



Lights On Afterschool 2012 Local Events ***A Representative Sample***

Alabama

Decatur, Alabama: Sandra Calvin, Extended Day Afternoon Program, 256-552-3067,
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The Decatur City School Extended Day Programs will have *Lights on Afterschool* parades at its sites, along with an open house, program tour, display of students' work, and a *Lights On* lightbulb contest. A banner proclaiming *Lights On Afterschool* will lead each parade. Every afterschool student marching in the parade will be dressed as the Statue of Liberty and will carry a torch to symbolize their role as protectors of *Lights On Afterschool*. This year's event will take place on October 18th from 2:30 to 6:00 PM.

Fort Rucker, Alabama: Jeanet Pascua, Fort Rucker Youth Program, 334-255-1561,
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On October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, "Spotlight on Fort Rucker Afterschool Programs" open house celebration will feature hands-on activities in arts and crafts, discovery games, sports, homework center, and technology lab program sections to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. Afterschool youth will debut the videos they created in the program, and there will be prize drawings, and snacks. This *Lights On Afterschool* event will encourage the youth of military service members and Department of Defense civilian employees both on and off post to join in the afterschool fun. Additionally, parents will have an opportunity to learn about the fun instructional programs (SKIES/EDGE) and sports that are offered.

Gilbertown, Alabama: Sandra Alexander, 21st Century/CIRCLES Program, 251-843-2461,
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To honor *Lights On Afterschool*, the afterschool students of the CIRCLES Program, a 21st Century Community Learning Center funded program, will present a musical version of *The Little Red Hen* for parents. The musical will be presented on October 18th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM at Southern Choctaw Elementary School.

Irondale, Alabama: Ashley Streeter, Grantswood Community CEZ, 205-379-5373,
astreeter@jefcoed.com

Grantswood Community CEZ will hold its annual *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 18th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. At the program, students' work will be displayed and academic achievements acknowledged! Parents will join the students for snacks and receive a certificate of appreciation.

New Hope, Alabama: Andrea Bridges, New Hope Community Learning Center/The CARE Center, 256- 723-5437, afmbridges@hotmail.com

To commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*, New Hope Community Learning Center/The CARE Center will partner with the Military Children's Education Coalition to provide parenting tips to families at an open house on October 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The CARE Center will host a *Lights On* family reading event in the New Hope Elementary School's library along with a family craft event.

Vestavia Hills, Alabama: Vicki Bruce, Vestavia Hills Extended Day Program, 205-823-7593
Vestavia Hills Extended Day Program will host an open house with a chili cook-off on October 18th to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. Families and city officials will tour the facility and learn about the importance of afterschool programs in the community. The mayor will present a *Lights On Afterschool* Proclamation, and families and guests will be able engage in fun activities that highlight afterschool.

Alaska

Anchorage, Alaska: Denielle Baldwin, Mountain View 21st Century Community Learning Center, 907-742-3938, baldwin_denielle@asdk12.org

This year's Mountain View 21st Century Community Learning Center afterschool programs's *Lights On Afterschool* theme is "Rock On!" Afterschool students and families will learn about rocks, minerals, gems and fossils through hands-on activities like: metal detector station, fossil hunt, gemstone dig, geode cracking, gold panning and interactive display booths. "Rock On!" *Lights On Afterschool* will be held on October 18th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM.

Anchorage, Alaska: Kari Kenney, YMCA-Lake Hood, 907-563-3211 x115, dolphin.mom@hotmail.com

On October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Lake Hood YMCA will display students' arts and crafts and talk about the importance of keeping the kids safe in the community to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. Guests and parents will receive information about the afterschool activities the YMCA offers.

Anchorage, Alaska: David Koch, YMCA-Baxter, 907-332-3770, bigspynx@hotmail.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, YMCA-Baxter will host a dance party on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The program will promote a judgment-free dance zone using ribbons, hula-hoops, and youth participants' special dance moves.

Fairbanks, Alaska: Afterschool Ambassador Julie Wild-Curry, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, 907-452-2000 x251, Julie.wild-curry@k12.northstar.org

The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District's 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) After School Programs will host open houses and program demonstrations at all 11 21stCCLC sites across the district. From 3:00 to 5:30 PM, parents, community members and education officials will visit Anne Wien Elementary, Denali Elementary, Joy Elementary, Hunter Elementary, Ladd Elementary, North Pole Elementary, Randy Smith Middle, Ryan Middle, Lathrop High School, and for the first-time celebrating *Lights On Afterschool*, Joy Elementary and Nordale Elementary. Governor Parnell's Proclamation supporting *Lights On Afterschool* in Alaska will be read at all school sites along with the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District School Board Proclamation.

North Pole, Alaska: Truly Betts, 21st Century Community Learning Center After School Program, 907- 488-2286, truly.betts@k12northstar.org

On October 18th, the 21st Century Community Learning Center After School Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a Family Safety Night at North Pole Elementary School. Local police officers, firefighters, Boy Scouts, and other community organizations will be on hand from 6:00 to 7:30 PM to teach safety tips and distribute safety kits for students and families.

Arizona

Chandler, Arizona: Marisa Vega, Kyrene Kids Club of Brisas, 480- 541-2155, mvega@kyrene.org

Kyrene Kids Club of Brisas will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by holding a “Family Science Explorers Night” on October 18th from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. Families will have the opportunity to explore science together and learn about the importance of afterschool programs. Refreshments will be served.

Chandler, Arizona: Steve Hewitt, Kids Express, Chandler Unified School District, 480-224-3907, hewitt.steve@cUSD80.com

On October 18th Chandler Unified School District is will hold an open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and recognize its before- and afterschool program. It will be an opportunity for community leaders to see Kids Express STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities, enrichment programs, and life skills taught in the afterschool environment. The program will be held from 3:30 to 4:30 PM.

College Station, Arizona: LaWander Williams, College Station Elementary 21st Century Community Learning Center, 501-490-5750, LWilliams@pcssdmail.org

On October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, the College Station Elementary afterschool program will invite parents and community leaders to share in the *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. Students will discuss the importance of afterschool programs, perform in a reader’s theatre and recite poetry. Refreshments will be served.

Glendale, Arizona: Lillian Keppen, Sands Boys & Girls Club, 602-375-0400, lkeppen@bgcmp.org

On October 18th participants of the Sands Boys & Girls Club will make posters focusing on different afterschool areas, color *Lights On Afterschool* lightbulbs, and make a collage featuring different afterschool activities to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. Club members will then carry the posters, balloons, party hats, and noisemakers in a parade around the neighborhood.

Fort Huachuca, Arizona: Jennifer Lotten, School-Age Center, 520-538-1198, jennifer.j.lotten.civ@mail.mil

On October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, parents of afterschool students who attend the Fort Huachuca School-Age Center will join them in a spaghetti dinner and fun picnic activities to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*.

Luke AFB, Arizona: Dolores Cabrera, Luke AFB Youth Center, 623-856-7471, dolores.cabrera@luke.af.mil

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Luke AFB Youth Center will hold an open house with performances from the gymnastic and dance programs on October 18th from 5:30 to 7:00PM.

Scottsdale, Arizona: Lauren Fortney, PVUSD Mascot Clubs/Hawk Club, lfortney@pvlearners.net

PVUSD Mascot Clubs/Hawk Club will hold its eighth annual *Lights On Afterschool* Dance Party. Each year the afterschool students are excited to show off the dances they have learned. Students will also teach parents and faculty some moves to dance along. The fun begins on October 18th at 4:30 PM.

Arkansas

Carlisle, Arkansas: Susie Ward, Carlisle Elementary, 870- 552-3261, sward@carlisle.k12.ar.us

To commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*, Carlisle Elementary will hold a technology fair and arts and crafts event to promote science, technology, engineering, arts, and mathematics (STEAM). Parents and the community are invited to participate in activities that highlight the importance of STEAM in afterschool on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Refreshments will be served.

Fayetteville, Arkansas: Paul Gehrki, DWR Boys & Girls Club of Fayetteville, 479-442-9242, paul@fayettevillekids.org

To commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*, the DWR Boys & Girls Club of Fayetteville will hold a rally and walk at the club on October 18th during afterschool hours. On Saturday, October 20th from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM, the kids will play football at University of Arkansas's football stadium. There will also be a booth with information about afterschool resources set up for those interested.

Little Rock, Arkansas: Margaret A. Lewis, Boys & Girls Club of Little Rock, 501-562-4082, mlewis@arclubs.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Little Rock will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a parade that will wind through the neighborhoods of the Wakefield community on October 18th at 4:00 PM. Students and guests will then go back to the clubhouse where they will learn about the importance of afterschool programs. Refreshments will be served.

North Little Rock, Arkansas: James McGinnes, Boys & Girls Club of Central Arkansas, 501-374-0309, bmcginnes@arclubs.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of Central Arkansas will have a carnival with games like bouncing boxing with oversized gloves. The event will be held on October 25th and will begin at 4:00 PM. The local news station will come out and film the event.

California

Azusa, California: Vanessa Vazquez, THINK Together, 626-215-5268, gladstone@thinktogether.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, THINK Together will hold the Gladstone Olympics on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Students and parents will participate in different games and activities in this family night-themed celebration. Healthy treats for students and families will be served to close the festivities!

Bakersfield, California: Afterschool Ambassador Garrett Shipes, Greenfield Union School District, 661-837-6180, shipesg@gfusd.k12.ca.us

The Greenfield Union School District's Greenfield Success After School Program, in partnership with The Foundation for Success, will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with parents, families and community leaders at its 9th annual *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 18th. This year's *Lights On* event will highlight the benefit of afterschool programs and the importance of maintaining funding to keep programs operating. At Raffaello Palla Elementary School from 5:00-8:00 PM, afterschool students and the community will celebrate with a "Pop Art" theme. Activities will include face-painting, spirit shirt making, children's dance performances, games, activity booths, delicious food, booths from outside vendors and more.

Bellflower, California: Vickie Myers, Bellflower Unified School District, 562-461-2241, vmyers@busd.k12.ca.us

Bellflower Unified School District's Project APPLE (Afterschool Program Promoting Learning and Enrichment), and California Educational Centers will kick-off a new partnership with BREATHE California on October 18th from 3:00 to 6:30 PM to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents and students will participate in a series of "green" hands-on learning activities to help foster responsible behaviors towards environmental stewardship.

Carmichael, California: Demetrius Gooch, Bridges After School Program, 916-496-2046, demetrius.gooch@sanjuan.edu

Bridges After School Program will highlight diverse cultural populations as part of its *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 18th from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. The celebration will be set-up "expo" style with exhibits of cultures from Europe, Asia, Africa and North and South America.

Chico, California: Anthony Luna, Boys & Girls Clubs of Chico, 530-899-0335, aluna@bgcnv.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Chico will host an open house for the community as part of the nationwide *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Chico Clubhouse. Organizers will emphasize the importance of keeping the lights on and the doors open for afterschool programs. The evening will include educational activities, arts and crafts, outdoor activities, and tours of the Boys & Girls Clubhouse and Teen Center facilities. Parents and supporters will also have the opportunity to sign a petition urging lawmakers not to deny or divert funding for afterschool programs.

Chino, California: Noemi Luna, City of Chino, High Five Afterschool Program, 909-590-2613, nluna@cityofchino.org

The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. More information is available at www.afterschoolalliance.org.

The City of Chino, in conjunction with the Chino Valley Unified School District, the Chino Valley YMCA and other youth service providers, will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th. Celebrations in the form of rallies, open houses, and outreach events will occur at multiple locations throughout the City of Chino including schools, community centers, and YMCAs.

Compton, California: Myra Petgrave, Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum Learning for Life, 310-618-1155, myra@tamuseum.org

The *Lights On Afterschool* "Youth Air Fair and Open House" at Tomorrow's Aeronautical Museum will include static aircraft displays, airplane and helicopter rides, performances by community youth, classic cars, flight simulators, aviation vendors, food, and more! This year's *Lights On* event will take place on October 27th from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. It is open to the entire community.

El Centro, California: Zarahemla Garcia, ASES, 760-352-7512, zgarcia@meadows.k12.ca.us
ASES will have a "Cake Boss ASES Special" to celebrate *Lights on Afterschool*. Students and their families will choose a theme and then decorate a cake. The event will take place on October 18th after the program's traditional afterschool session, from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

Lake Arrowhead, California: Linda Grover, "ROK" (Reach Our Kids) at Boys & Girls Club of America, 909-589-0236, lgrover@mcbgc.org

ROK will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM with student performances and math and science presentations. Popcorn bags that say "Thanks for popping in!" will be shared with the parents. Music and a slideshow presentation will cap the evening.

Los Angeles, California: Afterschool Ambassador Anna Araujo, Boys & Girls Clubs of East Los Angeles, 626-590-8881, aaaraujo@bgcela.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of East Los Angeles (BGCELA) is hosting its third annual BE GREAT TAILGATE to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th. The fundraiser gala will be hosted by actress Maria Canals-Barrera and actor Hector Bustamante and held at the Taglyan Cultural Complex in Hollywood. It is sponsored by Southern California Edison, Disney and CSC. Guests will enjoy cocktails, dinner, raffles and entertainment in addition to hearing inspiring testimonials from afterschool students about the impact local business support has made in the community. Los Angeles County Supervisor, 1st District, Gloria Molina will be awarded the "Champion of Youth" Founder's Award. Entertainment will include recording artist, Mike Boyd, and BGCELA youth dance troupe, Bea\$tly Phenom.

Los Angeles, California: Ricie Frazier, LA Conservation Corps, 323-343-8906, rfrazier@lacorps.org

On October 18th from 3:30 to 6:00 PM, Los Angeles Conservation Corps at Drew Middle School will celebrate *Lights On* with a homecoming event. The event will include a student flag football game, half-time show, performances by the cheer squad, drill and drumline teams and prize giveaways. The event is open to all students and their families.

Moreno Valley, California: Linda McAllister, THINK Together, 951-760-3570, sugarhilles@thinktogether.org

In the Moreno Valley, THINK Together is celebrating *Lights On Afterschool* with a “Just Say No to Drugs” theme. There will be a skit performed by afterschool program leaders and lots of information on how students can stay drug free. The entire community is encouraged to attend the *Lights On* event on October 18th from 4:30 to 5:45 PM.

Oakland, California, Jacari Dixon, Higher Ground at Allendale, 510-300-4991, jacaridixonhigherground@yahoo.com

The students of Higher Ground will present on their experiences with the afterschool program in tribute for *Lights On Afterschool*. Family and friends will bring strings of lights and connect them around the school to show solidarity and commitment for the afterschool program. The event will be held at Allendale Elementary School on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Oakland, California: Amara Lisy, Sequoia Healthy Start (East Bay Agency for Children), 510-482-7213, amara@ebac.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Sequoia Healthy Start will host an open house on October 18th from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. Fifth grade afterschool students will act as tour guides so guests can see the program offerings from a student’s perspective. At 5:00 PM, there will be student performances in the auditorium followed by a family potluck at 6:00 PM in the cafeteria.

Ontario, California: Dena Apodaca, THINK Together After School Program, 909- 418-7512, sultana@thinktogether.org

The THINK Together After School Program will celebrate *Light's On Afterschool* on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM with a Dr. Seuss-themed event. Students and parents will embark on a Dr. Seuss adventure filled with reading, arts and crafts and cooking based on Dr. Seuss books.

Paso Robles, California: Ruth Cain, Peoples’ Self-Help Housing Corporation, 805-226-0136, omatoday@yahoo.com

Peoples’ Self-Help Housing Corporation in Paso Robles will celebrate the 13th annual national *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. The celebration will take place at the Canyon Creek Youth Educational Enhancement Program at the Canyon Creek Apartments Learning Center. There will be bubble blowing, peace songs and healthy snacks for all!

Perris, California: Wendy Elizalde, THINK Together After School Program. 951-775-1516, valverdees@thinktogether.org

The THINK Together Afterschool Program in Perris will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a Gallery Walk on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Students’ artwork will be displayed in a gallery style setting to allow parents to read descriptions of the art. Then attendees will vote on the winners.

Redding, California: Tiffany Carl, Manzanita YMCA, 530-247-3655, MZPrimeTime@sfymca.org

Manzanita YMCA will host a carnival to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be a jump house, face painting, cotton candy, water balloon toss and much more! Parents and students will enjoy the carnival during afterschool hours on October 19th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Sacramento, California: Arthur Meadows, III, After School Education & Safety Program (ASES), 916-33-5062, Arthur-Meadows@sac-city.k12.ca.us

At Martin Luther King Jr. K-8 School, After School Education & Safety Program (ASES) will hold a parent and community potluck to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Submissions from ASES's fall-themed "Art Walk" will be on display in the cafeteria for parents and students to view during the potluck. The event will be held on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

San Francisco, California: Jenna Strouth, Marina ExCEL Afterschool Program, 415-351-3180, jstrouth@ymcasf.net

On October 18th from 3:30 to 6:15 PM, Marina ExCEL Afterschool Program will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* carnival with food and activity booths. There will be an art gallery showcasing artwork from the various art clubs. The cooking club will provide food. Students from the Marina's Got Talent Club will perform.

