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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 & New Decade better than the year before! So often we set ourselves up for disappointment by making resolutions we rarely keep...however if we resolve to laugh more, be good to others & ourselves, too, and forgive with more ease; well then these simple 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 2019 and the last decade, (yikes another new decade!) 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! #ChooseKind

As I reflect on the past year, I would be remiss not to thank all of the families, kids, MYSB Staff, and MYSB volunteers who made 2019 another successful, fun, and amazing 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 23 years I have been exceptionally fortunate to work with an amazing staff and Advisory Board.

"I Have Decided to Stick with Love, Hate is too Great a Burden to Bear" ~ Martin Luther King, Jr.



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Have A JOYFUL January!

Barbara

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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 Knowl 2020 Penny Drive

Montville Youth Action Council's 2020 Penny Drive will benefit the

LARRY PONTBRIANT ATHLETIC SAFETY FUND

The goal of The Larry Pontbriant Athletic Safety Fund is to raise awareness about Sudden Cardiac Arrest, encourage training in CPR and the use of an AED, and to raise funds for the purchase of AEDs for schools and athletic fields.

The Penny Drive kicks off with our Winter Wonderland event January 31st and will continue all spring! Be on the lookout for our penny jars and ways you can support this great cause!

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

Winter Wonderland



Friday, January 31st 2020 Penny Drive Kick- off Event

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

Benefitting the Larry Pontbriant Athletic Safety Fund \$5.00 donation includes: hot chocolate station, cookies & more!

For more information about this organization please see the poster at the Youth Center!

This is a half day of school. MYSB will not provide a pizza lunch this day! Parents will be responsible for providing their kid's lunch.

See Staff for more information!

Half day reminder!

Thursday & Friday, January 30th & 31st are half days for all schools with a 5:30 pm closing both days!

A \$5 pizza lunch will only be provided on Thursday.

Please make arrangements to provide your child(ren) with lunch on Friday!

"Tell me something good!"

New Year's Reminders:

-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 & getting 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 2019

Tim Dyson joined us this summer for our Summer Program and never left! Tim is a wonderful part of our program! He is the kind of kid everyone wants to be friends with!

Tim has a great personality, and can be found challenging his friends to a Wii game or playing any game in the gym or outside! Tim has a great sense of humor and always makes the staff feel like their jokes are funny! (Especially the one about his brother wearing the same thing!)

Keep being you Tim, we think you're great!



Tim Dyson

~Happy January Birthdays!~



Tim Dyson ~ 12th
Lucas Brown ~ 17th
Lilian Corrice ~ 22nd
Chad Simon ~ 22nd
Aiden Maurin ~ 23rd

January 2020

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



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