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Direct Dialog

Well here it is, December already! I think that November flies by so quickly because we all have so much going on. Planning for Turkey Day and thinking about securing the best shopping deals requires a good bit of energy! It was no different at MYSB, as we packed November with a ton of projects. Thank you to all the families who donated & stuffed our "Tom the Turkey" with potatoes & gravy which was donated to Montville Social Services to help feed our families in need and our homebound residents! Our best November event was our Annual Parent/Child Pie Baking Contest (Congrats to our winners the Messer, Topkin & Antoniac families). We had 8 families participate this year which is great since the whole point of the contest is to have kids and parents (& grandparents) work on a project together! Thanks to our judges, Mayor McDaniel, Officer Joe Kondash, Senior & Social Services Director Kathy Peck, & MYAB Board Chairman Dan Dunn for making the tough decisions on the winners.

Now, on to December business! From day one we are full speed ahead starting with the Holiday Parade on Sunday December 8th. MYSB will open our doors at 4:00 p.m. to the public and offer FREE hot cider & hot chocolate! We also offer coffee for .50 cents per cup. We will also be selling Popcorn for \$1.00 per bag and some baked goods too! It is always such a great time & gives our community a chance to see what MYSB is all about! You can also enter for a chance to win one of our cool door prizes! Something new this year: For a canned or boxed food donation we will be offering framed pictures with Santa to the first 50 people who donate to either the food drive or give a gift card (see below for more information!)

All food & gift cards benefit Montville families in need! We also spend this month collecting donations for our stocking drive to provide stocking stuffers for Montville youth ages 12-18 in partnership with Montville Social Services. You can donate a \$5.00/\$10.00 gift card from Dunkin' Donuts, Wal-Mart, McDonald's, Target, etc.

MYSB's Annual Holiday Social will be held on Friday, December 20th & we will have holiday music playing, and sweet treats for all of our MYSB families! Join us for the fun! Whichever holiday you & yours celebrate, please enjoy your family & friends safely and happily!

Have a Dynamic December! See you next year! ~ Warm regards ~

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Remember to stay tuned to Channel 22,
The Youth Scoop, the Montville Times,
the Montville Community Booklet,
Patch.com and our website:
www.montvilleyouth.org 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!

MYSB Happenings

Holiday Parade

MYSB will hosting our annual "Open House" on
Sunday, December 8th at 4 pm
Stop in during and after the Parade to warm up with some FREE Hot
Chocolate & Hot Apple Cider!

Montville Youth Action Council will also be here selling "Gourmet" Popcorn for \$1.00 per bag. All proceeds will go towards our Stocking Drive for Social Services.

(You can also bring your gift cards the night of the parade!)

Roads close at approximately 3:30pm

MYSB will be looking for kids to march in the parade; make sure you sign up soon!

Ugly Sweater Holiday Social

Friday, December 20th

2:00 pm- 4:30 pm

Join MYSB as we celebrate the end of the year, wear an "ugly" Holiday Sweater and enjoy delicious treats. Prizes will be awarded for the "ugliest" sweater... so check your grandma's closet and see what you can find!

Parents- Please be on the lookout for our treat sign up sheet.

This is a half day of school.

The ASP will close at 5:30pm.

...: ASP Parent Reminders:...

- -On Thursday, December 19th Montville Youth Service Bureau will close at 5:00 pm. Please make arrangements to pick up your child no later than 5:00 pm. A \$25.00 late fee will be assessed after 5:00 pm.
- -If you send hot chocolate [packets] for your child, MYSB will supply them with hot water <u>only</u>. We will not give out cups, whipped cream or marshmallows. You must send them in with a mug or Styrofoam cups.
- -MYSB will be open for Office Hours only (8am-4:30pm) on December 23rd, 24th, 26th, 27th, 30th and 31st. We will be closed on Wednesday, December 25th and Wednesday, January 1st.

Bits & Pieces

STOCKING DRIVE!

MYSB is looking for your help to make the holidays brighter for Montville teens! We are looking for \$5.00 or \$10.00 gift card donations to Dunkin' Donuts, Wal-Mart, 5 Below, McDonald's and iTunes!

(Just to name a few!)

In 2012 we collected over 100 gift cards for teens!

You can drop your gift cards off at the Youth Center!

Look for the gift card bin at this years Holiday Parade!!

The last day to collect gift cards is Friday, December 13th





2014 Penny Drive 🥞



MYSB will be collecting pennies (and other loose change) for Lawrence & Memorial's Pediatric Services. Our goal is to raise enough money to purchase two Apple iPads!! Keep your eyes open

around town for jars or stop into the Youth Center and drop them off here!

Please feel free to contact us with any questions!

Remember. EVERY PENNY COUNTS!



November Kid of the Month



Kyle has been part of the ASP for several years and we have enjoyed having him in our little family! Kyle is a great part of our program and is a wonderful role model for all of the kids in our program! He has a great personality, the best sense of humor and is very respectful of everyone. He is always willing to lend a helping hand whenever asked, whether it be going with a younger student to get ice cream or giving someone encouragement when needed. He has terrific sportsmanship! Kyle participates in all that we offer and always does so with enthusiasm and energy. We have watched Kyle become a truly wonderful young man. Keep up the great work, Kyle!

Happy December Birthdays!

Ariana Carter- 2nd A.J. Melia- 4th Rodolfo Reyes- 12th Rachel Liang- 22nd Angelina Sun- 25th

Briana Carter- 2nd
Ella Lyons- 11th
Madison Dawley- 21st
Meghan Melia- 23rd
Kayla Beebe- 27th



| | Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| | Center Closed | ASP 2:30-6 | ASP 2:30-6 | ASP 2:30-6 | ASP 2:30-6 | ASP 2:30-6 | Center Closed |
| | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| r 201 | Holiday Parade Open House 5pm | ASP 2:30-6 | ASP 2:30-6 | ASP 2:30-6 | ASP 2:30-6 | ASP 2:30-6 YAC Stocking Drive | Center Closed |
| | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| | Center Closed | ASP 2:30-6 | ASP 2:30-6 | ASP 2:30-6 | ASP Close at 5 Advisory Board 6 pm | ASP Half Day of School– Close at 5:30pm | Center Closed |
| 3 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 |
| | Center Closed | Office Hours 8-4:30 | Office Hours 8-4:30 | Center Closed Merry Christmas | Office Hours 8-4:30 | Office Hours 8-4:30 | Center Closed |
| | 29 | 30 | 31 | January 1 | January 2 | January 3 | January 4 |
| | Center Closed | Office Hours 8-4:30 | Office Hours 8-4:30 | Center Closed Happy New Year! | ASP 2:30-6 | ASP 2:30-6 | Center Closed |



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Be sure to check out our website for other great

programs we offer throughout the year.

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