San Francisco, California: Briah Luther, Richmond District Neighborhood Center, 415-867-7720, briah.rdnc@gmail.com

For *Lights On Afterschool*, Richmond District Neighborhood Center will host an exciting open house and site tour. The tour will showcase the wonderful art component the afterschool students are engaged in this term and also will feature group games and a potluck dinner. Afterschool students used digital and video cameras to document their stories and will present them in a live-stream art showcase. This year's *Lights On* event will take place on October 18th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

San Francisco, California: Jessi Cutter, Growth and Learning Opportunities (GLO) at West Portal Elementary School, 415-242-8641, j.cutter@gloinc.org

This year, GLO West Portal will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with its "5th Annual GLO Open House and Community Family Movie Night" on October 18th. From 3:00 to 6:00 PM, family members will join program staff and youth to take part in a day's worth of planned activities (even snack and homework time). Following the open house, GLO at West Portal will host a family movie night from 6:15 to 8:30 PM with pizza, popcorn and hot cocoa.

San Jose, California: Veronica Sierra, Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley, 408-225-2144
To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Boys & Girls Clubs of Silicon Valley will host an open house so parents can learn more about afterschool programs, learn more about the club's plan for the year and get parents excited about the club's activities. The open house will conclude with a parent vs. kids dodge ball game. This year's *Lights On* event will take place on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Santa Ana, California: Dawn S. Reese, The Wooden Floor, 714-541-8314 x119, payal@thewoodenfloor.org

The Wooden Floor will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th with dance classes, tutoring, and workshops starting at 4:00 PM. Guests will attend a hors d'oeuvres reception at the Bruce Guadalupe Middle School campus where they will have an opportunity to view classes, take tours to see programs in action, and watch a live student-created dance performance. They will also be able to interact with students and families.

Santa Cruz, California, Katee Freeman, Boys & Girls Club of Santa Cruz, 831-423-3138 x31, katee@boysandgirlsclub.info

The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Cruz will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 18th emphasizing family member involvement. Club members, parents and community leaders will tour the club and get information about its programs. Families will also have the opportunity to participate in fun activities highlighting various Boys & Girls Club programs.

Santee, California: Afterschool Ambassador Pam Brasher, Santee School District Out-of-School Time Programs, 619-258-2369, pam.brasher@santeesd.net

The Santee School District's Out-of-School Time Programs will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with open houses on October 18th at each of its nine program sites and at the district's partnership program with the Cameron Family Y. Each site will welcome afterschool students' families, community members and legislators. Students at the Chet F. Harritt site will present selections from *Space School* Musical. Students at the Carlton Hills site will celebrate with music. Art will be featured at the Cajon Park site. Students at the PRIDE Academy site will present a talent show. At the Cameron Family Y, afterschool students from Hill Creek and Carlton Hills who have enrolled in the swim and gym program will demonstrate what they have learned. Other sites that will host *Lights On* open houses include Carlton Oaks, Hill Creek, Pepper Drive, and Rio Seco. Times for these events are approximately from school dismissal until 6:30 PM. The swim and gym program at the Cameron Family Y will begin at 3:45 PM.

Colorado

Boulder, Colorado: Cathy Regan, University of Colorado Museum of Natural History, 303-492-4843, cathy.regan@colorado.edu

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, University of Colorado Museum of Natural History (UCMNH) will invite the community to a "Sssupper with Snakes" on October 18th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The UCMNH afterschool program will host a catered spaghetti dinner. Participants will enjoy games and trivia about snakes during dinner. After the meal, Robert Jadin, the Museum's resident reptile expert, will headline a fun and informative program all about snakes. There will also be live snakes for students and adults to touch.

Colorado Springs, Colorado: Nohealani March, Champions, 719-351-6737, nmarch.onelove@gmail.com

To commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*, Champions will open afterschool program's doors and welcome parents, school officials and community members to the program for a glimpse into its afterschool offerings on October 25th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Participants will have fun and learn about Champions through games, activities and crafts. There will also be prizes and enrollment incentives for new students who decide to join the Champions afterschool program!

Commerce City, Colorado: Megan Welch, 21st Century Bridges After School Program, 303-727-38123, mdwelch@adams14.org

The 21st Century Bridges After School Program will hold a pumpkin-themed family literacy and craft night on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, children and families will decorate mini-pumpkins, have a pumpkin-focused story time. At the end of the event, each child will get a copy of a book on pumpkins.

Denver, Colorado: Julio Flores, William E. Cope Boys & Girls Club of Metro Denver, 303-893-8214, juliusf@bgcmd.org

From 5:00 to 7:00 PM on October 18th, the William E. Cope Boys & Girls Club of Metro Denver will hold an open house to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. Along with tours of the club, the Keystone and Torch Clubs will run carnival games for parents and kids. Refreshments will be served.

Fairplay, Colorado: Emily March, The Boys & Girls Club of South Park, 719-836-9019, emilymarch@bgcsp.com

The Boys & Girls Club of South Park will host a “Family Fun Fiesta” with a build your own taco bar and games, improv skits, an open game room and a piñata to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The festivities will be held on October 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Connecticut

Enfield, Connecticut: Claire Hall, Educational Resources for Children (ERfC), 860-253-9935, cchall@erfc.us

Lt. Governor Nancy Wyman will be the keynote speaker on October 18th at the Enfield Square Center Court for the *Lights On Afterschool* event, hosted by Educational Resources for Children in Enfield. In addition to the lieutenant governor, U.S. Rep. Joe Courtney, State Sen. John Kissel, Chair of North Central Connecticut United Way Karen Jarmoc, and Enfield Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Jeffrey Schuman will be guest speakers. State Rep. David Kiner and Mayor Scott Kaupin will be Masters of Ceremony for this year’s *Lights On* event. Afterschool providers will be recognized at the event for their exemplary service. Awardees will include: Enfield Youth Services, the Enfield Child Development Centers, the Public Safety Academy, and the YWCA-Enfield.

Farmington, Connecticut: Maria Baker, Farmington Collaborative Preschool, 860-674-1606, bakerm@fpsct.org

On October 18th, Farmington will host a *Lights On Afterschool* fall festival. Activities will include baking apple crisps, donuts on a string and pumpkin decorating. The event will be held from 9:00 to 11:30 AM.

New Haven, Connecticut: Miriam Johnson, Easter Seals Goodwill Industries, 203-691-2030, mjohnson@esginh.org

Easter Seals Goodwill Industries, working together with the afterschool programs represented in the building, will welcome parents, families, community members, and stakeholders to its New Haven location to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Visitors will learn about what students do afterschool, and students will share their afterschool projects. Afterschool artwork will also be displayed throughout the building.

Newtown, Connecticut: Susan Green, Education Connection, 203-426-1289, green8898@att.net

Education Connection will hold a jungle-themed *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 18th from 4:15 to 5:45 PM. The event will include afterschool activities for family members. Program participants will also share a video of original skits using hand-made puppets.

Stamford, Connecticut: Lee Ann Borg, Stamford Family YMCA, 203-357-7000, leeann@stamfordymca.org

The Stamford Family YMCA will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th to share why afterschool programs are important to youth and families. Join Stamford Family YMCA from 4:00 to 6:00 PM and shine a light on the afterschool programs that keep kids safe, inspire them to learn, and help working families.

Uncasville, Connecticut: Kimberly Grant, Montville Youth Service Bureau, 860-848-7724, Kimberly@montvilleyouth.org

The Montville Youth Service Bureau will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a luau party, DJ and The Rolling Tomato brick oven pizza. All members and their families are invited to the event on October 18th from 3:00 to 7:00 PM.

Unionville, Connecticut: Meghan McGrath, Farmington Extended Care and Learning, 860-675-4881, mcgrathm@fpsct.org

On October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, students in the Farmington Extended Care and Learning afterschool program will decorate pumpkins and make a scarecrow to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will line the pumpkins up outside the main door and light the way to enter the building. Students will have special snacks and activities as well.

Willimantic, Connecticut: Afterschool Ambassador Bill Stover, Windham Public School District, 860-465-2546, wstover@windham.k12.ct.us

Each of Windham's four elementary afterschool program sites will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th with parent and community night events. Natchaug School will host a poetry night, afterschool students will recite poems related to fall. At North Windham School, the Photography Club will set up and staff a Photo Gallery; K-1 students will put on a puppet show; the other afterschool students will perform dramatic skits. At Sweeney School afterschool youth will put on a talent show. Students will also showcase other afterschool activities: dancing, singing, art presentations, cooking, karate and more. Afterschool students at the Windham Center will also put on a talent show, but those afterschool students will also put on an "Olympic Games Ceremony" created by program youth. Windham Middle School will celebrate *Lights On* the following week on October 26th with an awards ceremony, parent workshop, a health fair, and short presentations by the students. Each of the *Lights On* events will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in the school cafeterias and auditoriums. Dinners will be served at each site as well. In all more than 900 students, parents and community members will participate in *Lights On Afterschool* in 2012!

Delaware

Bear, Delaware: Michelle Iocono, Child Care Academy, 302-838-2100, lilmissmichele76@aol.com

To commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*, Child Care Academy will promote Academy afterschool students' creative ability by displaying student art and writing samples for guests on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The *Lights On* event will highlight the impact afterschool programs have on students and families in the community.

Dover, Delaware: Beverly C. Banks, Delaware State University 4-H, 302-857-6400, bbanks@desu.edu

On October 18th, Delaware State University 4-H will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by holding an event promoting afterschool sites, healthy eating, and family involvement. Parents, school administration and government officials will participate in student led activities that incorporate math and science. There will also be a student/4-H member talent show and door prizes. The fun will begin at 4:00 PM.

Milford, Delaware: Tammy Karnes, Greater Milford Boys & Girls Club of Delaware, 302-422-4453, tkarnes@dtcc.edu

On October 18th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM, the Greater Milford Boys & Girls Club of Delaware will host an open house at the club to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. The night will include site tours, information booths, education centers, surprise guest appearances, a slide show featuring club activities, and light refreshments.

Newark, Delaware: Afterschool Ambassador Fontella Taylor, University of Delaware 4-H Afterschool Program, 302-831-4977, ftaylor@udel.edu
Afterschool students, parents, educators and community leaders will gather at Kirk Middle School at 6:00 PM on October 18th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and shine a light on the afterschool programs that keep kids safe, inspire them to learn, and help working families in Newark and around the nation. This year's *Lights On* event will showcase the talents of the Kirk 4-H'ers who are learning the importance of homework completion, science and technology, healthy living, community support and much more. It will also encourage parents and policy makers to advocate for increased funding for and access to afterschool programming for all who need it. At the event, parents and supporters will sign a petition that urges lawmakers not to deny or divert funding for afterschool programs. Participants in the *Lights On Afterschool* rally will include Delaware Secretary of Education Mark Murphy, Councilwoman Lisa Diller, Christina School District's Edward Mayfield, as well as local business leaders, educators, and other officials. Organizers will also unveil a video from afterschool students on "What would I do without 4-H Afterschool?"

Seaford, Delaware: Rhonda Mercie, Western Sussex Boys & Girls Club, 302-628-3789, rmercie@bgclubs.org

On October 18th in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Western Sussex Boys & Girls Club will hold a harvest party for the community. It will be set up in the club's gym with face painting, carnival games, moon bounce, arts and craft activities and a costume contest. The fun will begin at 6:30 PM.

Wilmington, Delaware: Virginia Lacy, Project CHANCE, 302- 651-2615, virginia.lacy@redclay.k12.de.us

On October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Project CHANCE will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a performance of steel drums, science, technology math and engineering (STEM) displays and student recitals. Parents, teachers, administration, political supporters and partners of Project CHANCE will speak on behalf of the group and the need for quality afterschool programs.

District of Columbia

Washington, District of Columbia: Robert McLellan, *Brooklyn Castle*, 865-332-0382, rmclellan@uschess.org

To kick off *Lights On Afterschool* in Washington, the Afterschool Alliance and *Brooklyn Castle* producers hosted a screening of the award-winning documentary film at the E Street Cinemas on October 10th. At the conclusion of the film screening, there was a short panel discussion with the filmmakers, representatives from the U.S. Chess Center, Chess Challenge in D.C., the Washington Teachers Union, and Erik Peterson, Afterschool Alliance Public Policy Director.

Washington, District of Columbia: Andria Hollis, Kid Power/Veggie Time, andriana@kidpowerdc.org

Kid Power/Veggie Time will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 23rd. This year's celebration will feature science-fair presentations where students will discuss how they planted produce, maintained a community garden, and produced a farm-raised, signature appetizer for the evening. The student presentations will be followed by remarks by Kid Power/Veggie Time representatives and a presentation of the MetLife Foundation Afterschool Innovator Award.

Washington, District of Columbia: Monica Harrington, Sitar Arts Center, 202-797-2145, monica@sitarartscenter.org

Sitar Arts Center will host its annual fall benefit event with the goal of raising \$120,000 for the Center's programs to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. On October 18th community partners will have the opportunity to tour the center and then attend a gala and silent auction. Guests and corporate sponsors will have the unique opportunity to see firsthand the positive impacts of afterschool programs in the community and with youth. **Note this is a ticketed event.**

Washington, District of Columbia: Maggie Riden, DC Alliance for Youth Advocates, 202-587-0616, maggie@dc-aya.org

The DC Alliance for Youth Advocates (DC-AYA) will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* event celebrating the work of community based organization on October 17th from 5:30 to 8:30 PM at the All Souls Unitarian Church. The festivities will include student performances, speakers and an overview on how attendees can become more involved in the afterschool programs offered in Washington, D.C. Representatives from city afterschool programs will be on hand to discuss their programs and how they benefit the youth of Washington.

Florida

Dover, Florida: De'Anna Irizarry, Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay, 813-659-2800, dirizarry@bgctampa.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Tampa Bay is opening its club to members, parents and community leaders to participate in a Triple Play tournament on health and fitness. In addition to the tournament, there will be lightbulb decorating, dance performances and pizza! The event will be held on October 18th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM.

Florida City, Florida: Maria Barros, The ARC of South Florida, 305-246-3530, arccyfla@bellsouth.net

Families in Florida City celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* with a carnival at The ARC of South Florida. Participants enjoyed face-painting, an art contest, a bounce house and much more. This year's *Lights On* event was held on October 12th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

Hialeah, Florida: Maria Gomez, City of Hialeah, 305-889-5701, Mgomez@hialeahfl.gov

In order to promote the advantages of afterschool programs and celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the City of Hialeah will launch a creative campaign involving a local artist, city representatives, and participants in the city's afterschool programs on October 18th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Participants of the "Young Leaders with Character" program and the "Creative Learning and Play" program will collaborate with a local artist in creating a painting portraying the themes of afterschool programs. The artwork will be donated to The Children's Trust and Hialeah City Hall.

Hialeah, Florida: Sharon Dziedzic, YLC Afterschool Program, 305-818-9143, sdziedzic@hialeahfl.gov

The YLC Afterschool Program will host a family event for *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents and students will team up to compete in a "Family Feud" style game based on the importance of afterschool programs and the types of activities that the students participate in at their local afterschool program. The event will take place on October 18th from 5:00 PM to 6:00 PM

Land O'Lakes, Florida: Karla Graziano, District School Board of Pasco City PLACE Program, 813-794-2483, kgrazian@pasco.k12.fl.us

The PLACE program's *Lights On Afterschool* event will be held at the Sims Park Amphitheater on October 18th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Entertainment will be provided by Radio Disney and Giving Tree music. Festivities will begin with a parade of PLACE programs led by the Mitchell High School's NJROTC. Activities and displays will include a PLACE student talent show, carnival games for children and a student art exhibit. The celebration will have testimonials and endorsements by invited guests where they will speak about their support and encouragement for quality afterschool programming. Speakers will include Superintendent Heather Fiorentino, School Board Chairman Joanne Hurley, Florida Afterschool Alliance President Sharon Carrie and Senator Mike Fasano, who will present a special Proclamation. Other dignitaries and representatives from the Board of County Commissioners, Pasco County School Board, Pasco County Sheriff's department and local agencies will also be on hand for the celebration.

Lauderhill, Florida: Meg Wallace, Children's Services Council of Broward County, 954-377-1136, mwallace@cscbroward.org

The *Lights On Afterschool* celebration for Children's Services Council of Broward County will begin with a parade! Then there will be a *Lights On Afterschool* fair at Franklin Park on October 18th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Tables will be set up with community resources and fair-goers will be entertained by the afterschool students. Participants can enjoy a live DJ and learn more about afterschool through the student showcase and speeches from local dignitaries.

Miami Gardens, Florida: LaKeisha Westmorland-Jean, Know Thyself Enrichment Center, 305-450-2223, KTEC365@gmail.com

On October 18th, Know Thyself Enrichment Center will partner with Diamond Minds Transformational Leadership Academy and United Cerebral Palsy of South Florida Inc., to host a community fair from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. The fair will take place at the Diamond Minds campus located in Miami Gardens and *Lights On Afterschool* will be celebrated with a "*Lights On Luau*." Students will perform and there will be assorted games and prizes. City officials and dignitaries from the city of Miami Gardens and Opa Locka may attend.

