

Youth Scoop

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Direct Dialog

March has marched right in and I could not be happier since March is the host month of the first day of spring (the 20th), and even if it is still a bit chilly we know that spring is literally around the corner and after the winter we have had the earlier it comes the better! March is a month filled with all kinds of pre-spring activities beginning with MYSB's own "**March Madness**" fun! For the past 5 years we have hosted week long activities that encourage and support healthy sporting competition all wrapped up in lessons about sportsmanship. If our professional athletes cannot set a good example, then our MYSB kids can and should. During the week of March 2nd through March 6th each day will be filled with sports events from a pool tournament, to foosball & air hockey, and of course basketball! Then the final day is a sports award ceremony complete with trophies and other great prizes and of course some snacks too! This is a very popular MYSB event that the kids in the ASP look forward to every year. Speaking of popular annual events, remember to wear your green and keep those Irish eyes a smilin' for Saint Patty's Day on the 17th and our famous (and yummy) **Shamrock Shakes** (yes they are green)!

Also this month MYSB joins in the fight to keep kids from using tobacco and will actively participate in the state supported "**Kick Butts Day Campaign**". For the past several years we have had 100's of kids take the pledge not to smoke! The youth center is filled with important facts for kids to know about smoking and other tobacco products on this important day, so please encourage your kids to do their best to stay away from tobacco products. We realize that things are kind of grim and tight for so many people in our community, so we like to be a bright spot among the clouds and keep focused on the positive things that we have and the positive work that we do. Stay strong and stay positive! Have a Marvelous March!

Please keep those letters coming to our legislators and the Governors office asking them to keep the Youth Service Bureau funds intact and support after school programs! Thank you to those parents and kids that already have written, called, or emailed; you have had more of an impact than you know!

Warmest Regards,
Barbara

Days to Remember:
March 2nd thru March 6th ~ March Madness Events
March 17th ~ St. Patty's Day Shamrock Shakes
March 25th ~ Kick Butts Day (1/2 day of school)

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Remember to stay tuned to Channel 20, The Youth Scoop, the Montville Times, and our website: www.montvilleyouth.org for updated program & 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!

MYSB Happenings

2009 March Madness Tournament

Monday, March 2nd—Pool

Tuesday, March 3rd—Foosball

Wednesday, March 4th—Air Hockey

Thursday, March 5th—Foul Shot Contest

Friday, March 6th—Awards Ceremony

Middle School/ High School Begins at 3:15

Elementary Begins at 4:00

****Sportsmanship is REQUIRED for all who participate!****



Shamrock Shakes!



Tuesday, March 17th celebrate St. Patrick's Day
with MYSB's Famous Shamrock Shakes!

Join us from 3 to 5 pm for Shamrock Shakes and see what the
Pot of Gold has in store for you!



Shamrock Shakes contain; milk, ice cream and green food coloring.



Kick Butt's Day

Wednesday, March 25th

MYSB will be hosting it's 3rd Annual Kick Butt's Day with
the Campaign for Tobacco Free Kids for the After School
Program

**Join MYSB as we have special (and fun!!) activities to raise awareness about
Cigarettes and Smoking.**

This is a Half Day of School for ALL Students. Please be sure that you pre-order
lunch or bring lunch from home. Please bring your money with you on the
25th. If you do not pre-order, you will be responsible for ordering your own
lunch.

Please remember that MYSB closes at 5:30 on Half Days.

Junior Reporters

Montville High School- Loren Rickards

Beauty and the Beast
Presented by the Montville High School Drama
Department

Thursday, March 12th at 7pm

Friday, March 13th at 7pm

Saturday, March 14th at 2pm and 7pm

Ticket Prices:
Adult—\$10.00
Seniors/Students/Kids—\$8.00

CAPT Testing begins March 4th

Grasso Tech- Kailah Pflugbeil

Friday, March 6th—2nd Annual Dodge Ball
Tournament

March 27th—SKILLSUSA State Competition

Saturday, March 28th— 2009 Graduation Fund-
raiser Breakfast at Applebee's in Groton
Tickets are \$5.00 per person.

Tyl Middle School

Saturday, March 14th—Family Skate Night

At Galaxy Roller Rink in Groton

5 to 7pm

Admission is FREE
Rental Costs:
Skate—\$2.00 and Blades—\$4.00

Half day—Tuesday, March 3rd
Parent/Teacher Conferences

Murphy Elementary- Morgan MarcAurele

Basket Raffle
Family Social

Sponsored by the PTO

March 27th

Mohegan Elementary

March 17th

Spring Picture Day

Half Day

Staff Development

Wednesday, March 25th

Oakdale Elementary

March 26th

Principals Awards at 6:30 pm

March 27th

PTO Basket Raffle

March 31st

Box Top Collection Day

Bits & Pieces

Soda Tab Drive

Start saving your soda tabs. YAC's soda tab drive has begun!!

March—May 2009

The soda tabs are being collected for the Ronald McDonald House Charity out of New Haven, CT. The soda tabs will be recycled and put to good use. The Ronald McDonald Houses are places for families to stay while their child receives treatment at local hospitals.

