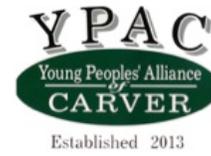


December 2015



Greetings from YPAC!

Donation Requests

- ❖ Healthy Snacks
- ❖ Healthy Drinks

- ❖ Project Ideas
- ❖ Project Demonstrations

- ❖ Monetary donations always appreciated!
- ❖ We are a 501C3 = tax deductible

We had fun celebrating with our YPAC Family at our Thanksgiving dessert feast! The High School YPAC staff wanted to do something fun for the kids and made this a surprise for them. Along with apple cider, we had apple and pumpkin pie and other goodies. Thank-you to our staff and parents who brought in food and party supplies!

Since our last newsletter, we finished up our **Junior EMS Explorer's program**, which was very successful! The kids were first given an overview of the Carver EMS Department and **what it means to be a paramedic and EMT**. Over the four weeks some highlights were: **the ambulance tour; discussion on injuries and drugs, and how to keep safe and prevent drug misuse; first aid training; splinting practice (kids loved this!); and CPR training** (hands-on only, no mouth-to-mouth). **Thank-you Carver EMS!** Especially **Tom Walsh** Director, **Tom Bandzul** Training Coordinator, and **Karen Fein** and **Michael Ryan** Deputy Directors!

As November came to a close, we wrapped up our **four-week Civil War Unit**. Special **guests included members Ron Clarke and Jack Williams from the 22nd Regiment of Massachusetts**. Their historic presentation on the Civil War included **showing complete wool uniforms worn by the Union**.

We had another Civil War specialist, Carolyn Dimeo, who **talked about the roles women played during the Civil War; how the USSC (United States Sanitary Commission— forerunner to the American Red Cross) was formed; and how women's contributions made a difference in the war**. In another presentation, the kids were able to **try on civil war clothing**.

This unit ended with an **impressive musket drill**. After the demonstration, the YPAC-ers were **given reproductions and were taught how to march and stand in different positions with their "muskets."** A lot of effort went in to all the Civil War presentations and is greatly appreciated!

The week of Veteran's Day we also had another great presentation! Thank-you Debbie Marshall for giving us an overview on the different branches and Mission Responsibilities within the U.S. military, and then describing to us your career and travel in the military. The kids were enthralled!

Throughout October and November, the YPAC-ers continued to work on special hands-on projects in the YPAC room. Below is a picture from our pumpkin carving activity.



(Photo: YPAC photo team © 2015)
Pumpkin Carving



Thanks to those parents who have donated snacks!



The YPAC room is being decorated for the Holidays. Please share your traditions and decorating ideas with us!!