Orlando, Florida: Shay Snyder, YMCA Elementary School Afterschool Program, 407-207-3875, Camelot@cfymca.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, YMCA Elementary School Afterschool Program, will hold a Dr. Seuss's "Oh The Places You Will Go" themed family night on October 18th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Students will participate in Dr. Seuss themed art projects, science experiments and will be cooking "Green Eggs and Ham" using green and yellow pudding.

Pensacola, Florida: Angel James, YMCA of NW Florida, Northeast Branch, 850-478-1222, ajames@ymcanwfl.org

YMCA of NW Florida will hold a two-hour afterschool event at the Dreamland Skating Center on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. By building the event around fun physical activity, the YMCA highlights a commitment to active play and combating childhood obesity. Glow-in-the-dark bulbs and glow sticks will be distributed to youth and adult participants so that the program will literally light up the skating rink during the *Lights On* event.

Titusville, Florida: Afterschool Ambassador Jackie Francisco, Brevard Public Schools, 321-264-1276 x3020, Francisco.jacalyn@brevardschools.org

Brevard Public Schools School Age Child Care afterschool program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* throughout its 57 sites on October 18th with events from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM. Each afterschool site will celebrate in a way that best showcases its afterschool students and programs with events like: student talent shows, art galleries, a student rodeo, and guest presenters from the community like police K-9 units and firefighters. Each site will welcome parents, school officials and community leaders. In addition, afterschool students at each of the sites will color iron-on lightbulbs that will be ironed together onto a banner representing the entire afterschool community in Brevard County. At South Lake Elementary, NASA educators will present a program entitled "Living in Space," and students will participate in other hands on science activities. Titusville Mayor Jim Tulley will attend and speak about the importance of afterschool programs.

Georgia

Albany, Georgia: Leslie Heard, Mt. Olive Community Outreach Center, Inc., 229-435-9961, laparrish@att.net

A carnival will be the setting for the Mt. Olive Community Outreach Center's *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 18th at a local baseball park. From 4:00 to 6:00 PM participants will enjoy face painting, a moon bounce, and carnival games. City officials and the media may attend.

Atlanta, Georgia: Katie Kross, Georgia Afterschool Investment Council, 678-262-4242, katiek@afterschoolga.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, parents and community members will join the Georgia Afterschool Investment Council at a free screening of the award-winning documentary film *Brooklyn Castle* before it is released in theaters. The screening will be held at the Landmark Midtown Art Cinema located at 931 Monroe Drive. The program will begin at 7:00 PM on October 17th, and the film will begin at 7:30 PM. *Brooklyn Castle* is an award-winning documentary about the impact a chess afterschool program had on a community of students in Brooklyn, New York.

Cleveland, Georgia: Johna Oliver, White County Intermediate School 21st Century Community Learning Center, 706- 865-1037, joliver@white.k12.ga.us

The White County Intermediate School's 21st Century Community Learning Center's *Lights On Afterschool* celebration, themed "Let's Read and Write," will kick off on October 18th with a grand reading celebration! Students will rotate through stations learning about book publishing, writing stories, reading with enthusiasm, and acting/drama. Three storytellers will regale the students and adult participants with tall tales. The public library will also have a booth set up, and one of the goals for the night is to sign up students with a library card. *Lights On* will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Covington, Georgia: Lillian Bittaye, Sojourner Truth Program, 770-572-8995, letthechildrenlive@yahoo.com

On October 18th from 3:00 to 7:00 PM, Sojourner Truth Program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* fundraiser at the Covington Wal-Mart. Stationed at Wal-Mart will be a mobile RV equipped with ten computer work stations, where students will register for one-on-one tutoring or the tutoring by webcam program. Parents will learn how to prepare nutritional snacks, and certified teachers will be on hand to help parents better understand how they can help child with the new Common Core Curriculum. There will also be a meet and greet with a children's book author, remarks from an advocate for children's counseling and fun activities for youth like learning how to become an interior designer, creating a masterpiece candle, lighting up the evening with a light ring.

Douglasville, Georgia: Emily Felton, Factory Shoals Middle School, 770-651-5813, emily.felton@douglas.k12.ga.us

On October 18th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM, Factory Shoals Middle School's KNIGHT School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with student performances and a presentation showcasing the program's enrichment classes. The Step Team and Music Factory will perform and other

afterschool students will give piano recitals. Youth from the afterschool program will emcee this year's *Lights On* event. Douglasville's school board members and superintendent will attend. Refreshments will be served.

Hampton, Georgia: Elaine Griffin, Hampton Elementary Afterschool Enrichment Program, 770-946-4345, egriffin@henry.k12.ga.us

This year Hampton Elementary's Afterschool Enrichment Program (HEAEP) will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with the theme "Come Fly With Us." The students will virtually tour around the United States starting in their home state of Georgia. Projects and artwork from the tour will be displayed on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at an open house to allow parents and the community an opportunity to see how the children incorporate fun activities with learning in afterschool.

Hinesville, Georgia: Afterschool Ambassador Chris Stacy, Georgia Coastal Youth, 912-884-2986, cstac38@yahoo.com

More than 25 community partners will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at the Shuman Recreational Center. This is the first time that Liberty County will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Booths and information from each of the county's afterschool programs and activities available to youth in the area will be featured. Some afterschool students will dress as lightbulbs and talk to participants about what they do in their afterschool program.

Jefferson, Georgia: Jeff Daniels, Boys & Girls Clubs of Jackson County, 706-367-8553, jeffdaniels523@yahoo.com

Jefferson Mayor Jim Joiner will speak with the children of the Boys & Girls Club of Jackson County on October 18th to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. Festivities will begin at 4:00 PM.

Milledgeville, Georgia: Janet Cavin, Baldwin Family Connection, 478-457-2000, baldwinfamilyconnection@gmail.com

Baldwin County Family Connection hosted an event celebrating the 13th annual *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th. This year's *Lights On Afterschool* event was held in conjunction with the Baldwin County school system's annual Stay In School Rally at Braves Field. Sponsors for the *Lights On Afterschool* event included Baldwin County Family Connection, the YES Program and Milledgeville Housing Authority.

Hawaii

Ft. Shafter, Hawaii: Afterschool Ambassador Peter Tedtaotao, Ft. Shafter Youth Center SAS Program, 808-438-1487, peter.tedtaotao@us.army.mil

Afterschool students will kick-off *Lights On Afterschool* week on October 15th with a rally at 3:00 PM to encourage families to sign up for afterschool programs. Then on October 18th students will parade around the Ft. Shafter Community and pass out flyers about the area's afterschool programs and talk about the importance of afterschool programs with members of the community. Ft. Shafter is also sponsoring an essay contest on "Why is it important for children

to enroll in an afterschool program?” and the winner will be announced during the week of *Lights On*.

Honolulu, Hawaii: Afterschool Ambassador Paula Adams, Fun 5 Program/Kahoomiki, 808-581-7491 x20, padams@kahoomiki.org

On October 17th from 2:30 to 4:00 PM, Fun 5 Program/Kahoomiki, along with afterschool programs across the state, will participate in a *Lights On Afterschool* rally at the State Capitol. The rally, emceed by Augie T, will be followed by remarks from Lt. Governor Schatz and State Sens. Jill Tokuda and Suzanne Chun Oakland. Students will also participate in decorating a giant papier-mâché lightbulb that will be displayed at the event. A grand finale performance by the Afterschool All-Stars student group will round out the event.

Waikoloa, Hawaii: Carolyn Brighter, Kamaaina Kids Afterschool Program, 808-883-6808 x281, cbreez808@aol.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Kamaaina Kids Afterschool Program will hold a fun walk on October 18th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. While on the walk, afterschool students will be able to participate in fun activities such as crazy cones, bubble walk, hopscotch lane, and the physical fitness challenge! Students will present their lightbulb art. A healthy snack will be served.

Idaho

Caldwell, Idaho: Marisol Aguilar, 4-H Youth Development Program, 208-459-2232 x31, aguilar@uidaho.edu

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the University of Idaho’s 4-H Youth Development Program will display students projects and have a small potluck dinner party with students, parents and staff on October 19th from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. Dinner will be followed by a game night.

Leopold, Idaho: Dixie Dickerson Perry Central Lights-On, 812-843-4604, ddickerson@pccs.k12.us

This year Perry Central Lights On will team up with the annual Leopold Fall Festival on October 29th from 5:00 to 7:30PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Participants in the *Lights On* afterschool program will host the cake walk at the festival, while hosting afterschool students and program staff will share the importance of afterschool programs. Along with this activity, last year’s academic data and program growth information will be displayed with posters and booklets.

Parma, Idaho: Sheri Faust, Parma Learning Center, 208-722-5115 x1606, sfaust@parmaschools.org

The Parma Learning Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on November 12th with a Community Health Fair put on by Parma Learning Center afterschool students. First through eighth grade students, as well as some community members, will set up and staff booths about various health-related issues. Guests will also have the opportunity to tour the Parma Learning Center school garden. Tom Luna, Idaho Superintendent of Education, Matt Hyde, State Director of 21st Century Community Learning Centers, and Robert Sweetgall, the only person to have walked all 50 states in 365 consecutive days, will attend.

Pocatello, Idaho: Afterschool Ambassador Joyce Anderson, Pocatello/Chubbuck School District, 208-232-7119, andersjo@sd25.us

Eleven afterschool programs in Pocatello, ten elementary school sites and one alternative secondary school will host open houses on October 18th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Each open house will take visitors through a typical day at each of Pocatello's afterschool programs. Parents and community partners will see afterschool students conducting science experiments, getting help with their homework, running around and playing as part of a physical education component or developing "soft skills" like character education. Each of the open houses will run in traditional afterschool hours, typically 3:30 to 5:00 PM. Refreshments will be served.

Plummer, Idaho: Jacque Hoffman, Success Center, hoffman.jacque@lakesidesch.org
Success Center will host a *Lights On Afterschool* carnival in collaboration with youth programs in the community. The carnival will have a bevy of games, food, and prizes, as well as information about afterschool and youth activities available in Plummer and the surrounding areas. The fun will begin on October 18th at 5:00 PM.

Illinois

Bloomington, Illinois: Anita Conrad, YWCA McLean County, 309-662-7826, aconrad@ywcamclean.org

On October 18th, in collaboration with the Boys & Girls Club, YMCA, University of Illinois Extension School and UNITY afterschool programs, the YWCA of McLean County will host a *Lights On Afterschool* extravaganza. It will be held at the YWCA from 4:00 to 6:00 PM and will welcome 300 children and their parents. Local politicians will speak and parents will have an opportunity to advocate for increased access to afterschool programs. Several vendors and organizations from the community will help spread awareness. In addition to games for youth, there will be an essay contest, "What does my afterschool program mean to me."

Champaign, Illinois: Cornicha West, Tap In Leadership Academy, 217-819-5770, Cornicha@tapinacademy.org

Tap In Leadership Academy's *Lights On Afterschool* event will bring three sister sites to Edison Middle School on October 18th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Scholars, parents and community members will come together for an evening of fun to celebrate the importance of quality afterschool programs and to sample different enrichment activities. Some of the activities will include: duct tape fashions, cupcake club, cultural dance, creative writing, photography, and chess club.

Chicago, Illinois: Afterschool Ambassador Dr. Roslind Blasingame-Buford, BUILD, 773-269-6020, roslindbuford.build@gmail.com

BUILD celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* on October 13th with a ribbon cutting for a new BUILD location in the Austin community. Illinois Governor Pat Quinn, Alderman Deborah Graham, Alderman Ariel Reboyras and Police Commander Barbara West each witnessed the ribbon cutting and took a tour of the new site. The ribbon cutting ceremony demonstrated BUILD's continued commitment to the youth it serves and highlighted the new afterschool

program and other opportunities in the Austin community. A significant portion of the day's events paid tribute to BUILD's afterschool offerings and celebrated *Lights On Afterschool*.

Chicago, Illinois: Eddie Wilson, Chicago Youth Centers-Rebecca Crown Center, eddie.wilson@chicagoyouthcenters.org

The Rebecca Crown Center will continue its theme of peace by hosting a Peace and Unity day to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. On October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, afterschool students, parents and community members will participate in activities that encourage groups to work together. Participants will also have the opportunity to design a peace button and describe how to best promote peace with the program's "Peace Graffiti Wall."

Niles, Illinois: Mark Williams, Niles Teen Center, 847-375-8949, mlw@vniles.com

On October 18th from 4:00 to 6:30 PM, Niles Teen Center, TLC: Total Learning Community and Golf Mill Shopping Center will partner for this year's *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. The *Lights On Afterschool* event will include an information fair with booths from community youth organizations, program demonstrations, an open house and tour of the Teen Center, arts and crafts projects, food and prizes, and a rally with community speakers. The Leaning Tower of Niles, a replica of Italy's Leaning Tower of Pisa, will be lit in blue lights during the entire week to commemorate the event.

Peoria, Illinois: Todd Condron, Children's Home Teen REACH, 309-685-1047, Tcondron@chail.org

The Children's Home Teen REACH program's *Lights On Afterschool* event will be held at the main branch of the Peoria Public Library on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Three Teen REACH afterschool program sites will come together to display their skills and talents. Afterschool students at the different sites will rally together to show support for afterschool programs across the community. There will be games, music, food and of course fun!

Indiana

Albion, Indiana: Chris Ott, LEAP/New DAWN, 260- 636-7011, cott@leapofnoblecounty.org

At LEAP, *Lights On Afterschool* will begin with students sharing their afterschool enrichment activities with their parents. There will also be a "TRICK OR TRUNK," a walk on Charger Trail, the student's service learning project. Throughout the event, students and parents will interact with some of their favorite story book characters. Participants should be sure to keep an eye out for Robin Hood hiding behind a tree or Hansel and Gretel looking for their way home. The fun will begin at 5:00 PM!

Carmel, Indiana: Jen Hammons, Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation Extended School Enrichment, 317-698-4966, jhammons@carmelclayparks.com

On October 18th, Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation Extended School Enrichment will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at West Clay Elementary School. There will be music provided by a DJ, a RICHER store, and a recycled craft table. Parents and guests will also receive information about afterschool programs and opportunities.

Indianapolis, Indiana: Leslie Hankins, Afterschool Coalition of Indianapolis, 317-803-3134 x18, lhankins@ayskids.org, or Stephanie Freeman, Afterschool Coalition of Indianapolis, 317-921-1205, stephanie.freeman@mccoyouth.org

The Afterschool Coalition of Indianapolis hosted a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 3rd at the City Market from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Afterschool programs from around the city showcased their offerings for parents and community leaders. The Afterschool Coalition of Indianapolis (ACI) will also coordinate and lead other *Lights On* awareness-raising events around Indianapolis throughout October. ACI President David Klinkose said “*Lights On Afterschool* is a celebration of the initiative to support our children and youth beyond the school day. *Lights On Afterschool* spotlights the need to support our children and youth, providing them with safe, constructive afterschool programs throughout the city.”

Tennyson, Indiana: MaLinda Spinks, Tennyson Elementary 21st Century Community learning Center, 812-567-4715, mspinks@warrick.k12.in.us

On October 16th from 4:00 to 5:15 PM, Zachary Watson, a motivational speaker and entertainer, will perform and facilitate a workshop using his “Trix Stixs” to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. Refreshments will be served following the event.

Iowa

Cater Lake, Iowa: Josh Towey, Carter Lake Boys & Girls Club, 712- 347-5687, jtowey@bgcomaha.org

Carter Lake Boys & Girls Club will kick-off *Lights On Afterschool* with a “BINGO for Books” event for club members and their families on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Youth participants and their families will play BINGO and every winner will receive a book as a prize! Refreshments will be served.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa: Afterschool Ambassador Lynelle Henricksen, YMCA of the Cedar Rapids Metropolitan Area, 319-366-6421 x102, lhennicksen@crmetroymca.org

On October 18th from 4:30 to 5:30 PM the YMCA of the Cedar Rapids Metropolitan Area will host a *Lights On Afterschool* rally at its Stoney Point YMCA Branch. This year’s *Lights On* rally will serve as the kickoff to the “Food and Fun” activities that Cedar Rapids YMCAs will present during the school year. Free transportation will be provided from the different YMCA afterschool sites to the event. Afterschool students and their families will be able to participate in a youth fitness class; sample healthy snacks; decorate *Lights On* lightbulbs; sign a petition; and play fun group games.

Davenport, Iowa: Sarah Harris, Davenport Community Out of School Time Partnership, 563-336-5028, Harriss@davenportschools.org

On October 18th from 12:00 to 3:30 PM in commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool*, community dignitaries will join Davenport Community Out of School Time Partnership in “Get On the Bus!” for an informative lunch celebrating community programs. There will be a tour of partner agencies and a showcase featuring the impact that afterschool has on the students and the community at large.

Sioux City, Iowa: Afterschool Ambassador Brenda Hervey, Beyond the Bell, 712-277-3600, bhervey@beyondthebell.us.com

Beyond the Bell hosted a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration at Long Lines Recreational Center in Sioux City, on October 11th. Games, literacy activities, and programs from different community partners and afterschool providers provided an array of hand-on activities for children and families.