1 pound of tabs = \$.57

1 gallon of tabs (4,175 tabs) = \$1.49

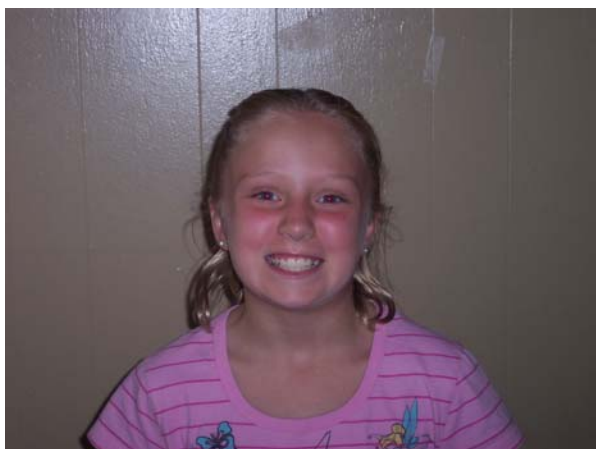
Soda Tabs can be dropped off to Montville Youth Services between the hours of 8 am and 5:30 pm.

For more information visit www.rmhc.com or see Kim for more details!

Mark Your Calendars!

MYSB's Annual "Pick Your Pasta" Benefit Dinner
will be **Sunday, April 26th** at **Mohegan Fire House!**

Stay tuned to April's Youth Scoop for times and ticket prices!



Kid of the Month

February 2009

Tiffany Bivens

This is Tiffany's first year at the ASP and she has become one of our bright, smiling faces! Tiffany enjoys all the activities here at the Youth Center. Tiffany is a very active member of the Kid Kash Klub and uses her time here to get her homework done. She enjoys running around outside and playing with her friends. She is also becoming quite the pool player! Tiffany is very friendly and outgoing. We love when she flashes that great smile! She is a wonderful addition to our program and we are happy to have her with us!!

Great Job Tiffany! Keep up the good work!

Kim's Korner

March is Sportsmanship Month and as an avid sports fan, I've been noticing a trend in not-so-sportsman-like conduct in the eyes of our "heroes" since the beginning of 2009. Several of the greatest athletes in my life time have been making some really poor decisions. Comments have been made apologizing for the wrong they've done... "I am young and made a bad decision." I recently read an article about a high school basketball team that displayed a rare act of sportsmanship. A young players mother died the morning of the game and wanted his team to play the game the best they could. Early in the 2nd half he showed up to the game and wanted to play. Unfortunately his name was not on the rooster for that night. In order for him to play, his team would get a technical foul, meaning the other team got to take two foul shots. The other team argued against taking the shots, saying, just let him play. However, rules are rules and the shots must be taken. A senior from that team, said, Coach I'll take the shots, but I'm going to miss them. And so he went to the foul line and rolled the ball toward the basket, twice. And when he turned around he was given a standing ovation for his rare act of sportsmanship. It is truly heartwarming to hear stories about the young "amateur" athletes making good decisions. Although, it doesn't say much for young "professional" athletes (who make more money in one year than I will in my life time) who make bad decisions.

"Sports do not build character. They reveal it."

-John Wooden-

KID TRIVIA!

February's kid trivia question... St. Valentine was a Roman who was martyred (killed) for refusing to give up Christianity on February 14th 269 AD, the same day that had become devoted to love lotteries. In what year was February 14th set aside to honor St. Valentine?? And the answer is...

496 A.D.

March Kid Trivia!!

In Kim's Korner, the story was about a "rare act of sportsmanship" in Illinois'. What are the names of the two teams who played in that basketball game?

(Hint: If you search Rare Act of Sportsmanship, you just might find the answer!!)

GOOD LUCK!!

Happy MARCH Birthday!!

Helena Sun - 7th

Anthony Bernardo - 7th

Dennis May - 12th

Loren Rickards - 17th

Taylor Burrows - 20th



March 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Center Closed	2 ASP 2:30-6 March Madness Tournament! Pool, Foomball, Air Hockey, Foul Shots & Award Ceremony	3 ASP 2:30-6	4 ASP 2:30-6	5 ASP 2:30-6	6 ASP 2:30-6	7 Center Closed
8 Center Closed	9 ASP 2:30-6	10 ASP 2:30-6	11 ASP 2:30-6 YAC 6pm	12 ASP 2:30-6 Advisory Board 6pm	13 ASP 2:30-6	14 Center Closed
15 Center Closed	16 ASP 2:30-6	17 ASP 2:30-6 Shamrock Shakes! PAC 6pm	18 ASP 2:30-6	19 ASP 2:30-6	20 ASP 2:30-6	21 Center Closed
22 Center Closed	23 ASP 2:30-6	24 ASP 2:30-6	25 ASP Half Day 5:30 Close Kick Butt's Day!!	26 ASP 2:30-6	27 ASP 2:30-6	28 Center Closed
29 Center Closed	30 ASP 2:30-6	31 ASP 2:30-6				



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

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