Month

December 2018

Billy has been part of our ASP Family for 6 years now! As a freshman at Grasso, we have watched Billy grow into a respectful young man! He has a great sense of humor, and we can always count on him to have a great joke for us almost every day!

Billy can be found getting his homework done, or engineering some kind of Lego building or car in the Rec Room! This is just practice for his future career, as he will be entering the drafting program next school year! We have watched Billy grow up in our After School Program...

literally, he is taller than most of the staff now, and we are so happy to have him in our family!

Keep being you Billy, because we think you are awesome!



**Billy
White**

©Happy January Birthdays©

Grace Walencyzk- 6th

Richard Parsons- 17th

Elijah Anctil- 22nd

Lilian Corrice- 22nd

Chad Simon- 22nd



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Center Closed Happy 2019!	2 ASP 2-6	3 ASP 2-6	4 ASP 2-6	5 Center Closed
6 Center Closed	7 ASP 2-6	8 ASP 2-6	9 ASP 2-6	10 ASP 2-6	11 ASP 2-6	12 Center Closed
13 Center Closed	14 ASP 2-6	15 ASP 2-6	16 ASP 2-6	17 ASP 2-6	18 ASP 2-6 Penny Drive Kick off!	19 Center Closed
20 Center Closed	21 Center Closed MLK Jr. Day	22 ASP 2-6	23 ASP 2-6	24 ASP 2-6	25 ASP 2-6	26 Center Closed
27 Center Closed	28 ASP 2-6	29 ASP 2-6	30 ASP 2-6	31 ASP Half Day Close @ 5:30pm		



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