Kansas

Abilene, Kansas: Dan Brown, AfterSchool Abilene, 785- 263-1643, dbrown@abileneschools.org
AfterSchool Abilene's *Lights On Afterschool* rally will be broadcast live on 97.5 FM with a speech from the mayor recognizing the importance of afterschool programs. Pinnacle Bank will also award AfterSchool Abilene \$10,000 for tuition assistance. Cookies will be served and the entire community is invited to participate in the event on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Iola, Kansas: Afterschool Ambassador Angela Henry, SAFE BASE, 620-365-4780, angela.henry@usd257.org

On October 5th, to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*, SAFE BASE students, working in conjunction with the county clerk, registered parents and other community members to vote (prior to the October 16 deadline for participation in the presidential election). Additionally, students prepared and served the food at the voter registration event. For entertainment, an outside theatre group performed a comedic and educational skit targeted towards elementary students about the 45 presidents in 45 minutes. There was also an open house to allow parents and community members to see what the students have learned during the first session of the afterschool program.

Lawrence, Kansas: Erika Zimmerman, Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence, 785-841-5672, ezimmerman@bgclk.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence, in partnership with the Lawrence School District, will host its annual *Lights On Afterschool* talent show on October 25th. The talent show will feature a Top 100 Billboard Hits themed performance from each Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence site. Parents, students and community members will be featured in a short video that shares how the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence positively impacts the lives of afterschool students and families. The talent show will begin at 6:30 PM at Free State High School. It will highlight three of the significant contributions that afterschool programs make to the Lawrence community; keeping kids safe and healthy, inspiring them to learn, and relieving working parents of worries about their children's activities during the afternoon hours.

Leavenworth, Kansas: Kim Hund, Horizon Kids, 913-240-1635, kim.hund@usd453.org

The Horizon Kids afterschool program at David Brewer Elementary School will participate in a "Western Fair" incorporating the Kansas Afterschool Lights the Trail theme to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th. Students will wear western attire in celebration of frontier days and partake in games, including an obstacle course, crafts, music, and face painting by LuLu Bell the Clown.

Kansas City, Kansas: Pam Watkins, Kansa City YMCA, 913-345-9622,
PamWatkins@KansasCityYMCA.org

Approximately 1,200 students in Johnson County afterschool programs will participate in “The Theatre in the Park” *Lights on Afterschool* event during October. Students who attend Shawnee Mission Schools participated on October 12th and students from DeSoto and Gardner school district will attend on October 19th. During the *Lights On* event participants will engage in hands-on learning activities, like Dino Dig, sidewalk chalk, nature BINGO and craft and tie-dye stations. In addition, students will also watch live demonstrations using rockets in Captain of Industries’ Rocket Show, sing and dance in DJ dance area, run an obstacle course and uncover clues in a scavenger hunt.

Topeka, Kansas: Marcia J. Dvorak, Kansas Enrichment Network, 785-864-9665,
mjdvorak@ku.edu

In addition to the many statewide celebrations, the Kansas Enrichment Network will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration of the arts in Topeka with an open house for youth, parents, legislators and city leaders in the ArtLab at Washburn Mulvane Art Museum on October 18th. As part of Kansas’ *Lights On* celebration, the Kansas Enrichment Network will host a special “Kansas Afterschool Lights the Trail” to commemorate its tenth anniversary. Afterschool programs spanning across Kansas on the Santa Fe Trail will host open houses, art exhibitions, fairs and family-oriented events to raise awareness about the importance of afterschool programs with local civic leaders.

Wichita, Kansas: DeAnn White, Holy Savior Catholic Academy, 316-680-5486,
deann13@cox.net

Holy Savior Catholic Academy, a 21st Century Community Learning Center afterschool program will light up Keeper of the Plains, a Native American statue in downtown Wichita’s river walk, for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. The statue is situated right next to the Mid-America All Indian Center. At this year’s *Lights On* event, Wichita Mayor Carl Brewer will speak and read a Proclamation declaring *Lights On Afterschool* Day. There will be a special performance from afterschool students in the Arts Partners program; the students will perform an expressive arts presentation about the joy and value of reading in “R.E.A.D.ing Keeps the Lights On!” Earlier in the month, afterschool students decorated lightbulbs and wrote sentences about why afterschool is important to them, and these lightbulbs were the event’s invitations for policy makers.

Kentucky

Campbellsville, Kentucky: Cindy Perkins, Campbellsville High School 21st Century Community Learning Center, 270-465-8774, cindy.perkins@cville.kyschools.us
Campbellsville High School’s 21st Century Community Learning Center is teaming up with the Champions Against Drugs Taylor County/Campbellsville Anti-Drug Coalition to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a carnival on October 18th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. The carnival will be held at the National Guard Armory and will highlight school choirs, archery, arts and crafts, and other afterschool activities. Food will be served and a local DJ will provide entertainment.

Corbin, Kentucky: Afterschool Ambassador Karen West, Redhound Enrichment, 606-523-3628, karen.west@corbin.kyschools.us

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th, Redhound Enrichment will welcome parents and community members in an opportunity to see a display of the activities Corbin students participate in during afterschool hours. Students will display artwork and science projects and perform a musical skit. *Lights On* will also feature interactive family activities and site tour. The event will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at The Corbin Center for Technology and Community.

Louisville, Kentucky, Leshia Radford, YMCA, 502-632-5307, lradford@ymcalouisville.org
The Louisville YMCA will host a *Lights On Afterschool* art show, “Hit the Trail” games, a Lego night, Uno tournaments, and BINGO reading on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*.

Smithland, Kentucky: Tina Scheer, 21st Century Community Learning Center and Mustang Round-up Academy, 270-928-3500, tina.scheer@livingston.kyschools.us
On October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, parents will participate in various activities at Mustang Round-up Academy’s *Lights On Afterschool* event. There will be activities featuring the iPad lab, the Kids College Technical program, and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math).

Louisiana

Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana: Cora Davis, Barksdale AFB Youth Programs, 318-456-3448, cora.davis@us.af.mil

Barksdale Air Force Base will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 18th from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. At this year’s celebration, children and youth will perform an original cheer and lead a pep rally to highlight the importance of afterschool programs.

DeRidder, Louisiana: Annette Duplechin, BeauCARE, Inc., 337-462-2273, aduplechin@beaucares.org

BeauCARE, Inc will celebrate its 10th annual *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM by planting a tree. Afterschool students and program staff will also distribute lightbulbs and informational flyers to the community.

New Orleans, Louisiana: Thu Hoang, Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training, 504-255-0400, hoathu@bellsouth.net

To promote a healthy lifestyle, Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th with a parade. At 4:00 PM, the afterschool students will hold banners and posters dedicated to healthy living and afterschool and will march around the school. Second Harvest will provide a nutritious dinner for all participants after the parade.

Shreveport, Louisiana: Rhonda Rubb, FDDOC Winners’ Circle Inc, 318-212-1846, rgrubben@fddoc.net

FDDOC Winners’ Circle Inc. will host a parent event on October 18th from 4:00 to 5:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. During the hours typically reserved for the program’s tutoring

session, afterschool students will highlight the enrichments and academics they participate in on a regular basis.

Maine

Jackman, Maine: Heather Sylvester, Live 2 Learn, 207-668-529, heather.sylvester@sad12.com
Live 2 Learn will host a sock hop to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Students will come and dance the night away!

Kittery, Maine: Lauri Troutman, Navy Youth Center, 207-438-2114, lauri.troutman@navy.mil
On October 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, the Navy Youth Center will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house for families at the program's site on the naval base. The harvest-themed event will allow those who attend to enjoy pumpkin decorating and carving, and families will be able to use a variety of materials to create a large scarecrow to take home. There will be a variety of games and other activities for the families to enjoy.

Portland, Maine: Amy Pichette, LearningWorks Afterschool, 207-775-0105 x164, apichette@learningworks.me
To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, LearningWorks Afterschool will host a "Celebration of Learning" on November 14th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM showcasing all of the great work students have accomplished. Parents, teachers, and community members will be able to tour the facility and learn more about the afterschool program and the impact it has on students and the community.

Searsport, Maine: Amy Hafford, Searsport Afterschool, 207-548-2318, ahafford@rsu20.org
To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Searsport Afterschool Program will host a family science night for Waldo County on October 18th from 4:30 to 6:30 PM.

Stockton Springs, Maine: Kristina Braga, RSU #20, 207-567-3264, kbraga@rsu20.org
On October 18th from 4:30 PM to 6:30 PM, RSU #20 Science Night will be held in partnership with 4-H to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students from five different afterschool program sites and local 4-H clubs will display their science experiments alongside information stations. In addition there will be science presenters, including the Maine Energy Education Program, a Lego Robotics Club, and the Downeast Institute. Tony Sohns, the "Bug Man" will introduce families to an amazing world of insects, amphibians, reptiles and arachnids through an interactive presentation.

Westbrook, Maine: Anthony Dahms, Westbrook 21st Century Community Learning Center, 207-854-0676 x266, adahms@westbrook.me.us
On October 26th from 6:00 to 8:30 PM, Westbrook 21st Century Community Learning Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a "Friday Fright Night" with games and fun for the whole family. There will be pumpkin painting, a moon bounce, Frankenstein BINGO, a bonfire and a scarecrow making contest.

Maryland

Baltimore, Maryland: Karen Summerville, Creative Alliance, 410-276-1651 x215, karen@creativealliance.org

Creative Alliance will host its *Lights On Afterschool* event in conjunction with the program's Halloween Lantern Parade and Festival on Saturday, October 27th. A giant afterschool lightbulb will be positioned at the entrance of the parade and festival in Patterson Park from 4:00 to 9:00 PM. The display is a giant metal armature of a lightbulb covered in bubble wrap. Names of Baltimore City afterschool programs will be stamped on each bubble and festival and parade attendees will be invited to place LED lightbulbs into each bubble so that hundreds of lights will illuminate the sculpture. In addition to the sculpture, information on local afterschool programs will be available to all who attend the festival.

Baltimore, Maryland: Robert Marable, Parks and People Foundation, Franklin Square Elementary/Middle School, 410-396-0795

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Parks and People Foundation will highlight the importance of afterschool programs for Baltimore's children on October 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The event will include information about afterschool programs including KidsGrow and Parks and People Sports Leagues, along with other community services, a soccer clinic, a DJ, a moon bounce and additional surprise entertainment.

Beltsville, Maryland: Michael Raymor, Maryland Out of School Time Network, 410-625-7976, mraymor@mdoutofschooltime.org

The Maryland Out of School Time Network, Maryland Hunger Solutions, Share our Strength and The Capital Area Food Bank in collaboration with Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission Department of Parks and Recreation Vansville Community Center, will highlight how they have incorporated the At Risk Afterschool Meals program in their programming for *Lights On Afterschool*. The At Risk Afterschool Meals program helps children throughout Maryland and the nation get the nutrition they need. Feeding youth, through the At Risk Afterschool Meals Program, can help families stretch their food budget by providing youth with a nutritious meal before they get home. The Beltsville *Lights On* event will be an open house for parents and community leaders on October 18th from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. At the open house youth will highlight a wide variety of afterschool activities like arts and crafts, games, show how the At Risk Afterschool Meals Program works and more. Adults will have an opportunity to get involved in service and play with afterschool students.

Bethesda, Maryland: Susan, Bell, YMCA Ayrilawn Program Center, 301-530-8500, susan.bell@ymcadc.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, YMCA Ayrilawn Program Center will showcase its programs with a multi-media presentation featuring the different things the youth love about the program on October 19th from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the center's lobby. The presentation will include short stories, comic strips, and posters to display the different things that youth love about the afterschool program. Participants will be able to vote for their favorite poster.

Denton, Maryland: Sue Simmons, Lifelong Learning Center, 410- 479-8120, ssimmons@carolinemd.org

Lifelong Learning Centers at Federalsburg Elementary School, Colonel Richardson Middle, Colonel Richardson High School and Lockerman Middle School will hold their 2nd annual collective *Lights On* celebration at the 4H Park on Detour Rd. in Denton. Festivities will include a talent show featuring students from the afterschool programs. Elected officials, parents, and local partners are invited to this exciting event on October 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Frederick, Maryland: Steve Neagle, Boys & Girls Club of Frederick County, 301-600-1875, steven@bgcfc.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Frederick County celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* on October 8th with a carnival highlighting the many activities the children do after school. Starting at 3:00 PM, there will be booths set up for arts and crafts, sports and fitness, drama and community service. The carnival will be followed by a student-led talent show and a few words from community leaders at 5:00 PM. Panda Express will provide dinner to all who attend.

Ft. Meade, Maryland: Deadra Martin, Child Youth and School Services, 301-677-1578, deadra.martin@usar.army.mil

In commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Child and Youth Services will kick off a semester of STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) with a robotics initiative led by the local 4-H club. Students from Frank Hebron Harmon Elementary School will join youth from the Boys & Girls Club at Meade Village for a fun-filled evening on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM to work on STEM-related projects facilitated by students from Meade High School's Homeland Security Signature Program.

Havre de Grace, Maryland: Nathan Wassmer, Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford County, 410-939-0822, nwassmer@bgcharfordco.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford County will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by hosting club tours for parents, youth and community leaders on October 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Club members will be able to challenge adults to games, like pool, ping pong, foosball, and board games. The National Guard will have a rock climbing wall set-up outside, and there will be an arts and craft station where adults and youth can decorate t-shirts.

Leonardtown, Maryland: Afterschool Ambassador Mark Smith, St. Mary's County Public Schools, 301-475-0242 x110, mgsmith@smcps.org

The Dream Team 21st Century Afterschool Program celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* with a dinner on October 15th, from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at George Washington Carver Elementary School. This year's *Lights On Afterschool* event featured student performances, demonstrations like a robotics activity from Starbase Atlantis and tennis instruction by the St. Mary's County Tennis Association. Partner Booz Allen Hamilton presented a \$6,000 check to support the clubs they sponsor, the Tiara Troopers and Royal Troopers.

Rockville, Maryland: Afterschool Ambassador Lynn Sobolov, Montgomery County Collaboration Council, 301-354-4913, lynn.sobolov@collaborationcouncil.org

County Executive Isiah Leggett, the County Council and the Board of Education will proclaim October 18th as *Lights On Afterschool* Day in Montgomery County to bring attention to the importance of safe, quality afterschool programs for students. As part of the national *Lights On Afterschool* Day celebration, Excel Beyond the Bell will host two events: an The Excel Beyond

the Bell Symposium from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM at the Johns Hopkins Campus in Montgomery County, and an open house at Roberto Clemente Middle School from 3:45 to 5:15 PM showcasing one of five middle schools participating in the Excel Beyond the Bell Middle School Pilot. The Excel Beyond the Bell symposium will feature keynote speaker Dr. Joshua Staff, Superintendent of Montgomery County Schools who will encourage community providers, decision-makers, funders, and other partners to expand opportunities for after school programs in the community. There will be panel discussions, a “think tank” and breakout sessions to discuss topics such as how to take a program to scale, building a youth worker professional development system, providing quality programs, and connecting with community partners. Roberto Clemente Middle School will host an open house featuring tours of the facility, demonstrations, and a special presentation of two IBM grant awards to students.

Massachusetts

Allston, Massachusetts: Lexy Brucker, Jackson Mann Community Center After School Program, 617-635-5153 x17, bruckerl@merrimack.edu

On October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Jackson Mann Community Center After School Program will host an open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Participants will explore the Traveling Tide Pool Outreach Program presented by the New England Aquarium, and children, families and community members will learn about the handling and characteristics of tide pool sea creatures from local waters! There will also be an opportunity to see the afterschool students’ artwork and recent accomplishments.

Boston, Massachusetts: Awilda Torres, Blackstone Community Center, 617-635-5162, awilda.torres@yourblackstone.org

In commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool*, students will display their lightbulb artwork and write about what the Blackstone Academy afterschool program means to them on October 18th. By displaying the lightbulb art throughout the community center, afterschool students and their families will demonstrate how important afterschool programs are.

Cambridge, Massachusetts: Rupal Jain, Breakthrough Greater Boston. 617-349-6647, rjain@breakthroughcambridge.org

To celebrate *Lights on Afterschool* on October 15th, Breakthrough of Greater Boston will share research highlighting the success of students who participate in afterschool programming. Students will also showcase science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) activities they participate in including: LEGO DNA, chemistry, chess, spoken word and architectural design. The program will begin at 4:00 PM.

Salem, Massachusetts: Meghan Murtagh, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Salem, 978-744-0915, mmurtagh@bgcgs.org

On October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, parents and community members will attend an open house highlighting the different activities and programs offered at the Boys & Girls Club after school to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students and staff will decorate the cafeteria with *Lights On* lightbulbs and students will write about what the Boys & Girls Club means to them. Refreshments will be served.

Springfield, Massachusetts: Michael Hanechak, Springfield Boys & Girls Club, 413-732-7201, hanechak@sbgc.org

The Springfield Boys & Girls Club will hold an open house and a health and safety awareness program on October 18th from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The open house will be open to the entire community.

Westfield, Massachusetts: Blair Tomaino, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Westfield, 413-562-2301, btomainowbgc@yahoo.com

Students will participate in a lightbulb art contest, and those with the most decorative art will be given a *Lights On Afterschool* award. The afterschool students' artwork will be on display in the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Westfield lobby so that parents, community leaders and others can see examples from the program. The club will be open for tours all day on October 18th and the lightbulb art contest will be held at 4:00 PM.

