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### Direct Dialog

Sweet November is here! October was so busy that before we knew it, the month was over! October was a very successful month for the crew here at MYSB and in the community... Wasting no time in October we moved forward with all kinds of fun and successful MYSB events from: Lights on After School, to the Pancake Breakfast, to our 4th Trick or Trunk Event in partnership with Parks & Recreation; and our annual Halloween Social which fell on the 31st this year!

See inside for recaps of these great events and visit our website for some very cool pictures!

November brings us Thanksgiving, and we stay busy helping with food drives (check out our donation box at the YC), making cards for the homebound, and of course hosting the ever-so-popular Parent/Child Pie Baking Contest (on 11/18) See inside for details on how to enter. November 27<sup>th</sup> is Thanksgiving Day, so celebrate in the true spirit of this holiday by giving thanks for family, friends, good food, warm homes, and all those little everyday things that we all so often take for granted! Be safe while celebrating and keep our holidays happy!

Please take a moment on November 11<sup>th</sup> to honor our Veterans (serving now and in the past, those with us, and those we have lost) for the freedom they have given to us through their patriotism and great personal sacrifice! Fly your Stars and Stripes proudly! Each year MYSB kids send cards to the 2 Veteran's hospitals in Connecticut to brighten their day and thank them for their service!

Then brace yourselves for dare I say it... December and all the fun that is in store for all of us! Thank you to all whom attended, donated to, and supported our Annual Pancake Breakfast (we raised over \$1,000.00), and for your continued support all of our special events and fundraisers... You make a world of difference!

Be safe and thankful this holiday season and of course may you, your families & friends enjoy a **Nifty November!** 

Please remember to vote this Election Day (November 4<sup>th</sup>) & keep doing your part in joining us to make a world of difference in your community and beyond!

Warm regards,





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Remember to stay tuned to Channel 22, The Youth Scoop, the Montville Events Magazine, Patch.com, our website: www.montvilleyouth.org and our Facebook page for updated 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!

# The Need To Know

# MYSB's 8th Annual Parent/Child Pie Baking Contest

Tuesday, November 18th

Parents, or Grandparents, and children must work together to make a pie at home and bring it in to have it judged by special guest judges.

Judging Begins at 5:30 pm

Prizes will be awarded for the best pies!
(MYSB discourages ice cream pies, as they melt.)

Parent/Child Teams must include ingredients for their pies!

Sign up begins November 3rd! (12 teams max)

Please see Kim or Barb for details!!



## STOCKING DRIVE

MYSB & YAC is looking for your help to collect Gift Cards to help make the holidays a little brighter for Montville Teens (12-18).

We will be collecting \$5/\$10 Gift Cards for places like 5 Below, Dunkin Donuts, iTunes, & McDonald's! (Just to name a few!)
All the stockings will be delivered to Montville Social Services!

The last day to donate the cards will be Wednesday, December 17th!

Please see Kim or Barb if you have any questions!

MYSB will be open for <u>Office Hours ONLY</u> on Tuesday, November 4th and Wednesday, November 26th

MYSB will be closed on Tuesday, November 11th and Thursday-Friday November 27th-28th

### ~BITS & PIECES~

#### **THANK YOU!**

To everyone whom attended, donated, and supported our Annual Pancake Breakfast! We were able to raise over \$1,000!!

#### **THANK YOU!**

To all the kids and families who came to Lights On After School! Be on the lookout on our Facebook Page for pictures!

And a special THANK YOU TO... DJ Cee, Swift Photography & the Rolling Tomato for their time and support of this great event!!

## Kid of the Month October 2014





Ella-Ella Lyons is in her second year of the ASP and she is such a wonderful part of our family! She is a great kid who is friends with everyone! She has a great sense of humor and loves to joke around with the staff. Ella spends her time at the Youth Center getting her homework done, hanging with her friends and making sure that everyone is included. One of Ella's best qualities is her HUGE heart! She always goes the extra mile to make someone feel welcome and special!

Keep being you, Ella! You rock!!

# Ella Lyons

## @Happy November Birthdays 9



Alan Frank- 1st
Jared Sagun- 4th
Anthony Martin- 18th
Kaleb Stone— 20th
Fernanda Reyes—21st
Amanda Plantier—26th
Lizzie Morse—30th



# November 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Center Closed
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Center Closed	ASP 2:30-6	Office Hours 8-4:30	ASP 2:30-6	ASP 2:30-6	ASP 2:30-6	Center Closed
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Center Closed	ASP 2:30-6	Center Closed Veteran's Day	ASP 2:30-6	ASP 2:30-6 Advisory Board Meeting	ASP 2:30-6	Center Closed
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Center Closed	ASP 2:30-6	ASP 2:30-6 Pie Baking Contest	ASP 2:30-6	ASP 2:30-6	ASP 2:30- 6	Center Closed
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
Center Closed 30	ASP 2:30-6	ASP 2:30-6	Office Hours	Center Closed	Center Closed anksgiving!	Center Closed



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