

## *Youth Services Newsletter – Winter, Spring 2016 -17*

### **Recent Youth Services Activities Highlight Various Programs**

Youth Services has provided various program offerings to youth incorporating a variety of activities and events. The programming encompasses areas of Intergenerational Tutoring, babysitting courses, artist colonies courses, Job Bank, Home Alone classes, an e-Parenting series, the K-6 Children of Orange Library Art Exhibit, High School volunteers opportunities, an Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade Super Raffle Bingo and orientation event, Youth Services Advisory Board and more. The newsletter highlights some of these activities and more.



Pictured is a recent babysitting class. Instructor was Mickey Reid.

### **Babysitting Courses Helped Students to Learn the Basics of Child Caring**

Youth Services held regular babysitting classes for Orange youth between the ages of 12-14 years. The courses are held during the December and April school vacation periods. Parents need to pre-register their child for the course. The course instruction is provided by Youth Services as well as a First Aid certification portion which is provided by Mickey Reid, instructor. There is a minimal cost for the program. The course materials cover a wide range of information how to address the child's needs, safety measures, pre-visits, medical concerns, and emergency first aid techniques. Space is limited.



*K-6 Children of Orange Art Exhibit Artists Pose for parent photos.*

### **The Children of Orange K-6 Artists Highlights Talented Students Artwork**

The Children of Orange K-6 exhibit was held during the month of April displaying over one-hundred works of art. A reception was also held and attended by parents and relatives. Media displayed were paintings, line sketches, potteries, paper crafts, and ceramics. Youth Services assisted with the coordination of artwork and parent art drop-offs. Parents assisted by bringing food and refreshments. Youth Services wishes to thank Vince Scarpetti, Superintendent of Schools; Ann Marie DePetto- Curriculum, Professional Development and Personnel; Principals Denise Arterbery-Turkey Hill, Mike Gray-Race Brook, and Eric Carbone-Peck Place; teachers Erin Garney-Race Brook, John Kaluzynski-Turkey Hill, and Jennifer Russo-Silva-Peck Place. Also, Meryl Farber, Director of Case Library. The art show was sponsored by the Art in the Library Committee.

### **Area Residents Need Jobs Help? Youth Services Job Bank Can Assist**

The Orange Youth Services Job Bank provides a service of pre-screened students, ages 13-16, who can be employed by area residents to do a large variety of jobs such as yard work, garden help, attics/basements, raking, snow shoveling, small painting, party helper, tutoring, clerical assistance, mother's helper...and more. For further information, please call John Ulatowski, Orange Youth Services Coordinator, at 203-891-4785.





*Artist Colony students shown with art instructor with Graham Dale –drawing.*

### **Artist Colony Classes Teach Students the Finer Points of Art**

Two Artist Colony classes were held yearly during students' vacations. Classes held were for Watercolors and Drawing. The courses, which are detailed and works with students collectively as well as on a one-to-one basis, is provided for Middle school students who want to improve their artistic abilities and create a work of art in the process. There was no cost for the classes. All materials, lunch, and professional instruction were provided. Class size is limited to 12 students per class. Classes are held during December and April vacations. Students were encouraged to continue in their abilities to create more artwork.

### ***Super Raffle Bingo and Orientation Event To Be Held For Incoming Seventh Grade Students During Summer Vacation***

Youth Services will again have its *Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Raffle Bingo and Pizza Orientation Party* for Orange incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students who graduate in June, on Tuesday, August 22<sup>nd</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the High Plains Community Center's Cafeteria. Students filled the cafeteria and received pizza, prize raffles bingo, games room activities, and Youth Services programs orientation. Prizes were donated by area merchants. Parent chaperones also attended the event. The event made possible by a grant from the Orange Lions Club.

**Home Alone Classes Held For Elementary Schools Sixth-Grade Students**

Youth Services, in conjunction with the Orange Fire Marshall's Office and Orange Police Department, holds Home Alone courses for 25 sixth-grade students at each of the Elementary schools. The course covers how to handle various Home Alone issues such as fire prevention, safety measures, house security, safekeeping of keys and passwords, visitors, and more. Instructors were James Vincent, Deputy Fire Marshall and Michael Kosh, Orange Police DARE Officer. All students were given an informational packet to review with their parents.

**Tutoring for Intergenerational Tutoring Program – One-To-One Learning**

Orange Youth Services and Senior Services have combined to offer Orange students, grades 3-8, tutorial/homework help. Subjects being tutored are the following: Language Arts, Reading/comp., Writing skills, Math, and History. The group meets every Thursday from 3 to 5 pm at the Case Memorial Library. Tutoring time choices are in two sessions: 3:30 to 4:15 pm & 4:15 to 5:00 pm. Tutors work one-to-one with their students. The program has been very successful in providing an atmosphere of learning and has, in many cases, raised the grade levels of students. Interested parents can email Youth Services. Space is limited.

**Youth Services Volunteer Program Assists High School Students**

Youth Services has assisted many Orange High School Students with opportunities to accumulate their quota of High School volunteering hours. Students have had opportunities through dances, summer prize raffle bingo/orientation, local Town events and more to participate with assisting the Town and organizations who may have specific needs for volunteer assistance.

*(Information on the above listed programs can be obtained by contacting John Ulatowski, Youth Services Coordinator, at [julatowski@orange-ct.gov](mailto:julatowski@orange-ct.gov) or phone at 203-891-4785 Monday- Friday.)*