Michigan

Battle Creek, Michigan: DeeAnn Whisler, Battle Creek Public Schools, 269-965-3883, Dwhisler@battle-creek.k12.mi.us

Battle Creek Public Schools' *Lights On Afterschool* carnival will take place on October 18th from 4:30 to 7:00 PM in the multi-sports center of the Y Center. Inflatables, a climbing wall, food, music, giveaways, and the presentation of a city Proclamation will all be a part of this family celebration with community partners.

Dearborn, Michigan: Zeinab Khalil, STAR Afterschool at the Dearborn Academy School, 313-982-1300, zkhalil@thedearbornacademy.org

On October 24th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, the STAR afterschool program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a Halloween themed event. Participants and staff will wear Halloween costumes, share scary stories, and play on a bounce house. There will be prizes for the best costume, as well as healthy food and beverages.

Detroit, Michigan: Carolyn Blue, NWAC Computer Clubhouse, 313-578-7500, letusread2@yahoo.com

On October 18th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM, NWAC Computer Clubhouse will combine *Lights On Afterschool* with the celebration of the clubhouse's ninth anniversary. The celebration will include a showcase of projects created by Computer Clubhouse members. There will also be an opportunity to recruit new members to join this awesome program.

Detroit, Michigan: Sylvia Tillman, Detroit Public Schools, 313-494-7495, sylvia.tillman@detroitk12.org

A live performance by the newly trained Gompers Drill Team, arts and crafts, computer activities, and refreshments will all be featured at Gompers Elementary Middle School's *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The 21st Century Community Learning Centers funded afterschool program will promote safe and healthy living with students and families and will highlight enriching afterschool activities.

Grand Rapids, Michigan: Lynn Heemstra, ELO Network & Our Community's Children, 616-456-4353, lheemstr@grcity.us

ELO Network & Our Community's Children will shine a light on afterschool with a *Lights On* rally at Rosa Parks Circle, a central meeting place in downtown Grand Rapids on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The program will feature youth performances, music, and community speakers.

Lansing, Michigan: Angela Calabrese Barton, Green Energy Technologies in the City, acb@msu.edu

Green Energy Technologies in the City (GET City) will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th with a "science festival." At the festival, a series of activities and stations will give an overview of green energy in the Lansing area. Afterschool students will create a "travel guide" for how participants can interact with and learn about green energy in their city. This year's *Lights On* event will also showcase the digital stories and science documentaries that youth have created in GET City over the past several years. Additionally, students will share demonstrations and activities that teach others about how and why green energy matters in Lansing, and will advise participants on practical things they can do to make a difference at home and in the community.

Oak Park, Michigan: Clara Sanders-Stevens, Oak Park Project 21, 248-336-7711, csteven@oakparkschools.org

The students of Oaks Park Project 21, in collaboration with A.C.T.S., will sponsor a harvest dinner and entertainment for a community homeless shelter on November 15. While celebrating *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th, students and parents will make and wrap gifts and giveaways in preparation for the harvest dinner. From 4:00 to 6:00 PM, afterschool students and parents will work together to make bracelets, necklaces, jewelry, wrist bands, hats, and bags for homeless families.

Pontiac, Michigan: Karmen Davis, Pontiac Project Excel, 248-451-6800, karmendavis030308@yahoo.com

All five Project Excel sites (WHRC Elementary, Whitman Elementary, Herrington Elementary, Pontiac Middle School, and Pontiac High School) will host their second *Lights On Afterschool* celebration together on October 18th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Guests will participate in arts and crafts projects, carnival games, and other fun activities. Parents, school administration officials, school board members, community partners, will celebrate afterschool programs with Project Excel.

Taylor, Michigan: Karen Hickmott, Taylor Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency, 734- 955-6752, khickmott@waynemetro.org

Taylor Wayne Metropolitan Community Action Agency will celebrate *Lights On* with a special night for students and their families. Exotic Zoo will visit with alligators, hedgehogs, and other animals for adults and youth to have a chance to learn about the animals and hold or pet them. The agency will also celebrate Big Read and distribute books to students. This year's event will take place on October 25th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.

Wyandotte, Michigan: S. Denée, Walker Youth Program Wayne Metropolitan CAA, 734-686-5018, swalker@waynemetro.org

Walker Youth Program will hold an Edgar Allen Poe themed *Lights On Afterschool* event with dinner and a movie on October 25th from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM. During *Lights On*, participants and guests will play games and enter contests based Edgar Allen Poe's life.

Minnesota

Duluth, Minnesota: Timothy Kittelson, Dave Goldberg Branch of the Boys & Girls Club, 218-491-7025, tkittle@bgcnorth.org

The Dave Goldberg Branch of the Boys & Girls Club will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with game tournaments for afterschool students and their families. There will be game room tournaments of foosball, table tennis, air hockey, and bumper pool. The fun will begin at 4:00 PM on October 18th.

Minneapolis, Minnesota: Afterschool Ambassador Jenny Collins, Minneapolis Beacons Network and YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities, 612-371-8728,

Jenny.Collins@ymcatwincities.org

In commemoration of *Lights on Afterschool*, the Minneapolis Beacons Network and YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities will host a three-day Youth Leadership Camp Retreat at YMCA Camp Ihduhapi in Loretto. Approximately 250 youth leaders from 11 Minneapolis schools will convene to build leadership skills and develop service and social action plans to improve their schools and communities beginning October 18th. The issues and solutions identified by youth at the retreat will be shared with local policy makers including the superintendent and mayor.

Minneapolis, Minnesota: Meggie McCauley, Cookie Cart, 612-521-0855,

mmccauley@cookiecart.org

Join project participants at Cookie Cart for a *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 19th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Drop by the bakery for a tour, meet a few of the youth employees, and sample some cookies!

Mora, Minnesota: Sarah Peterson, Family Pathways, 320-225-0252, Sarah@familypathways.org

On October 18th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, Family Pathways will hold a resource fair and family festival to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Agencies from the around Mora will share information about their programs and how parents can sign up. Families will also be able to play games, enjoy food and live entertainment.

Red Lake, Minnesota: Victoria Irons-Graves, 21st Century, 218-679-1707,

vgraves@redlake.k12.mn.us

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Red Lake 21st Century Community Learning Centers afterschool program, in collaboration with the Boys & Girls Club at Red Lake will host an evening of academic games, sports events and nutritional foods on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

St. Louis Park, Minnesota: Mayme Casey, Kids Connection/Perspectives, Inc., 952-926-2600 x2517, mcasey@perspectives-family.org

The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. More information is available at www.afterschoolalliance.org.

On October 17th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM, Kids Connection/Perspectives, Inc. will celebrate *Lights on Afterschool* by hosting a Kids Connection Talent Show. The talent show will include performances by students and staff. A student photography exhibit will also be featured during the event. This year's celebration will conclude by recognizing student accomplishments so far this school year.

Mississippi

Bay St. Louis, Mississippi: Adrienne Davis, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast, 228-467-9515, adavis@bgcgulfcoast.org

On October 18th, club members, families, and community residents will come out to the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Gulf Coast to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* and the afterschool programs in the communities. The night will be filled with carnival games, costumes, and a tour of the club. Festivities will begin at 4:30 PM.

Itta Bena, Mississippi: Tashika Metcalf, MVSU Boys & Girls Club of the Mississippi Delta, 662-254-0101, tashikam@bgcmsdelta.org

MVSU Boys & Girls Club of the Mississippi Delta celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* on September 14th with activities like sack races, a basketball tournament, a kickball tournament and a relay race. Volunteer police officer, Teresa Watkins, participated in the activities with the students.

Jackson, Mississippi: Nedra Reed, Boys & Girls Club of Central Mississippi, 601-969-7088, Youth and program staff of Boys & Girls Club of Central Mississippi will host an open house and give site tours of their program to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, which is set to take place on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Meridian, Mississippi: Ricky Hood, Boys & Girls Club of East Mississippi, 601-482-2544, rrhood90846@bellsouth.net

After completing their homework, students will take part in a *Lights On Afterschool* carnival on October 18th. There will be games, refreshments, prizes, a spelling bee and more!

Missouri

Camdenton, Missouri: Afterschool Ambassador Sherry Comer, Camdenton R-III Schools, 573-346-9233, scomer@camdentonschools.org

Camdenton R-III Afterschool Services will host its annual *Lights On Afterschool* event at Oak Ridge Intermediate from 4:00 to 5:30 PM on October 18th. The event will feature "Mad Science" where students, family and community members can join in for hands-on fun.

Kansas City, Missouri: Brittany Schwindt, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kansas City, 816-861-6300, bschwindt@helpkckids.org

On October 18th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Kansas City's Thornberry Unit will host a NASA-themed *Lights On* event, with planetariums, rocket ships and stars with the kids names on them. Parents and the community are invited to participate in this fun event commemorating *Lights On Afterschool*. Refreshments will be served.

The Afterschool Alliance is a nonprofit public awareness and advocacy organization working to ensure that all children and youth have access to quality afterschool programs. More information is available at www.afterschoolalliance.org.

Nixa, Missouri: Amanda Cooley, eXtended Learning Time, 417-724-3874, amandacooley@nixaschools.net

eXtended Learning Time (XLT) will host a 5k race and family fun run on October 26th to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. The run will begin in the evening so the race can have a glow theme to show support for afterschool programs in Missouri and nationwide.

Poplar Bluff, Missouri: Robbie Toth, Boys & Girls Club of Poplar Bluff, 573-776-1690, rtoth@bgcpb.org

On October 18th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, the Boys & Girls Club of Poplar Bluff will have a talent showcase along with a “Hall of Talents” to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. This year’s program showcase will include artwork, science projects, cooking club projects and the performing arts group will prepare a skit for fellow club members and parents.

Sedalia, Missouri: Tara Walker, Boys & Girls Club of West Central MO-Cole Campsite, 660-826-8331, twalker@bgckids.com

On October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Boys & Girls Club of West Central MO-Cole Campsite will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with Renew-Reuse-Recycle Carnival. Club members will rotate to five different stations, where they will share interesting facts on the three R’s. Members will also make hair bows, balls, and bags from old t-shirts and jeans.

St. Louis, Missouri: Letitia Slack, United 4 Children, 314-531-1412 x58, slackl@missouri.edu

The Youth Development Provider Network will sponsor a *Lights On Afterschool* kickoff rally on October 18th at 8:30 AM at the Gateway Elementary School. At the rally, one balloon will be launched for every ten students participating in afterschool programs throughout the region. The event will highlight three of the significant contributions that afterschool programs make to the St. Louis Metropolitan area: keeping kids safe and healthy, inspiring them to learn, and relieving working parents of worries about their children’s activities during the afternoon hours. The kickoff will include a hot air balloon launch and St. Louis Mayor Francis Slay will speak about the importance of afterschool.

St. Louis, Missouri: Stephanie Stogsdill, Arts-in-Mind at Mason Elementary School, 314-477 6412, stogsdill.stephanie@gmail.com

On October 18th to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*, Arts-in-Mind at Mason Elementary School will host theatre-related activities designed to reinforce community, imagination, sportsmanship, and teamwork. The program will operate over extended hours from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.

Montana

Corvallis, Montana: Jenell Semple, Corvallis School District, 406-961-3007, jenells@corvallis.k12.mt.us

On October 22nd from 5:00 to 7:30 PM, the Corvallis Middle School afterschool program will showcase the program and its activities with an open house to highlight the importance of afterschool programs and the purpose of *Lights On Afterschool*. A light meal will be served.

Hamilton, Montana: Laura Henderson, MAPS Media Institute, 406-381-7230, lauralasco@gmail.com

Maps Media Institute will have a Parent's Day on October 30th from 4:30 to 6:30 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will share a key lesson they've learned in afterschool with their families and friends. Participants will have a chance to take pictures in the "Funny Family Photo Booth," create sounds with Pro Tools, and learn how to use YouTube. Student short films and photographs will also be on display. Refreshments will be served.

Havre, Montana: Afterschool Ambassador Tim Brurud, Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Line, 406-265-6206 x306, timb@bgchi-line.com

The Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Line will celebrate *Lights on Afterschool* with an open house and dinner on October 23rd. Club members, their families and community members will attend and have a barbeque beef sandwich, play dodge ball and try to win a giant family fun pack. The Havre Fire Department will bring a fire truck and ambulance for the youth to check out. A giant plush toy horse, donated by Wells Fargo, will be given away. Havre Mayor Tim Solomon will be on hand to read a *Lights On Afterschool* Proclamation.

Kila, Montana: Renae Johnson, Kila Afterschool Program, 406-257-2428, rjkoppy@yahoo.com

The community is invited to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with Kila Afterschool Program's "Clothing Exchange Extravaganza" on October 26th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM! At this free event, families will be able to swap gently-worn clothes and costumes with other afterschool families.

Missoula, Montana: Afterschool Ambassador Rosie Buzzas, The Flagship Program, 406-532-9827, rbuzzas@wmmhc.org

Afterschool students from The Flagship Program's sites will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 19th by lighting up a local bank's window. The window will be decorated with messages of support for afterschool and a banner highlighting the businesses support for area programs.

Nebraska

Alliance, Nebraska: Tonya Cox, Alliance Public Schools Afterschool Program, 308-762-1580, tcx@aps.ne.k12.us

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Alliance Public Schools Afterschool Program will host an "Old Fashioned Festival" at Dobby's Frontier Town. The festival will involve community partners and leaders on October 18th from 3:30 to 6:00 PM.

Columbus, Nebraska: Lia Grant, Communities Together Can After School Program, 402-563-4901, lgrant2@unl.edu

Communities Together Can After School Program will host a "swap" event on October 18th to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* and help out local families. Families will be able to swap gently used items such as sports equipment, Halloween costumes, movies, books, and games.

Lincoln, Nebraska: Afterschool Ambassador Dayna Krannawitter, Lincoln Housing Authority, 402-436-1120, dkranna@lps.org

Lincoln Community Learning Centers afterschool program sites will host open houses and other site-based events during the week of October 15th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. In all, 16 elementary and middle school sites will participate. Each site has a lead “Youth Afterschool Ambassador” to host its event. Lincoln’s “Youth Afterschool Ambassadors” will also present before the school board, city council, and Lincoln Community Learning Centers leadership council on the benefits of afterschool. Each of the open houses will take place from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.

Lincoln, Nebraska: Catrece Hurd, Family Service Lincoln, 402-580-4073, churd79@gmail.com
On October 19th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Family Service Lincoln is showcasing its before and after school programs by having parents attend “A Day in the Life” event. It will show parents a sample of the different activities provided at the site. Students will lead tours and help afterschool staff man stations of games and afterschool activities.

Omaha, Nebraska: Dave Felici, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands, 402-342-2300, dfelici@bgcomaha.org
On October 18th, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a rally and pledge to support afterschool programs for members and the community. Captains from the Omaha Police Department will talk to afterschool students about proper crime reporting. There will also be an art contest based on the most creative *Lights On Afterschool*-themed art work. The event will conclude with a BBQ dinner, cake, and ice cream.

Omaha, Nebraska: Thomas Linnell, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands, 402-208-3833, tlinnell@bgcomaha.org
On October 18th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Midlands will hold an activities night to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Activities will include high yield learning, team building activities using the Xbox Kinect 360 and Nintendo Wii. Physical fitness will be celebrated with a fun staff versus kids dodge ball game.

Nevada

Carson City, Nevada: Diane McCoy, Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Nevada, 775-882-8820, dianem@bgcwn.org
To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Nevada will have a bounce house, popcorn, cotton candy and fun carnival activities taking place in each of the club’s program areas on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. An open house will be held as well for parents to see what the club has to offer.

Las Vegas, Nevada: Michele Haldeman, W. P. Williams Elementary School, 702-799-4760, rose@interact.ccsd.net
On October 25th, W. P. Williams Elementary School will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* carnival where participants will win prizes by participating in fitness activities. The festivities will begin at 4:00 PM, and refreshments will be served.

Nellis Air Force Base, Nevada: Regina Mullins, Nellis AFB Youth Program, 702-652-9307, regina.mullins@nellis.af.mil

Representatives from community agencies including the Exceptional Family Member Program and Clark County Schools and the School Liaison Officer, Airman and Family Services Flight Chief, 99 FSS Commander, Nellis AFB Librarian will share information about available afterschool programs and other programs for youth at the Nellis AFB Lights On Afterschool event. On October 18th, parents will be encouraged to come in and participate in afterschool activities with their child during regular afterschool hours. The base's afterschool program will be open from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Reno, Nevada, Tina Colliver, Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, 775-331-3605 x211, tcolliver@bgctm.org

Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 18th from 4:30 to 6:30PM. The event will include a resource fair for members and their families; a guest speaker, who will address bullying; and giveaways and raffles. The night will be capped by a spaghetti dinner for all participants.

Sparks, Nevada: Victoria Hardy, Washoe County School District TEAM-UP, 775-353-5770, vhardy@washoeschools.net

Local sports heroes, the Sparks Fire Department, local businesses, the Food Bank of Northern Nevada, local radio celebrities, KIWANIS, as well as other community members and school staff will assist Washoe County School District's TEAM-UP afterschool program in a carnival-style *Lights On Afterschool* event. This year's *Lights On* event will be based on health and fitness and will be held on October 24th from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. Students, families, and community members will be able to enjoy a fun filled afternoon with healthy activities.

