

# JANUARY, 2012

MEDC Mission Statement: Nurturing individual children's growth in a safe, comfortable, and enriching environment

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## January's theme is ...

**GAMES** (board games, sports, cooperative games, challenges, math games, word games, and more!)



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*Parents...*

*Please remember to notify the MEDC office directly if your child will not come to MEDC on an afternoon that he/she is expected. Please do NOT expect your child's teacher or the school office or the school nurse to notify us.*

*Also, please notify us if any of your contact information has changed since August...home, work, or cell phone numbers, E-mail address, home address, Emergency Contacts, etc. We also need to know of any changes to your child's health information which would affect his time spent at MEDC (especially food allergies).*

MEDC will be **CLOSED** on:

- **Monday, January 2**
- **Martin Luther King Day (Monday, January 16)**
- **Presidents' Day (Monday, February 20).**

## FEBRUARY VACATION CAMP (February 21)

School will be CLOSED on February 20 and 21 for 'Winter Recess.' School will be in session February 22-24.

MEDC will be CLOSED on Presidents' Day (Monday, February 20) but will operate a VACATION CAMP program on Tuesday, February 21. Plans for the day have not yet been determined. Registration forms will be distributed via e-mail on January 24th. The form

must be returned with payment no later than February 7. Enrollment will be limited and will be on a first come—first served basis. The day's program will proceed if we have at least twelve children enrolled. Late registrations (those received after February 7) will NOT be accepted. Registration forms will not be accepted after the enrollment limit has been reached; notification that enrollment has been closed will be posted on the Parent Board.

### Last Month's HIGHLIGHTS...



In December, staff members were asked to present new activities that they learned at the CT After School Network Conference on Saturday, November 5. Activities included theater games and skits, a picture scavenger hunt, molding clay 'worry bead' necklaces, story-telling workshops, never-before-played gym games, and orienteering. We also enjoyed some holiday activities such as making ornaments, making winter collages, and playing an I Spy Holiday game.



THANK YOU to all of the families who were so generous toward MEDC staff during this holiday season! We enjoyed and appreciated the gifts, goodies, and gift cards!



# STAFF STUFF

- In January, we will welcome Kacey James to our staff. Kacey is a student at Saint Joseph College, where she studies Social Work and Family Studies.
- Amanda Parks will join our staff in January. Amanda is a freshman at the University of Hartford, where she majors in Business.
- Greg Ganci is excited that he will attend Central Connecticut State University, starting in January. He will major in Physical Education.
- You will be pleased to see John Faenza's familiar face during his semester break from UCONN. He will be helping out at MEDC until he returns to school in January.

## PARENT CORNER

Did you know....

That there are books and resource materials available to be borrowed by MEDC parents, in the cabinet to the left of the hallway door. Simply sign out the item and return it at your convenience!



## REGARDING DELAYED OPENINGS.....

Because of morning staffing limitations, **WE ARE NOTABLE TO ACCOMMODATE DROP-INS** on days when the school opening is delayed due to weather or any other emergency condition.

## Babysitting ~ ~ ~

Please do NOT approach MEDC staff while they are working, to ask them to baby-sit. A note may be left in the Staff Mailbox instead. MEDC staff may NOT drive a child to or from the program. MEDC is not responsible for the conduct of its employees during non-MEDC hours.

## Playing Outside in the Winter...



At MEDC, we offer children the opportunity to play outdoors every day, with a few exceptions. The only times we do not offer that option is when it's raining, when the wind chill makes playing outdoors unsafe, and when children are not dressed for the weather.

Please be sure that your child is appropriately dressed before he/she leaves the house in the morning. Warm clothing ~ winter coat (wearing a sweat-shirt or lightweight jacket is not enough for a winter day!)

boots, hat, and gloves or mittens ~ is a MUST. We recommend layers that can be removed or added as needed.

Children who do not have boots and SNOW PANTS will not be permitted to play in the snow.

MEDC further recommends that children have a complete change of clothing available in their backpacks. Please include a spare pair of socks. Be sure to send

sneakers to be worn when boots are wet!

*Please understand that our staff will not allow your child to play outdoors if we feel that he/she is not safely and adequately dressed for the weather.*



## CLUB SCHEDULE



January 10, 19, 31



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January 3, 12, 26



January 5, 13, 24



January 6, 17, 27



Every Wednesday

