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## Hello All!

The first full week back from Holiday Vacation has been a busy one! We are diving into planning for the future. We are talking with community partners about having them teach classes at the Hub, planning music events this summer and camps, and figuring out how to update and improve the Hub as always!

This holiday season we had a tree donated Tree farm. The teens enjoyed decorating it Leading up to the break teens visited the lot of cookies, decorated some, played and a lot of monopoly. During break it was staying home to play with new toys, away couldn't get rides. Taylor took advantage of and reorganized and labled the cabinets. At very aware of the way food insecurity hits want to be able to provide food to youth say their hungry and send them home with need arises. While we are pretty well thanks to the Bristol Food Shelf, the way were organized kids weren't really seeing Now this are a lot more organized and the cabinets that have snacks say "snacks" confusion.

Since being back we have seen some new for the first time. Parents have stopped in commented on how the space looks



from Weston themselves. Hub and ate a video games, slow, kids were on trips, or the slow days the Hub we are the area. We whenever they food when the stocked lately, our cabinets all the options. accessible. Plus to limit

faces come in and refreshed,

brighter, and more inviting. We as staff take great joy in hearing the parents are liking how the Hub looks and feeling more comfortable having their kids hang out there.

We are always interested in creating more variety in what the Hub offers. We are currently looking to start a record collection so teens and explore that listening medium. We were donated an awesome receiver and a couple of Boston Acoustic speakers. It sounds great, we are now looking or some records to play through the system!

The Hub is excited to offer more workshops, classes, and opportunities for teens to more formally investigate interests and life skills. The first one we will be offering is financial literacy. We will be working with Logan Price, and fantastic Accountant working in Middlebury who has offered to come to the Hub and teach teens about money management. Right now we are collecting information from teens about what EXACTLY they want to learn about, as money management is actually a pretty broad topic. Once we have a few topics narrowed down Logan will come in and teach teens what they want to learn.

We will be hosting another PREP (Personal Responsible Education Program) during the first two days of February Break. In the class teens learn about consent, contraception, sexuality and gender identity. The course is a product of a partnership with the Vermont Department of Health. Teens are paid \$100 for taking the course.

Many thanks to all of incredible community support the Hub has received over the past 20 years and all that I have received since starting as the Director last April. It really is an incredible space and a pleasure to get to know the community and teens. It you have any comments, questions, or concerns never hesitate to reach out, the Hub's email is <a href="mailto:bristolhub@gmail.com">bristolhub@gmail.com</a>. Our Community Advisory Board (CAB) meets the first Thursday of every month at 6PM at the Hub. All are welcome and invited.

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