New Hampshire

Bristol, New Hampshire: Afterschool Ambassador Beth Colby, Newfound Area School District, 603-744-6006 x129, ecolby@sau4.org

The Newfound Area School District's Project PROMISE afterschool program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* carnival on October 25th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Kelley Park. The local fire department will build a camp fire and cook s'mores, and the local police department will lead a "Glow in the Dark" parade at 7:00 PM. All four of the school district's elementary afterschool sites will be bused in to the park and middle school students will walk over. High school students will staff the face painting, story walk, cake walk and other activities for younger students around the park. At the end of the parade, there will be a six foot iron lightbulb lit up to show the community's support for afterschool programs. This year's *Lights On* event is sponsored by Project PROMISE, the Tapply-Thompson Community Center and the Danbury Community Center and the Bristol Lion's Club will feed all students and family members.

Farmington, New Hampshire: Dean Poland, FAMEE, 603-509-0472, dpoland@hscstrafford.org

In collaboration with other regional 21st Century programs (Rochester, Dover and Somersworth), FAMEE will be hosting a family night to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at the Dover Bowl arena in Dover on October 20th. The doors will be open from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Afterschool students will have access to unlimited bowling, pizza, snacks and drinks along with

tokens for the arcade. Student's projects will be displayed in the Dover Bowl staging area allowing guests to learn more about FAMEE programs and activities.

Gorham, New Hampshire: Tami Hartley, Project Youth/Family Resource Center, 603-466-5190, tami.hartley@frc123.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, Project Youth/Family Resource Center will have each of its afterschool age groups sponsor an activity on October 26th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. The students will gather at one of the four schools and travel to different areas of the building to participate in Mad Scientist experiments, a basketball round up, Jeopardy and a pumpkin cookie bake.

Manchester, New Hampshire: Donna Mostovoy, Manchester School District 21st Century Community Learning Center, 603-624-6300 x201, dmostovoy@mansd.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th, Manchester School District will open its 21st Century Community Learning Center (21st CCLC) programs to the community so all can participate in interactive, afterschool activities that are engaging for all ages. From 6:00 to 7:30 PM, learn how to express yourself through art, learn about photography, get your face painted and learn what the program offers and chat with the 21st CCLC's community partner.

Raymond, New Hampshire: Patrick Arsenault, Raymond 21st Century After School, 603-895-3117, p.arsenault@sau33.com

Raymond 21st Century After School is holding a "Book Bash" to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The "Book Bash" will feature different stations from youth serving organizations and community volunteers. At each station, there will be crafts games and snacks inspired by popular books. The event will be held on October 19th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM.

New Jersey

Asbury Park, New Jersey: Sowmiya Thirumoorthy, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School 21st Century Community Learning Center, mountcarmelafterschool@gmail.com

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Our Lady of Mount Carmel School's 21st Century Community Learning Center afterschool program will hold an informational night for parents and the community. Participants will get a peek at various afterschool enrichment activities and meet with afterschool program coordinators. It will take place on October 18th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

Atlantic City, New Jersey: Rosalyn Nanbe, AtlantiCare Family Success Centers, 609-441-0102 On October 18th, from 4:00 to 5:30 PM, AtlantiCare Family Success Centers will hold *Lights On Afterschool* open houses. At the open houses afterschool program staff will discuss the benefits of afterschool and the specific services AtlantiCare Family Success Centers offers to parents, elected officials and community members.

Haddonfield, New Jersey: Afterschool Ambassador Denise Sellers, Haddonfield Child Care, 856-429-1603, dsellers@haddonfield.k12.nj.us

Haddonfield Child Care plans to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at each of sites throughout October. On October 13th, Haddonfield Child Care handed out materials on its programs and afterschool in general at the Haddonfield Fall Festival. On October 18th, at 5:00 pm, afterschool

students at the Elizabeth Haddon School program will perform a play based Dr. Seuss' *The Lorax*. Haddonfield Child Care's Central and EDKP programs (both based at Central Elementary School) will celebrate with an open house during traditional program hours. On October 24, at 6:00 pm, Tatem School afterschool students will showcase what they've learned in their dance afterschool program. Dancer Lela Aisha Jones has been working with students for the past month on traditional African dance. The students will also perform their own choreography!

Linden, New Jersey: Isabella Scocozza, Linden 21st Century Community Learning Center, 908-486-0139, iscocozza@linden.k12.nj.us

The Linden 21st Century Community Learning Center will host a *Lights On Afterschool* showcase to be held at Soehl Middle School on October 18, 2012 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Afterschool students, parents and community members will attend a sit down dinner, tour of the program site and a viewing of various student STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) projects.

Newark, New Jersey: Rebecca Kalenak, Lincoln After School Program, 973-353-1338, kalenak@njaes.rutgers.edu

In commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Lincoln After School Program and Essex County 4-H will host an open house to introduce family and community members to the great afterschool programs available to middle school students in Newark. This year's open house will take place on October 18th from 3:00 to 4:00 PM.

New Mexico

Albuquerque, New Mexico: Michael Lujan, Rio Grande Education Collaborative, 505-873-6035, mlujan@rgec.org

Albuquerque will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by lighting up the Montano Bridge over the Rio Grande River on October 18th! Legislators Linda Lopez, Jerry Ortiz Y Pino, Art de La Cruz and author Rudolfo Anaya will all speak about the importance of afterschool programs. All children in the Rio Grande Education Collaborative afterschool program will write a story with an illustration or artwork on small white paper bags. As the bags are completed they will be folded open and lit up with a tea candle to create the "Luminarias." The "Luminarias" will light the way for the celebration on the Rio Grande Bridge from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. There will also be give-a-ways for the youth, bike raffle and books and goodie bags.

Chimayo, New Mexico: Lorraine Vigil, Boys & Girls Club del Norte, 505-351-1515, cruzitas_by_maria@yahoo.com

The children at the Boys & Girls Club del Norte will create "Farolitos" to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. "Farolitos" are bags that are folded and filled with sand and a candle places inside. The very old tradition is commonly used in Northern New Mexico and represents lighting the way during the Christmas holiday, but the club will use it in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Members and staff believe the Boys & Girls Club del Norte lights the way for many of the children in rural communities. Sometimes this is the only light for some of these children. The Farolito bags will be lit on October 26th before the Halloween Carnival.

Farmington, New Mexico: Afterschool Ambassador Flo Trujillo, Farmington Public Library, 505-599-1261, ftrujill@infoway.org

Farmington's *Lights On* celebration will take place on October 18th at the Farmington Public Library. The healthy celebration will feature snacks, a healthy recipe competition, physical activities and focus on increasing literacy. After the Proclamations in support of afterschool have been read, students will sign a giant reproduction which will be sent to New Mexico Governor Susana Martinez and Farmington Mayor Tommy Roberts. The event will take place from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

New York

Buffalo, New York: Nekia Kemp, Concerned Ecumenical Ministry, 716-882-2442, nkemp@cembuffalo.org

A screening of *C O N N E C T E D*, a film created by Buffalo's youth about local afterschool programs, the people who run them, the kids who love them and the impact that such programs are having on people's lives, will be part of Concerned Ecumenical Ministry's *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. The screening will feature a red carpet for afterschool parents and community partners. It will be held on October 18th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Forest Hills, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Patrick Pinchinat, Queens Community House, 718-830-5233, ppinchinat@qchnyc.org

On October 18th, Queens Community House's Beacon Program will host a silent march, rally and afterschool recognition ceremony from 3:45 to 5:30 PM to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. More than 200 parents, community members and students will attend. At the rally, organizers will record parent and student testimonials in support of afterschool programs to be used in upcoming public service announcements. After the silent march and rally, local elected officials will be honored for their work in support of afterschool.

New York, New York: Elz Cuya Jones, Harlem RBI, DREAM Charter School, 212-722-7105 x247, ecuyajones@harlemrbi.org

Harlem RBI will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at its afterschool program sites the week of *Lights On*. On October 18th, Harlem RBI's TeamBuilders program will put on its Town Hall, an event where middle school students will share their concerns about a topic. Since the Town Hall is being held on *Lights On Afterschool* Day, the topic will be afterschool, community and education. The Town Hall will be from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at P.S. 171 (19 E. 103rd Street). One of Harlem RBI's high school programs, TeamWorks and DreamWorks will host an open house so parents and community members can see the students engaged in their service learning activities, study hall or social work activities. That open house will be at 1960 1st Avenue from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. On October 19th, Harlem RBI's REAL Kids programs at DREAM Charter School and at Mosaic Preparatory Academy will host a "Lights On Runs Rally" and recognize a parent, a community member, and a staff member for their dedication to afterschool. Both of the "Lights On Runs Rallies" will take place from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at DREAM Charter School (232 East 103rd Street) and at Mosaic Preparatory Academy (141 East 111th Street).

New York, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Neha Gautam, Global Kids, 212-226-0130, neha@globalkids.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Global Kids will create art via dance and other forms of artistic expression to show the importance of having a safe space, like an afterschool program, in the community. Youth afterschool leaders will speak about their experiences in afterschool programs and how the programs have enriched their lives. This event will be held on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

New York, New York: Dahmein Mcfadden, Booker T. Washington Harlem Children's Zone, 646-539-5941, dmcfadden@hcz.org

Booker T. Washington Harlem Children's Zone will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a plethora of events on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The night will begin with a film about the about the importance of afterschool programs followed by a dance music combo. Students and staff will then take part in the program's "Rights of Passage" awards and the night will end with the release of 100 balloons which will have the kids' afterschool pledges attached.

New York, New York: Tiffani Lawson The Children's Aid Society, 646-867-6066, tiffanil@childrensaidsociety.org

On October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, the Children's Aid Society's will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at Mirabal Sisters Campus to allow all parents participate in the their children's afterschool adventures. Parents will shadow students as they go to their individual clubs. In addition, a Town Hall will allow the program staff to speak about the importance of the afterschool program and students will share their thoughts and experiences in afterschool.

White Plains, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Byron Smalls, White Plains Youth Bureau, 914-422-1378, bsmall@whiteplainsny.gov

Afterschool students attending The City of White Plains Youth Bureau's After School Connection are researching important facts related to why afterschool programs are important to youth, the community, New York and the United States. Students will use what they've learned during October to prepare for the program's *Lights On* celebration. Students will create lightbulbs art with facts, a message why afterschool is important and a picture. Then students will canvass the community handing out their decorated lightbulbs and educating the community about the benefits of afterschool programs. On October 18th all of the elementary and middle schools and city-run afterschool programs at community centers in White Plains will host open houses to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. One of the city's largest afterschool programs, Church Street Elementary School, will host U.S. Representative Nita Lowey, White Plains Superintendent Dr. Christopher Clouet, White Plains Mayor Tom Roach and other education officials from 4:00 to 6:30 PM.

North Carolina

Chapel Hill, North Carolina: Andrew Bullard, Glenwood Elementary School Age Care Program, 919-968-3473 x38239, abullard@chccs.k12.nc.us

On October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Glenwood Elementary School Age Care Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a parent/student forum and a movie screening. Participants will take part in a *Lights On* lightbulb decorating contest, play fun fitness games and more. Refreshments will be served.

Charlotte, North Carolina: Monique Jackson, Charlotte Mecklenburg Schools, 980-344-1030, monique.corpening@cms.k12.nc.us

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Stoney Creek Afterschool Enrichment Program will host a student performance showcasing the benefits of quality afterschool programming on October 18th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. The night will highlight parent testimonials in support of the afterschool programs and student performances.

Eden, North Carolina: Amy Nalley, Boys & Girls Club of Eden, 336-627-7960, bgceden@triad.rr.com

The Boys & Girls Club of Eden's traditional "*Lights On Afterschool* Spelling Bee" will be held on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The night will allow community leaders, parents, family and elected officials to tour the club and experience what happens in afterschool time. In addition to the spelling bee, there will be healthy snacks for all who attend.

High Point, North Carolina: Elizabeth Brannock, YWCA of High Point, 336-882-4126, ebrannock@ywcahp.com

The YWCA of High Point will hold a garden party to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The event will inform parents, guardians and community members about the community garden afterschool students have created as well as showcase all the wonderful things that have been going on in the program. Students will sell spaghetti dinners for \$5 a plate. The night will end with open house and fun examples of program activities for all.

Statesville, North Carolina: Afterschool Ambassador Dr. Bricca P. Sweet, Family Development Division, Statesville Housing Authority, 828-964-8406, Bricca.Sweet@gmail.com
Family Development Division's afterschool programs will host *Lights On Afterschool* events at East Iredell Elementary, East Iredell Middle, Third Creek Elementary, Troutman Elementary and Troutman Middle school sites on October 18th. At each site events range from traditional open houses to field days to carnivals, and each site will serve refreshments. More than 750 people in Statesville will celebrate keeping the lights on after school! Afterschool students will assist newspaper reporters by taking pictures and writing articles for the local media outlets.

Wilmington, North Carolina: Shirley Trobaugh, Brigade Boys & Girls Club, 910-392-0747, strobaugh@brigadebgc.org

Brigade Boys & Girls Club held a fall festival on October 12th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event was open to other youth serving organizations and was promoted in the neighborhood to build awareness of afterschool programs.

North Dakota

Fargo, North Dakota: Ashley Koester, YMCA School Age Learning Center, 701-281-0126, ashley.koester@ymcacassclay.org

The YMCA School Age Learning Centers of Cass and Clay Counties are putting on a Youth One Mile Run to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The run will be held at a local park from 4:30 to 7:00 PM with a family dinner at 6:00 PM. Children who register will also receive a t-shirt.

Grafton, North Dakota: Sandra Mahar, Extended School Program, 701-360-0956, sandy.mahar@sendit.nodak.edu

The Extended School Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house for city dignitaries and legislators on October 18th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. At the open house, parents and students will speak about the benefits of afterschool and showcase all of the program's great afterschool activities.

Grand Forks, North Dakota: Jennifer Brock, Encore 21st Century Community Learning Center, 612-816-1782, jen.brock@gfschools.org

In commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool* Encore 21st Century Community Learning Center hosted a fall festival on October 16th with educational activities relating to the season.

Community remembers played activities, shared food with students and staff, and learned more about the afterschool programs that serve Grand Fork's youth.

Park River, North Dakota: Peppi Robideaux, Park River Extended School Program, 701-284-7164, peppi.robideaux@sendit.nodak.edu

Park River Extended School Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 30th by serving families a nutritious meal and having a guest speaker explain the "My Plate" theory. At the end of the evening, participants will light paper lanterns and let them float into the sky to symbolize their connection with afterschool programs. Each family will get a lantern and will be able to write a dream or goal before it is launched.

New Town, North Dakota: Ashley Shardlow, Boys & Girls Club of the Three Affiliated Tribes - New Town, 701-627-4415, ashardlow@mhanation.com

In commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of the Three Affiliated Tribes - New Town will host an open house for youth, parents and community members on October 18th from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. There will be snacks and refreshments as club members and staff share their experiences in afterschool. Participants will also enjoy fun activities and entertainment.

Ohio

Chagrin Falls, Ohio: Mary Ann Breisch, Chagrin Falls Park Community Center, 440- 247-6030, [cfpmayann@chagrinfallspark.org](mailto:cfpmaryann@chagrinfallspark.org)

Chagrin Falls Park Community Center (CFPCC) will commemorate *Lights on Afterschool* on October 18th. The event honoring afterschool programs will take place from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center. This event, open to the public, will include a tour of the facility, afterschool students will share poetry and music and their feelings about afterschool. Kenston Schools Assistant Superintendent Nancy Santilli will also speak to guests about the importance of afterschool programs.

Columbus, Ohio: Liz Nusken, Ohio Afterschool Network, 614-310-1388, lnusken@occr.org

The Ohio Afterschool Network and COSI (the Center of Science and Industry) will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 15th at the Association of Science and Technology Centers (ASTC) conference in Columbus. Afterschool students from local COSI partner Godman Guild will showcase STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) learning activities for

conference participants. COSI's President and Chief Executive Officer David Chesebrough will discuss the importance of information science education; ASTC CEO Bud Rock will make the connection between afterschool and youth development. Afterschool Alliance STEM Policy Director Anita Krishnamurthi will also attend. The program will take place from 3:30 to 5:15 PM and at the end of the program there will be a tree planting and dedication.

Elyria, Ohio: Mark Noftz, Northwood Middle School Horizon Afterschool Program, 440-365-2820, mnoftz@horizonohio.org

The students in the Horizon Afterschool Program at Northwood Middle School will celebrate *Lights On* at Lorain County Community College (LCCC). "Lights on After School: Camera, Dance and Action" will be held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on October 18th in College Center Commons. There will be examples of enriching afterschool activities that students in Lorain County do each afternoon. The evening will celebrate the importance of afterschool programs and is sponsored by LCCC's Children's Learning Center and the Child Care Resource Center. Information will be available about afterschool programs offered through Horizons Education Centers, Neighborhood Alliance, The Linden School and St. Peter's Child Care Center. The event will include an appearance by Stomper from the Lake Erie Crushers, dancing with DJ John, games, food and prizes.

