

YOUTH SCOOP

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It's been a long year between last March and this one... Who could have imagined that we would be impacted so deeply, on so many levels, by a virus that felt like it came out of nowhere? 2020 will definitely go in the books as one of the toughest years that the WORLD has ever experienced. Together we experienced countless acts of heroism, kindness, and dedication, but unfortunately we also experienced acts of cruelty, selfishness, and hate. I think that not just the physical wounds of the past year will need time to heal, but the mental and emotional ones will as well. Please do your best to recognize your own struggles, or those of the people you care about, and reach out for help! MYSB has resources to share, or you can also call 211 to find out what programs and service are available in our area.

Despite everything we plan to keep up the tradition of our famous & delicious **Shamrock Shakes** being on Tuesday, March 16th & Thursday, March 18th (so both our cohorts of kiddos can partake in the fun). **You don't have to be Irish to celebrate in all the fun! Happy St. Patty's Day!**

As you may have noticed we decided to re-design the "Scoop" to reflect a more community oriented format, because we don't want to be kept a secret, and wish to share with the entire Montville Community all of our work, special events, information, resources and more!

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Have a Magnificent March!

Happy Spring!



Barbara

Did you know...?

Youth Service Bureaus regularly testify at the State Capitol on legislative bills that impact youth and families.

On March 3rd, two of our very own Montville youth will be testifying before the Appropriations Committee regarding their personal experience with Montville Youth Service Bureau.

Testimonials can be viewed at the Connecticut Television Network (CTN) at CT-N.com.

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The more you know...



Parent Survey

March is Gambling Awareness Month!!

MYSB & YAC are looking for Montville middle and high school youth and parents to take a survey!

The survey results will be used to create a community awareness & education campaign. The last day to take the survey is Monday, March 15th.

All surveys are anonymous!

Youth Survey



It seems harmless... until it isn't.

Blood Drive

Tuesday, April 13th

8:30 am to 5:00 pm

**Montville Community
Center**



Register Today: redcrossblood.org

1 hour = 3 lives.

Asset of the Month

Other Adult Relationships

Young person receives support from three or more nonparent adults.

Developmental Assets are 40 research-based, positive experiences and qualities that influence young peoples development, helping them become caring, responsible and productive adults. The more of the assets a young person has, the more successful they can become.

Youth News!

Columnist of the Month

Emily Wigfield - 7th Grade
Other Adult Relationships

There are many adults in my life that I have relationships with. One relationship that I would like to point out is the one I have with my 7th grade math teacher. Math was always hard before she became my teacher. She teaches in a fun way that helps me understand it better. She helps me with whatever I need, social or school. Another bond is the bond that I have between the staff at MYSB. They help me with whatever I need. They are so fun to talk to about a show or anything else we have in common. These special bonds are what everybody needs!

Join us!



LIKE is an IndieFlix Original documentary that explores the impact of social media on our lives and the effects of technology on the brain. The goal of the film is to inspire us to self-regulate. Social media is a tool and social platforms are a place to connect, share, and care... but is that what's really happening?

Save the date for this multi-community event sponsored by New London County Youth Service Bureaus. This will be a week-long event and ANY member of the community is welcome to join! The opportunity to talk with an expert panel about the film will be held on April 8th! Stay tuned for details on the event and how YOU can access the link to view the film and join the interactive discussion on April 8th.

Stay tuned to our social media for more information as it becomes available!

Our logo may have changed, but we haven't!

Making a world of difference!



March Birthdays

Emily Wigfield- 7th

Madison Bernier- 16th

Elijah Moore- 18th

Adam Sheridan- 24th



After School Program

Shamrock Shakes

Two days of Shamrock Shakes for our After School families!

Tuesday, March 16th **AND**

Thursday, March 18th

from 3 to 5 pm.



**“You have brains in your head.
You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself in any
direction you choose.”**



Happy Birthday, Dr. Seuss!!

The Superintendent and the Board of Ed have worked hard all year to keep the students and faculty safe! We are so happy to hear that full in-person learning will be phased in this month! Don't forget to read emails from the schools and continue to follow safety protocols to keep us all moving toward 'normal'!

We are excited that we will have full time students back in the building beginning March 22nd!

As always be kind and stay safe!

#partnersinpositivity

Montville Youth Service Bureau & YAC's Mental Health billboard will be up Monday, March 8th on Route 32 right before the 2A bridge!

“What's in your head, should be said!”

Follow our campaign on Facebook & Instagram!

"Tell Me Something Good!"

March Giveaways!

Wednesday, March 17th & March 31st

Montville Community Center

9:30- 4:00pm or while supplies last

Stop by and pick up a special St. Patrick's Day (17th) and Easter (31st) craft, coloring/activity sheets & a delicious snack!

This is a zero contact pick up!

Teen of the Month

Liyah has been part of our MYSB for what feels like forever, as an ASP and YAC participant!

During the last year, Liyah has played an active roll in keeping the Youth Action Council in touch, on task and active in many ways! Liyah was instrumental in the design process of our ongoing community center room painting projects, as well as her attention to detail and keeping all the paint colors straight!

Most recently she created our Mental Health Awareness billboard and tagline... "What's in our head, should be said!"

Liyah keeps us all focused but isn't afraid to bring a little sarcasm and humor to our meetings and group texts.

We are so happy that you are part of our family, Liyah!

Cheerio!!



**Liyah
Poulicakos**

Kick Butts Day

Thursday, April 1st

This year we will focus on Vaping Education!

Middle School students will have the opportunity to complete a Vaping education game on their phones, and enter to win an Amazon Gift Card!

MHS Youth Action will be handing out details at the middle school.

March 2021

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
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| | 1 ASP 2- 6 pm | 2 ASP 2- 6 pm | 3 Office Hours 8- 4:30 | 4 ASP 2- 6 pm | 5 ASP 2- 6 pm | 6 Center Closed |
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