NEWSLETTER

MEADOWLANDS AREA YMCA 21ST CCLC

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2026

UPCOMING EVENTS

Saturday Tutoring will continue starting on January 10, 2026

Basketball games every Saturday morning
(Please see schedule on Page 4)

After School Program January/February Closures

January 1-2, 2026

January 16, 2026

January 19, 2026

February 13, 2026

February 16, 2026

The past few months were an exciting and busy time for our After School Program. During November and December, students participated in a variety of enriching activities and special events that encouraged learning, creativity, and teamwork. From seasonal projects to group celebrations, these experiences helped create a positive and engaging environment for all participants.

This newsletter shares highlights and important moments from these past months, capturing the enthusiasm of our students and the dedication of our staff. We truly appreciate the continued support of our families, which play an important role in making our program both meaningful and memorable.

As we close out the season, we reflect on the many positive experiences and memories made throughout November and December. We wish all of our families a happy, healthy, and joyful holiday season and look forward to the new year ahead, filled with continued growth, learning, and exciting opportunities for our students.

Warm regards,
Philip Facendola
Program Director
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PROGRAMS OFFERED AT THE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM
FREE PROGRAM OPENED TO STUDENTS IN GRADES 3 -8

Homework Help	Chorus Club	Drawing Program
Tutoring	Finance Club	Basketball Program
Enrichment Program	Robotics	Mad Science
Saturday Tutoring	Fashion/Sewing Club	Student Council
Art Program	Crochet Club	Drama/RLC TV

TO REGISTER PLEASE GO TO THE RLC WEBSITE AND FIND US UNDER CLUBS AND PROGRAMS

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COMMUNITY EVENTS

BOROUGH OF MOONACHIE ANNUAL TREE LIGHTING









The town's annual tree lighting ceremony was celebrated on December 6, 2025. It brought the community together for a festive evening filled with holiday spirit. Families gathered as the tree was lit, marking the start of the season with excitement and cheer.

Santa Claus made a special appearance, delighting the children and spreading smiles throughout the night. Guests also enjoyed train rides which added to the fun and created lasting memories for all ages.

The celebration was made even more special by the Robert L. Craig Chorus Club, whose beautiful singing, led by Ms. Schmidt, filled the air with holiday music. Their performance added warmth and joy to an already magical night.

CLUBS & PROGRAMS

STUDENT COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Student Council elections were held on November 4, 2025 giving students the opportunity to have a voice in shaping our school community. Candidates shared their ideas and goals demonstrating leadership and school spirit. Students casted their vote on election day and together helped choose the leaders who will represent our school with pride.

President: Joanna Romero, 8th Grade
Vice President: Leah Allocco, 7th Grade
Secretary: Jesus Cali-Matias, 6th Grade
Treasurer: Vir Patel, 5th Grade
Consultant: Eva Fernandez, 8th Grade

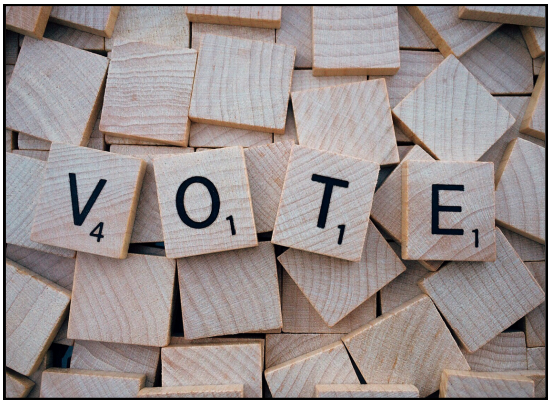
5th Grade Representatives:
Alexander Estela
Kacey Meyers
Noah Ramos

6th Grade Representatives:
Mya Fernandez
Dorian Goralczyk
Eyvaa Rivas

7th Grade Representatives:
Jacob Magbag
Christina Sibre

8th Grade Representatives:
Serena Haddad
Naomy Rivera
Ayse Tunceroglu





Van Saun Park Municipality Tree Decorating

Our program once again proudly participated in decorating a tree for the Van Saun Park annual county tradition. Municipalities in Bergen County came together to showcase their creativity and community spirit through their decorations.



CLUBS & PROGRAMS

FINANCE CLUB



CROCHET CLUB





ROBOTICS CLUB





MOONACHIE BOYS & GIRLS BASKETBALL 2025- GAME 2026 SCHEDULE

ALL GAMES PLAYED AT ROBERT L. CRAIG SCHOOL GYMNASIUM

SAT 13 DEC 2025	¾ BOYS - 9AM ⅞ GIRLS - 10AM ⅞ BOYS - 11AM	SAT 31 JAN 2026	¾ BOYS - 9AM ⅞ GIRLS - 10AM ⅞ BOYS - 11AM
SAT 20 DEC 2025	¾ BOYS - 9AM ⅞ GIRLS - 10AM ⅞ BOYS - 11AM	SAT 07 FEB 2026	¾ BOYS - 9AM ⅞ GIRLS - 10AM ⅞ BOYS - 11AM
SAT 10 JAN 2026	¾ BOYS - 9AM ⅞ GIRLS - 10AM ⅞ BOYS - 11AM	SAT 21 FEB 2026	¾ BOYS - 9AM ⅞ GIRLS - 10AM ⅞ BOYS - 11AM
SAT 24 JAN 2026	¾ BOYS - 9AM ⅞ GIRLS - 10AM ⅞ BOYS - 11AM	SAT 28 FEB 2026	¾ BOYS - 9AM ⅞ GIRLS - 10AM ⅞ BOYS - 11AM

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ART PROGRAM