Fremont, Ohio: Mae Leake, WSOS Fremont Innovations Afterschool & Summer Program. 419-333-4012, mdleake@wsos.org

To take part in the 2012 *Lights On Afterschool* campaign, WSOS Fremont Innovations Afterschool & Summer Program students, parents and program supporters will participate in balloon releases at two area high school football games. In Fremont, afterschool students and their supporters will parade after the high school's football team and follow the marching band into the football stadium at 6:00 PM on October 19th. In Clyde, all participants will meet at 6:30 PM at the Clyde High School football stadium. Afterschool students will be recognized at halftime at each stadium, at which time a balloon release will take place.

Oklahoma

Hulbert, Oklahoma: Diana Garnatz, Boys & Girls Club, Norwood Unit, 918-478-3092, garnatzd@norwood.k12.ok.us

On October 18th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club's Norwood Unit will hold a Family Literacy Night. Activities will include a reading with parents, math games, physical activities, SmartBoard, art, and Club TECH centers for parents and children to rotate through.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: Jasmine Vasileva, Oklahoma Afterschool Network, 405-601-9560 x301, jasmine@okafterschool.org

The Oklahoma Afterschool Network is partnering with the Junior League to connect all of Oklahoma City's afterschool program directors to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at the Myriad Botanical Gardens on October 18th. The Crystal Bridge in the Gardens, a well-known landmark in Oklahoma City, will be lit up in commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool*! The event will feature local rapper Jabee Williams, Sisters of Stomp from Star Spencer High School and other

talented student performers. The entire community is invited to attend and learn about why afterschool programs are so important to Oklahoma City.

Tulsa, Oklahoma: Kay Fidler, Camp Fire, 918-592-2267, kfidler@tulsacampfire.org
On October 28th from 1:00 to 5:00 PM, Camp Fire will participate in the Boo Ha Ha Parade—Oklahoma’s largest Halloween parade with more than 15,000 people—to promote and celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with the community. Large vinyl banners will be displayed on the sides of floats, and Camp Fire kids and their families will join in a two-mile parade to promote visibility of and awareness for afterschool programs.

Oregon

Beaverton, Oregon: Amy Harrison, Champions, 503-524-1315, ch001221@klcorp.com
Champions will host a *Lights On Afterschool* carnival on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM to celebrate with students and families. At the carnival, Champions staff will also share information about the importance of afterschool programs.

Cave Junction, Oregon: Randy Keith, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Rogue Valley, Illinois Valley Branch, 541-592-4771, randy@begreat4kids.com
The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Rogue Valley, Illinois Valley Branch, held a multi-sport relay race to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 11th. Afterschool students of all age groups participated. Club shirts and hats were awarded as prizes to the winners of each age group as well.

Portland, Oregon: Helen Vank, Shaver SUN School, 503-408-2892, shaversun@parkrose.k12.or.us
Shaver SUN School’s afterschool program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a “Pumpkin Lights ON!” event. Afterschool students and parents will dress up in Halloween costumes, play games and win prizes on October 24th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

Salem, Oregon: Linda Perry, Salem Child Development Center, 503-363-9821, lindascdc@hotmail.com
To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Salem Child Development Center will host a harvest festival with BINGO, pumpkin bowling, face painting, fun carnival games and lots of fun carnival food for the community on October 18th from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. In addition to enjoying fun carnival games, participants will also learn about the importance of afterschool programs.

Pennsylvania

Allentown, Pennsylvania: Katherine Jackson, United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley’s COMPASS Community Schools, 484-765-4468, jacksonk@allentownsd.org
Roosevelt Elementary, part of the United Way of the Greater Lehigh Valley’s COMPASS Community Schools afterschool program, will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th with a “Book Blast Kickoff.” Book Blast is a year-long series of school-wide family literacy events designed to help parents and children discover a love for reading at home by equipping them with vital reading strategies. At each monthly Book Blast event, readers will demonstrate a

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specific reading strategy to parents, and then parents will practice the new strategy with their children. As an added bonus, every child will take home a book! The festivities begin at 6:00 PM.

Greensburg, Pennsylvania: Julia Sefcheck, Private Industry Council of Westmoreland/Fayette Inc. (PIC), 724-437-2590, jsefcheck@privateindustrycouncil.com
Dreams will take flight throughout Allegheny, Fayette and Westmoreland counties on October 18th as the Private Industry Council of Westmoreland/Fayette Inc. (PIC) hosts its annual *Lights On Afterschool* event at 15 different afterschool program locations starting at 4:30 PM. Students involved in PIC's Afterschool Enrichment Program: Sharing Time and Engaging Minds, which is funded through 21st Century Community Learning Center grants, will have a chance to write their dreams, aspirations and wishes on a slip of paper and tie these to helium-filled balloons which will be released at 5:00 PM. Area locations include Connellsville Junior High School, Lafayette School, Ben Franklin School, Uniontown Area High School, Menallen Elementary School, George J. Plava Elementary School, Masontown Elementary, Albert Gallatin North and South middle schools, Brownsville middle and high schools, and Bellmar Middle School in Belle Vernon.

Grove City, Pennsylvania: Lisa Hoffman, Grove City YMCA After-School, lhoffman@grovecityymca.org
To celebrate *Lights on Afterschool*, Grove City YMCA After-School will highlight the different interest areas offered to the afterschool students on October 18th. Grove City YMCA After-School's interest areas are: science/nature, math/reasoning, reading/language, drama/theater, music and movement, blocks and construction and arts and crafts. There will be an activity for families to participate in that address each afterschool interest area. Pizza and drinks will also be served. This year's *Lights On* event begins at 6:00 PM.

Hanover, Pennsylvania: Erika Alvarez, YWCA Hanover, 717-688-4201, ealvarez2932@yahoo.com
On October 18th, YWCA Hanover will open its doors at four community sites to celebrate *Lights on Afterschool*. At each of the sites, afterschool students will showcase their typical after school activities and will highlight *Lights on Afterschool* by decorating their own lightbulbs and writing on them why afterschool is important to them. When local dignitaries arrive to tour the afterschool sites, the adults will sit around a pseudo camp fire with the lights off and allow the children and youth to enlighten the community on what their afterschool program means to them.

Millheim, Pennsylvania: Afterschool Ambassador Robin Foltz, St. Johns Childhood Center, 814-349-5611, rfoltz1217@gmail.com
On October 18th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM, St. John's Childhood Center will hold a "Fall Carnival and Extravaganza" to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. This event will be an open house for parents, families and the community to get a chance to come, meet and talk to afterschool program staff about the exciting activities and learning happening at the Childhood Center. The carnival will include a haunted house, dress up booth, refreshments, paper airplane display, art booth and much more. This year's *Lights On Afterschool* event will be the kick off to St. Johns Childhood Center's Discovery Toys fundraiser.

Milton, Pennsylvania: Bryan Black, Milton School District TIES, 570-809-5802, bblack@csiu.org

On October 18th at 6:00 PM., Milton School District TIES will host its first *Lights on Afterschool* event—an open house that will welcome children, families, and community members to its site. The open house will showcase a variety of afterschool activities including arts and crafts, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities, aerobic exercise, and more. There will also be face painting, and older afterschool students will supervise making balloon animals. For the main event, a Zumba instructor will lead the participants in an hour of dancing. Refreshments will be served.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Tyler Richendollar, Public Health Management Corporation, 215-825-8215, tylerr@phmc.org

Several hundred youth and community leaders will attend Philadelphia's annual *Lights On Afterschool* rally in the city's Thomas Paine Plaza on October 18th. The rally will serve as a kickoff to a 15 day period that will celebrate out-of-school-time (OST). The rally will be a collaboration of municipal and afterschool agencies across the city, and it will feature five performances by youth, STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) demonstrations, advocacy activities, information booths, and remarks from Philadelphia Mayor Michael Nutter. The city will also light up the PECO Building, the LOVE Park fountain and the Ben Franklin Bridge in honor of *Lights On*. Across the city, other *Lights On* events will be held to promote afterschool programs. On October 24th the city will continue to celebrate afterschool programs at a screening of *Brooklyn Castle* during the Philadelphia Film Society Fall Festival at the Prince Theater. On October 27th, the Afterschool Matters Initiative Practitioner Fellowship Fall Roundtable will be held at the United Way Building. The annual Regional OST Summit and Resource Fair will be held at the City Line Avenue Hilton on November 1st.

Pottstown, Pennsylvania: Laurie White, Pottstown Middle School, 610-970-6665, lswhite@pottstownsd.org

Lights On! Camera! Action! It's time to roll out the red carpet and celebrate the stars of tomorrow at Pottstown Middle School's Hollywood-themed *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 18th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Participants and guests will experience all the glitz and glam of a Hollywood "reel" premiere—parents, community members and partners will be on the A List while afterschool students will be the main attraction. The premiere will put a spotlight on afterschool students' work and achievements. There will also be community resource tables and interactive stations for parents.

Schnecksville, Pennsylvania: Afterschool Ambassador, Jeanie Miller, Lehigh Carbon Community College SHINE Afterschool Program, 570-325-2771, jmiller@lccc.edu
Hundreds of afterschool youth in the Lehigh Carbon Community College SHINE 21st Century afterschool program, serving seven Carbon and Schuylkill school districts and the Carbon County Technical Institute, will gather together to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th, from 5:00 to 6:15 PM at the Panther Valley High School. Rosemary Poremba, Panther Valley School District Superintendent, will open the celebration. Donald Snyder, President of Lehigh Carbon Community College, will discuss the role of community colleges in afterschool programming. SHINE students will perform a musical "This Little Light of Mine," and provide presentations on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics), focusing on

high priority careers studied during the year. State Senator John Yudichak, a member of the Senate Education Committee, will speak about the importance of afterschool programs and their benefits. This year's *Lights On* event will showcase STEAM afterschool activities like: creating a human Rube Goldberg Invention, a solar system, and surprise visits from Ben Franklin, Washington Carver, Dr. Robert Goddard, Marie Curie and Galileo. Other highlights include a demonstration on alternative energy through hydrogen powered cars, premiere of student produced I-movies on math and technology, student dances to the Cha Cha Slide, and Middle School Career Academy students will unveil their "Car of the Future," to the Mission Impossible theme song. State Representative Doyle Heffley will present the state's Proclamation designating October 18, 2012, *Lights On Afterschool Day* in Pennsylvania. Refreshments will be served after the event.

Rhode Island

Cranston, Rhode Island: Afterschool Ambassador Kelly Whaley, Cranston Community Learning Center, 401-270-8017, kwhaley.cpsed@gmail.com
Gladstone Elementary School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house and congressional site visit on October 18th at 4:00 PM to highlight one of Rhode Island's quality afterschool programs and communicate the need for afterschool programs for all the state's youth. Cranston Mayor Allan Fung and U.S. Representative David Cicilline will tour the afterschool program. Representatives from the Rhode Island Afterschool Plus Alliance (RIASPA), Cranston Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Judith Lundsten, Gladstone Elementary School Principal Susan Buannano, and Afterschool Ambassador and afterschool program manager Kelly Whaley will lead the legislators in a tour of the program.

Cranston, Rhode Island: Adam Greenman, Rhode Island Afterschool Plus Alliance, 401-331-2638, adam.greenman@afterschoolri.org
The Rhode Island Afterschool Plus Alliance will host its 10th annual *Lights On Afterschool!* Breakfast of Champions on October 19th at the Rhodes on the Pawtucket from 7:45 to 9:30 AM. Milton Chen, author of *Education Nation: Six Leading Edges of Innovation in Our Schools* will be the keynote speaker. This year's theme, "The Power of Afterschool and the Future of Expanded Learning," is a potent reminder of how committed stakeholders who come together to share ideas, build consensus, and pool their talents can result in major transformation.

Newport, Rhode Island: Brittany Hullinger, Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County, 401-847-6927, bhullinger@bgcnewport.org
On October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, all three of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Newport County sites will converge to the central clubhouse to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Activities featured will include a Mad Science demonstration, African drumming lessons, health and nutrition demonstrations, a Moon Bounce, face painting and more!

Providence, Rhode Island: Cherima Folston, Providence Youth Services YMCA, 401-255-0932, CFolston@gpymca.org
On October 18th at 4:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, a storyteller from Providence Public Library will come to Providence Youth Services' afterschool program and read to

students and families and do activities with them. Following the storyteller, each student will choose a Reading Is Fundamental book to take home.

Warwick, Rhode Island: Erica Saccoccio, Beast Coast Dance Competition, 401-738-1244, saamc02889@yahoo.com

On October 7th, ASM Dance Company and Family Tree School Age Program teamed up for the 2012 Beast Coast Hip Hop Event to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Beast Coast was an all-day event that featured b-boy battles, singing performances, master dance classes and a dance/urban fashion show. There was also a meet and greet with celebrities from “America’s Best Dance Crew,” including Vinny Castonovo (Season 6), Jared Rivers (Season 5), SKooj CorE-om (Season 5), and Marvin Horsley (Season 5). The main event was a hip hop dance competition with some of the best dance teams on the East Coast. It took place from 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM.

Woonsocket, Rhode Island: Charlotte Boudreau, Connecting for Children & Families, 401-766-3384, cboudreau@ccfcenter.org

Connecting for Children & Families’ *Lights On Afterschool* event will be held on November 9th this year to provide opportunities for families to visit the program and participate in an assortment of afterschool activities. Beacon Charter High School students will provide face painting. There will also be a DJ, air brush tattoos, a photo booth, bouncy castle, a rock wall provided by the National Guard, raffles, prizes and many more interactive games. The event will take place from 5:00 to 8:00 PM.

South Carolina

Columbia, South Carolina: Afterschool Ambassador Dr. Traci Young Cooper, Richland School District One, 803-231-6842, trcooper@richlandone.org

In keeping with the theme, “GAME ON: Moving Toward Academic Victory!” Columbia’s 2012 *Lights On Afterschool* event will celebrate academics, physical activity, and football on November 1st at Williams Brice Stadium, aka “The Zone.” In addition to afterschool students from Richland School District One, afterschool students from the South Carolina Chamber of Commerce Homework Centers and City of Columbia’s Woodland Park Afterschool Childcare Program will also attend the event from 1:00 to 5:30 PM. *Lights On* will feature: a tour of Williams Brice Stadium and University of South Carolina (USC) athletic facilities, face painting, USC football players and cheerleaders autograph station, a pig-skin tailgating party, reading circles and mini-football and cheerleading clinics conducted by student athletes. The formal program honoring the 2012 Great Friend to Afterschool Award Recipients, 2012 Poster Contest Winners, and 2012 Essay Contest Winners will begin at 3:00 PM.

Columbia, South Carolina: Princess Lloyd, Midlands Community Development Corporation, 803-647-0178, princess.lloyd@midlandscdc.org

The Dream Catcher Afterschool Program staff of the Midlands Community Developments Corporation will present a “Family Science Night” on October 18th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM that will be open to participants, the community, and families as a celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. Participants and guests will be eligible for door prizes, and refreshments will be served.

Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina: Sandra Reed, MPA Kaleidoscope, 843-849-2877, reedssandra@gmail.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, MPA Kaleidoscope will invite parents to observe the afterschool program during operating hours, and then to join students and afterschool program staff for an outdoor block party with face painting, story reading, cup stacking, dancing and pizza. The festivities begin on October 18th from 4:00 to 8:00 PM.

South Dakota

Belle Fourche, South Dakota: Kristy Messner, Belle Fourche Middle School JAM, 605-723-3367, kristy.messner@k12.sd.us

Belle Fourche Middle School JAM's *Lights On Afterschool* carnival will be held on November 10th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. There will be activities for all ages including carnival rides, games, food, and prizes. There will also be a booth set up to where people can learn more about JAM's afterschool program.

Rapid City, South Dakota: Afterschool Ambassador Carla Allard, Career Learning Center of the Black Hills, 605-394-5120, collard@clc.tie.net

On October 23rd the Career Learning Center of the Black Hills will host its 5th Annual Careers in Action Conference. Representatives from 34 area business and industry, for profit and non-profit organizations, universities, technical schools and colleges will present information on the different career choices available for high school students. This year's conference, held in conjunction with *Lights On Afterschool*, will feature Dr. Julie Mathiesen from the South Dakota Board of Education. More than 400 students will attend.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota: Erin Bofenkamp, South Dakota Afterschool Partnership, 605-367-9667, erinb@sdvoicesforchildren.org

Afterschool groups from around South Dakota celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* at a state-wide event on October 5th at the Washington Pavilion. Speakers at the event were: Sioux Falls Mayor Mike Huether, Officer Curt Daughters, Sioux Falls Police Department and afterschool participant Safa Abdul Jabbar. Nancy Naeve Brown from KSFY was the emcee. It was sponsored by the South Dakota Afterschool Partnership, a project of South Dakota Voices for Children; the South Dakota School Age Care Alliance; South Dakota Department of Education; Lutheran Social Services; and the YWCA of Sioux Falls. Throughout the month of October, art from afterschool programs from across the state will be displayed in the Pavilion's Off the 'Fridge Gallery.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota: Afterschool Ambassador Heather DeWit, Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota, 605-371-8770, heather.dewit@lsssd.org

Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota's afterschool programs will host program tours of each site to celebrate *Lights On* and demonstrate the hands-on, fun learning that takes place after school. Students will plan fun activities to demonstrate what they do every day. The open houses will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on October 18th. Reporters and key dignitaries will be directed to attend the open house at Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota's First Reformed location (at 57th and Tomar Ave).

