

VALLEY YOUTH CENTER  
625 RED LION ROAD  
LOWER LEVEL PARKING LOT – MIDDLE DOORS  
HUNTINGDON VALLEY LIBRARY  
215-938-5202  
[www.valleyyouthcenter.net](http://www.valleyyouthcenter.net)

September 2011

Dear Parents,

Welcome! We hope your children are adjusting to their new teachers and starting to get settled in school. We have wonderful programs & events planned for them at the Valley Youth Center this year. We look forward to meeting new students and reconnecting with the students from last year.

On designated Friday's 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade children will have the opportunity to come to the Center immediately after school. The Valley Youth Center is located at 625 Red Lion Road, in the lower level of the Huntingdon Valley Library parking lot, middle doors. The 2100 square foot facility offers nine arcade machines with over 800 games, ping pong, foosball and a 72 inch big screen TV with many tables & chairs and two comfortable sofas in a lounging area for your children to unwind and connect with their friends. The Red Lion Gym is also available for the children's use to play, including basketball, football, jump rope, hoola hoop or gymnastics. We will also have crafts for the girls. **ADMISSION TO THE CENTER AND PARTICIPATION IN ALL THESE WEEKLY OFFERINGS REMAINS FREE TO ALL LOWER MORELAND AND BRYN ATHYN STUDENTS. This year marks our 14<sup>th</sup> year providing this service to our community. I CAN'T WAIT FOR YOU SEE OUR NEW LOOK. PLEASE MAKE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO COME TO OUR OPEN HOUSE THIS YEAR.**

The Valley Youth Center has been a safe haven for the children of the Lower Moreland & Bryn Athyn communities for close to fifteen years. The Center originated after the tragic beating and killing of 16 year old Eddie Polec in nearby Fox Chase, Philadelphia in 1994. Mark Bellomo joined forces with many community leaders & students and stated "let's give the kids a place other than the streets, a place of their own to hang out." "The Center is unique to our community and it is wonderful that we have this offering for our children and all community groups to enjoy daily. We are proud to say that we are still all **VOLUNTEER RUN AND OPERATED.**" Quote from President, Denise Kuritz

I am attaching the following for your review:

1. **A list of dates the Valley Youth Center is Open & Closed. Bus Transportation is being provided for the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students by the Lower Moreland School District for your child to come to the Valley Youth Center after school on Fridays. 6<sup>th</sup> Grade students will walk down as they have in the past. Please see the appropriate "Procedure" on Virtual Backpack or our web site.** This year we are open for nineteen Friday's and for three big events. For a complete listing see our Dates of Operation for 2011-2012 attached and our web site at [www.valleyyouthcenter.net](http://www.valleyyouthcenter.net) under "Events" and our "Home" page.
2. Our First big event is our **Halloween Party** scheduled for **Friday, October 28, 6:30 to 9:30 pm.** Admission is \$20.00 and includes all food, beverages and DJ in the Red Lion Gym. We always figure around 125 to 150 children will be in attendance for our big events. A flyer is attached. Please fill out the Permission Form and bring it to the Center on the evening of the event. Payment will be taken at the door on the evening of all of our events. We will be **CLOSED** on the Friday's after school on the two dates we are running our big events, the Halloween Party and the Valentine's Party. We also provide multi-child discounts. Please call for information or that information will be posted on our web site on our Home Page.
3. **Open House Flyer – our Open House for the year is scheduled for Friday, September 16th from 6:00 to 8:30 pm. Please stop by any time between these times and see what the Center has to offer your child and meet our Board Members. Light snacks & refreshments will be served free of charge.**
4. **GRAND RE-OPENING CEREMONY – will take place on Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> 7:00 pm to 10:00 pm. Please stop by at 7 pm sharp as there will be a dedication ceremony and then you and your child can see what we have to offer, enjoy the Center and explore the Red Lion Gym facility as well. Light snacks & refreshments will be served free of charges. See our web site for further details.**
5. **First Day Opened for the year is Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Remember: Send a handwritten, signed & dated note to school with your child.**
6. **Procedure** for your child to attend the Center on Friday's.
7. **Code of Conduct** that must be signed by you and your child.
8. **Emergency Contact Information & Medical Form.** Please fill out and return to: (As soon as possible)
  - a. Valley Youth Center, P.O. Box 704, Bryn Athyn, PA 19090

- b. To be given to your child in an envelope marked "Valley Youth Center" when they arrive on Friday's to be given to a staff member.
- c. To be given to your child's school office marked "Valley Youth Center".

**9. Certificate of Liability Insurance** – the Center is fully insured along with all of our Board Members.

**10. Adult Volunteer Application** – We encourage help from Mom's & Dad's weekly & for our big events. Please help us to continue this great tradition and become a part of the Valley Youth Center by volunteering.

**11. DONATIONS -- HELP THE VALLEY YOUTH CENTER KEEP PROVIDING THIS SERVICE TO OUR CHILDREN AND OUR COMMUNITY. We are self supporting and help many community & school groups. Our big events help us pay for insurance and the cost of repairs and expenses to run the Center throughout the year.**

You can help by attending one of our two big events we have planned through the year.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**Saturday, January 21st, 2012 7 to 11 pm 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fundraising Event**

At Somerton Springs – Brookside Manor, Bustleton & County Line Rds.  
Valley Youth Center/Lower Moreland High School Post Prom  
It's All About the Kids! Food, Fun, DJ, Raffles – A great time!

**Valley Community Outreach d/b/a Valley Youth Center 5k Walk/Run, Sunday, April 22nd, 2012 at 8 am at the Lower Moreland High School**

This fundraiser raises money for our organization and many other community groups in Lower Moreland & Bryn Athyn. Please see our web site for details.

Valley Youth Center also offers donation cards that you can make in memory of, in celebration of or in honor of a loved one. \$10 per card. 6 for \$50.00. Please see our web site for details.

**Pick up time on Friday's has been extended due to the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade moving back to Pine Road - 6:00 pm promptly! If you cannot pick your child up at 6 pm due to your work schedule, please notify us to make arrangements. Call 215-938-5202. No child will be allowed to wait in the facility, Library or Red Lion Gym alone. It is our police & the Township policy that no child is allowed to be left alone in the facility under the age of 21 without being accompanied by an adult. No child will be allowed to walk home from the Valley Youth Center at the end of the evening regardless if you given them permission. Please call us to make arrangements and see our web site under Safety & Security.**

I look forward to meeting you and your children in the near future. Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the Valley Youth Center at 215-938-5202 or at my home at 215-947-7694. If you have any immediate concern or question, please do not hesitate to contact me on my cell at 267-784-0278. Your children are #1 to us. Our Vice Presidents or our School Representatives are also available to answer any questions that you might have.

Sincerely,

Denise Kuritz  
President

Mark Bellomo  
President Emeritus

Nancy Swerdlow  
Pine Road Representative/Board Member

Joanne Chester  
Murray Avenue Representative/Vice President

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