



WEST POINT CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES (CYS) February 2008 Newsletter



No Childcare on February 18th - Presidents' Day

Child Development Center (CDC) Technology Lab

Renovation: Rooms 152-154 (former School Age Services rooms) are scheduled to undergo renovation in mid-February. Since the SAS program moved to their own facility last January, the module was turned into a gross motor room. However, because there is a wait list for children who require full-day care, these rooms will be for this purpose.

Tax Time: The Child & Youth Services tax ID number is 14-1430437. Please keep your childcare receipts throughout the year to maintain an accurate financial record for your tax purposes.

Cold Winter Weather: Despite the commonly held belief that cold air causes colds, studies have shown that even in winter months, fresh air is healthy. Winter hibernation not only causes cabin fever, but also allows colds and viruses to proliferate in the confines of dry, warm rooms. The chances of spreading germs and upper respiratory infections are reduced by your child's daily outdoor play adventures. When headed outdoors for winter play, a few simple precautions are necessary to ensure the comfort and safety of your child. First, outdoor visits will be kept brief. The second precaution is to dress properly. Layering of dry, thin clothing is critical since it seals in warmth. Since most of the body heat is lost from the head and hands, remember to bring your child's hat and mittens. Children, especially those with asthma, should loosely cover their mouths and noses with scarves; this will warm the cold, dry wintry air. We hope you enjoy winter activities with your children and use it as an opportunity to expand their vocabulary, curiosity, and appreciation of nature.

Technology Gets A New Beginning At West Point CYS:

Winter break was the first official workshop held by Denise Parker, the new Functional Technology specialist at West Point. There were two separate workshops featuring photo manipulation, graphic design, and digital music making. There will be several workshops throughout the school year and also a host of separate eight-hour summer day camp classes. With the arrival of Lego Mindstorms, a robotics system, Ms. Denise anticipates these classes will be well received by the youth. For more information, contact the front desk of your child's program.



Left to right: Jaymi Jimenez, Maura Pasqualicchio, & Tyler Mills in the SAS Technology Lab, pictured with Ms. Denise, FTS

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Child & Youth Services Activities	845-938 + Ext DSN 688 + Ext	Directors	Bldg #
Child Development Center	8526/4798	Kay Roche	1207
Family Child Care/ Outreach Services	3921/4458	Kim Tague	1207
Functional Technology Specialist	4147	Denise Parker	681
Instructional Programs (SKIES)	8893/3208	Kirsten Rautter	500
Nutritionist	6170/4798	Kristina Ouka	1207
Registered Nurse	3969/4798	Kristi Pohlidal	1207
School Age Services	0086/8530	Lisa Watson	693
Sports & Fitness	3550/8896	Brian Szeli	500
Youth Center	3727/8525	Kevin Sheffield	500
Youth Education & Support Services/School Liaison Office	8899/3208	Jodi Cabrera	500

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 Visit West Point Child & Youth Services on-line @
<http://www.westpointmwr.com/>*

Youth Center (YC)



Pictured left to right: Kelsey Waters, Corinne Sparrow, Una McGowan, & Kristine Houston-a few of the Fine Arts Exhibit winners

Youth Services held its annual Boys & Girls Clubs of America **Fine Arts Exhibit** on Friday, January 11, 2008. Approximately 95 children, ages 6-15 years, submitted 182 pieces of artwork. The Youth Center staff collaborated with West Point Middle School Art Teacher, Mr. Jacketti, to collect work to display at the exhibit. The exhibit featured work from eight different categories including monochromatic, multicolored, watercolor, oil or acrylic, mixed media, collage, and sculptures. The artwork was broken down into three age groups for evaluation. We are grateful to Professor Terri Sabatos, Major Stephanie Bounds, and Captain Tammy Gant who judged the work and selected the local winners (listed below). Youth Services would like to congratulate and thank all the youth who submitted their artwork for this exhibit and all the parents who came to support the children. Best of luck to those whose pieces made it to the regional round, which will be hosted by the Indian Valley Boys and Girls Club of Souderton, PA. The 2008 West Point CYS winners are:

Sports & Fitness (S&F)

CYS Sports spring registration for soccer, baseball, and lacrosse will begin on Feb. 11th, 10 am to 2 pm at the Youth Center (bldg 500). Volunteers are always needed to support these programs. If interested in volunteering, please call 938-3550.

The 7th & 8th grade girls' and boys' modified basketball teams are both doing well this season. This is the first season West Point's Youth S&F program has been affiliated with BOCES and it has been an exciting time for all of the young athletes who participate in the program.

Ages 6 - 9:

Monochromatic - Jacob Buckner
Multicolored - Corinne Sparrow
Pastel - Morgan Markow
Watercolor - Una McGowan
Mixed Media - Corinne Sparrow
Sculpture - Mikayla Greene

Ages 13 -15:

Monochromatic - Kristin Hendricks
Multicolored - Kristin Hendricks
Pastel - Kristin Hendricks
Watercolor - Kristin Hendricks
Oil/Acrylic - Suzie Henderson

Ages 10 -12:

Monochromatic - Kelsey Waters, Multicolored - Anna Mallard
Pastel - Kristine Houston, Watercolor - Kristine Houston
Oil/Acrylic - Kayla Martin, Mixed Media - Nyya Bradley
Collage - Kristine Houston, Sculpture - Itzel Rivera

School Age Services (SAS)

Each week, SAS plans lessons around a central theme that is chosen by the youth. Last week, SAS came up with the theme "Dreams of the Future" in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Some of the activities the children were engaged in were creating a Unity Wreath during art and working with our Functional Technology Specialist (FTS), Denise Parker, who helped the youth create their dream using Power Point in the Technology Center. This week, SAS celebrated the Chinese New Year. The Cooking Club will make Chinese Moon Cakes this Friday; SAS youth played "Capture the Dragon," and created Shan-Shu landscape paintings during art. In addition to the weekly themes, the 4-H and Clover Bud Clubs made valentines for our Troops, the Smart Kids Club is working on a Character Counts play, and our Newspaper Club has produced monthly publications for our patrons.

For additional information or a tour of the SAS building, please contact the front desk at 938-8530.

SKIES

Registration for Spring SKIES classes begins on February 4th. All dance classes are only opened to previously enrolled students due to recital preparation. Classes open to the community include Start Smart, KinderGym, Musical Theater, Parent & Me, Tae Kwon Do, Hapkido, and Tennis. More information, such as times and eligibility, for these programs can be found on our website.

SKIES dance recital is scheduled for Sunday, May 18, 2008 at 2pm. This event is open to the community and will feature approximately 300 West Point children performing ballet, jazz, tap, and theater acts. For more information about SKIES programs, please contact the Youth Center's front desk at 938-3727.

- Character Counts® -

- ★ Play by the rules
- ★ Take turns and share
- ★ Be open-minded; listen to others
- ★ Don't take advantage of others
- ★ Don't blame others carelessly

February is
Fairness
Month!



Think of dividing an orange into equal sections to share fairly with friends