Tennessee

Madisonville, Tennessee: Pam Christensen, Boys & Girls Club of the Monroe Area, Madisonville Unit, 423-442-1318, pchristensen@bgcmonroearea.org
The Boys & Girls Club will host “Jump into Reading” to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. Representatives from the local library will promote reading and creative writing, and share interesting facts about students’ favorite authors.

Memphis, Tennessee: Afterschool Ambassador Sonja Currie, Memphis City Schools, 901-416-5442, CURRIES@mcsk12.net
On October 18, 2012, Memphis City Schools Extended Learning Opportunities and Programs department will participate in the 13th annual *Lights On Afterschool* nationwide celebration of afterschool programs with a local rally and fall festival. The celebration will feature Ed Stanton III, U.S. Attorney for the Western District of Tennessee, as well as educators, partners, business leaders, and other officials. During this event, various partners will set up tables and information booths to share valuable information with students and parents, organizations will include Red Cross Safety House, Memphis Police Department, Memphis Fire Department, Children’s Museum, the Memphis Grizzlies and the Redbirds. This year’s theme, “Afterschool is Magic” will be celebrated with a magic show and a musical performance from afterschool students. The students wrote a song, “Afterschool is Magic” specifically for this year’s *Lights On Afterschool* event. In addition, students will enjoy many carnival games, prizes, zumba fitness and lots of food and fun. It will take place from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM at 4100 Raleigh Millington Road.

Powell, Tennessee: Sabrina Thompson, SHADES of Development, 865-947-1804, sabrina@shadesofdevelopment.org
On October 11th, SHADES of Development held a dance and carnival to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. There was a special dance section for people to take pictures while dancing using the Wii. Carnival participants played games and had their faces painted with fun neon face paints. Everyone wore their favorite neon color and brought a flashlight to light up the room for *Lights On Afterschool*!

Selmer, Tennessee: Patsy Cromer, Project Enrich, 731-645-7977, cromerp@mcnairy.org
To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 25th, Project Enrich will host parents and students at a “Harvest Festival” from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. There will be games and prizes as well as a pizza dinner!

Texas

Austin, Texas: Molly Wofford, Texas Partnership for Out of School Time, 512-293-1338, molly@txpost.org
The Austin community will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with the Texas Partnership for Out of School Time at the Alamo Drafthouse Theater with a screening of *Brooklyn Castle* on October 24th at 7:00 PM. *Brooklyn Castle* is an award-winning documentary about the impact a chess afterschool program had on a community of students in Brooklyn, New York.

Austin, Texas: Jennifer Pritchard, 21st Century Afterschool Program, 512-414-3078, jennifer.pritchard@austinisd.org

The 21st Century Afterschool Program at Martin Middle School will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* showcase on October 18th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. Students and families will participate in different afterschool stations, like do-it-yourself art club and phoenix aviation simulation. There will also be a parent-student volleyball game. Afterschool students from the Culinary Arts class will end the night with a fabulous dinner.

Austin, Texas: Genevieve Deas, ACE Afterschool Program, genevieve.deas@austinisd.org

ACE Afterschool Program in Austin will celebrate *Light On Afterschool* with an open house for parents and the community. On October 18th from 4:30 to 6:00 PM, participating ACE Afterschool Program sites will offer tours of their programs.

Baytown, Texas: Lisa Loreda, Baytown Family YMCA, 281-427-1797, lisalo@ymcahouston.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Baytown Family YMCA will host a family event on October 18th to showcase afterschool students' projects and activities. The entire Baytown community is invited to participate in fun activities and learn about the importance of afterschool programs. The fun begins at 4:00 PM.

Dallas, Texas: Afterschool Ambassador Tanya MacDonald, Dallas AfterSchool Network, 214-306-8400 x100, tmcdonald@dasn.org

To commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Dallas AfterSchool Network invites participants, parents, and community members to a screening of *Brooklyn Castle* on October 25th at 5:00 PM at the Angelika Theater. *Brooklyn Castle* is an award-winning documentary about the impact a afterschool chess program had on a community of students in Brooklyn, New York.

Dallas, Texas: Buster Spiller, Thriving Minds After-School Program, 214-702-8672, busterspiller@gmail.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, students will plan and lead open house activities and serve as tour guides for parents at John Ireland Elementary School on October 18th from 3:15 to 6:15 PM. Parents and middle school volunteers will operate a "Support Afterschool Programming" table to encourage parents to sign a petition. The names of those who sign the petition will be given to the school principal and the Dallas Independent School District Board of Trustees. Prior to the event, students will create painted lightbulb art, which will be displayed at the Thriving Minds afterschool program.

Fort Sam Houston, Texas: Ignacia Lucero, Middle School Teen/CYS Services, 210-221-3183, ignacia.lucero.naf@mail.mil

Middle School Teen/CYS Services will host a *Lights On Afterschool* career day and information fair for youth and their families on October 18th from 4:00 to 7:30 PM. This year's *Lights On* event is being held in collaboration with the Army Reserve Child, Youth, and School Services. The event will educate parents about available afterschool opportunities and students about career choices.

Houston, Texas: Joshua Kay, Houston Parks and Recreation, 713-859-0014, kay.joshua@houstontx.gov

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Houston Parks and Recreation will showcase an array of afterschool programming opportunities at its 56 locations throughout the city. Special guest speakers, contests and competitions, pizza parties and youth-led afterschool activities will demonstrate the afterschool program experience for parents, local elected officials, and youth participants.

Manvel, Texas: Debra Copeland, 21st Century/A.C.E., 832-621-9400, dmckinney@alvinisd.net

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM, the A.C.E. program at Don Jeter Elementary will offer guests the opportunity to participate in STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities. Glow sticks will represent the importance of leaving the lights on after school. The sticks will be distributed outside for a hot air balloon lift off.

McAllen, Texas, Brenda Baldazo, Boys & Girls Club of McAllen, 956- 682-5791, brendabaldazo@yahoo.com

To commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys and Girls Club of McAllen will host an open house for club members and parents on October 18th from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Parents will visit different activity stations to learn about the various afterschool learning opportunities the club offers. Families will then take part in a pumpkin-carving contest and enjoy light refreshments.

Odem, Texas, Lupita Carrizales, HEROES 21st Century, 361-368-9312 x267, CarrizalesL@oeisd.org

HEROES 21st Century will host a fall festival-themed *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 27th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The event will be held at the Odem High School Stadium with students from afterschool programs across the district. Participants, families, and the community at large will be invited to participate in carnival games and activity booths. Informational flyers will also be handed out.

Pasadena, Texas: Steven Villano, Texas ACE 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program, 713-740-5317, svillano@pasadenaisd.org

On October 18th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, the ACE 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program sites in Pasadena will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at the San Jacinto Monument, a national historic site. The event will celebrate what students are doing and learning in their afterschool programs, with a special focus on anti-bullying efforts. Representatives from the Pasadena Independent School District and jpenney will attend. At the end of the *Lights On* event, students will hold up candles during the reading of a Proclamation about the importance of afterschool programs. Each of the 10 ACE 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program sites will host open houses on their campuses.

Richland Hills, Texas, Lydia Calahan, Birdville Independent School District, 817-547-1821, lydia.calahan@me.com

Representatives from the Richland Police and Fire Departments will come and speak to the afterschool students at the Birdville Independent School District on October 18th from 4:00 to 5:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. A representative from the Richland Police

Department will discuss Stranger Danger Safety and a representative from the fire department will bring fire trucks out to the afterschool program site and talk to students about fire safety.

San Antonio, Texas, Joan Perez, San Antonio Youth, 210-223-313, joan@sanantonioyouth.org
On October 19th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM, San Antonio (SA) Youth will have an exhibit of artwork created by children on the theme 'KEEPING LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL: Its Importance to the Children, to the Family and to the Community.' There will be an art gallery show at the 15 SA Youth sites where parents, school officials, and community members will be invited to view and judge the artwork created by the children. The winning art will be displayed on October 19th at the SA Youth Central Office at Mission Verde. This will be the final activity of the organization for this year's *Lights On Afterschool* event. School officials and community members will join students and staff to highlight the importance of afterschool learning centers in the community.

Utah

Panguitch, Utah: Laura Adams, Healthy Happy U, 435-676-2599, laura77sue@hotmail.com
To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Health Happy U will hold an Elementary Science Night on October 25th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Families will be invited to participate in a variety of hands-on experiments and booths set up by the school PTO, area Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts, local high school clubs and more will showcase their afterschool offerings.

Provo, Utah: Brenae Tanner, Independence High School, 801-374-3739, brenaet@provo.edu
Independence High School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house on October 25th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Guests will participate in activities designed to demonstrate all of the afterschool offerings. Parents and students will visit informational booths around the gym and door prizes will be awarded throughout the event. A surprise flash mob will showcase the school's hip-hop dance program.

Roy, Utah: Kyle Smith, Boys & Girls Club of Weber-Davis, 801-614-5454, kyleseijin@gmail.com
On October 30th in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of Weber-Davis will team up with Weber State University and other community organizations to host a fall festival. The festival will include trunk-or-treat, a photo booth, a costume contest, face painting, a maize maze, pumpkin carving and more. The fall festival will be open to the entire community; festivities will begin at 5:00 PM.

Smithfield, Utah: Troy Pugmire, Summit After School Clubs, 435-938-2800, troy.pugmire@ccsdut.org
Summit After School Clubs will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 25th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Parents and community members will tour the facility and learn more about afterschool programs. A larger event will be held on December 20th when afterschool students will perform an opera they composed.

Tooele, Utah: Darlene Dixon, Boys & Girls Club of GSL Tooele, 435-843-5719, darlene.dixon@bgcgsl.org

On October 22nd from 12:00 to 5:00 PM to celebrate of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of GSL Tooele will hold a community Halloween carnival for area families. The entrance fee will be a can of food to donate to the local food pantry. There will be 25 different carnival booths sponsored by local organizations. The Tooele County Commissioners will provide hot dogs and drinks, and trick-or-treat bags will be donated by the Tooele Sheriff's Office. The Tooele Chief of Police and members of the city council will attend.

West Valley City, Utah: Afterschool Ambassador Margaret Peterson, Community Education Partnership of West Valley City, Inc., 801-949-9812, cep4kids@comcast.net
On October 2nd, Community Education Partnership of West Valley, Inc. (CEP) promoted *Lights On Afterschool* Day with performances by afterschool students, and presented on local afterschool data at a city council meeting. The City Council of West Valley City passed a Proclamation declaring "October 2012 as *Lights on Afterschool* Month in West Valley City." At the city council meeting, the Proclamation was read by CEP Board Chairman and City Councilman, Stephen Buhler. Members of the West Lake Jr. High Afterschool Dance Club performed. Margaret Peterson, CEP Executive Director, presented the Annual Afterschool Program Report to the City Council. Peterson reported on 2012 data showing increases of 67 percent in student academic performance, 44 percent in positive behavior and 57 percent in satisfactory homework completion during the regular school day for students attending CEP afterschool programs.

Vermont

Arlington, Vermont: Tai King, Connections After-School, 802-375-6409, kingt@bvsu.org
The Connections team will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by hosting an open house for students, parents, and community members on October 18th from 4:15 to 5:30 PM. Program staff will host a reading of several popular books. There will also be a choice of crafts and games to complement the readings. Refreshments will be served.

Burlington, Vermont: Gabriel Diaz, Burlington Kids Afterschool Program, 802-316-1138, gdiaz@ci.burlington.vt.us
The Burlington Kids Afterschool Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th. Afterschool programs from across Burlington will participate in a parade down Church Street and a rally at Memorial Auditorium, followed by entertainment. The fun begins at 1:00 PM. Mayor Miro Weinberger will read a Proclamation on Afterschool in Burlington, and additional open houses will occur at sites throughout the city.

East Montpelier, Vermont: Afterschool Ambassador Ginny Burley, Community Connections, 802-223-9736, gburly@u32.org
East Montpelier Community Connections will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event for the whole community on October 24th. It will be an evening full of activities including cooking with Chef Boy R' Gee and story photography.

Hardwick, Vermont: Nicole Miller, REACH! Program, 802-472-5411 x242, nmiller@ossu.org
The Wolcott Elementary REACH! program will host an open house on October 17th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The open house will begin with a slideshow

featuring children and youth from the REACH! program, followed by a video on afterschool and summer programs statewide. During the evening, students will talk about what they do in afterschool and why they participate, and activity leaders will discuss future afterschool program session activities.

Rochester, Vermont: Dana Anderson, EXCEL, 802-767-4632 x3140, daanderson@wnwsu.org
Rochester Elementary School's EXCEL program will hold a "Fall Fling" to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 30th. The event will include a hay bale obstacle course, student-made costume displays, and popcorn and snacks that have been grown in the school greenhouse. The Fall Fling will begin at 4:30 PM.

Stowe, Vermont: Holly Morehouse, Vermont Center for Afterschool Excellence, 802-598-4005, hollymorehouse@vermontafterschool.org
The 2012 Vermont Afterschool Conference will be held on October 26th at the Stoweflake Mountain Resort in Stowe. In line with *Lights On Afterschool* celebrations statewide, the Vermont Afterschool Conference brings together afterschool programs, partners, advocates, and educators from around the state for a full day of learning, networking, and celebrating afterschool programs. This year's event will feature Dr. Kenneth Wesson of the International Center on Education Leadership. Dr. Wesson is an expert on the neuroscience of learning and will speak on establishing "brain-considerate" learning environments.

Williamstown, Vermont: Jennefer Jolls, ONWARD Williamstown Middle High School, 802-433-5350, jjolls.wmhs@onsu.org
To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, ONWARD will host an open house on October 17th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM for students and their families so participants can see some of the products of their afterschool activities. Participants will also enjoy a tasting party catered by the cooking clubs, and conclude with a launch of sky lanterns on the back field.

Virginia

Alexandria, Virginia: David Sarpal, Campagna Kids, 703-232-4325, dsarpal@campagnacenter.org

On October 18th, it's a WordWorld Extravaganza for *Lights On Afterschool*! William Ramsay Campagna Kids will open its doors to the community and showcase activities related to literacy and fun with words. There will be an improv puppet show, a "Word-O" the puppet craft station, charades, and myriad other word games. The fun begins at 3:30 PM.

Arlington, Virginia: Milagros Martinez, Kenmore Check-In Extended Day Program, milagros.martinez@apsva.us

On October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Kenmore Check-In Extended Day Program will hold an activity and games and community service day to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will prepare meals for the homeless in a collaborative effort with the Arlington Street People Network (ASPAN).

Arlington, Virginia: Kyle Mason, Arlington Public Schools and Tuckahoe Elementary Extended Day Program, 703-228-8322, kyle.mason@apsva.us

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On October 17th, Tuckahoe Elementary Extended Day Program will host a “Show Off Your Wheels” for *Lights on Afterschool*. Students, school personnel, and families will bring their bikes and scooters to ride in the Tuckahoe Park area to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Bike Arlington will conduct a presentation regarding bike safety.

Newport News, Virginia: Afterschool Ambassador Karen Washington, Newport News Parks, Recreation & Tourism, 757-926-1449, kwashington@nngov.com
On October 18th, each of the 19 Newport News afterschool locations will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. Afterschool locations include B.C. Charles, Deer Park, Epes, Hidenwood, Hilton, Jenkins, Kiln Creek, Palmer, McIntosh, Sanford, Saunders, Sedgefield and Yates Elementary schools, South Morrison Family Education Center, Denbigh Early Childhood Center, Denbigh Therapeutics Center, Passage Teen program, and Brittingham-Midtown Community Center KIDS and TEENS programs. In all, approximately 1,200 students, parents and members of the Newport News community will attend a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration.

Washington

Kennewick, Washington: Jessie Cluck, Boys & Girls Club of Benton & Franklin Counties Columbia Center Rotary Branch Music & Arts Center, jessiec@kidexpert.org
On October 18th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Music & Arts Center Torch Club will host its first “Friends & Family Night” from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Guests and participants will enjoy a night of fun games, activities, and food. Families will also speak with community members and learn more about services available for the youth.

Lake Stevens, Washington: Alicia Landre, Snohomish County Boys & Girls Club of Lake Stevens, 425-377-0250, alandre@bgcsc.org
For *Lights On Afterschool*, Snohomish County Boys & Girls Club of Lake Stevens will hold an “Educational Game Day Open House” on October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM displaying students’ work in all the different program areas. Every room in the building will host a fun educational game. There will be ice cream for those who participate in two or more activities!

Lynnwood, Washington: Jeni Lancaster, Alderwood Boys & Girls Club, 425-774-3022, jlancaster@bgcsc.org
Alderwood Boys & Girls Club will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM with club members and their families. There will be Kinect games in the teen room, art projects, and other games and refreshments. The summer 2012 slideshow will also be unveiled and parents can learn more about the available programs and activities.

Seattle, Washington: Afterschool Ambassador Vicky Raya, South Shore School, 206-272-0333, vraya@edlabgroup.org
A “*Lights On Afterschool: Celebrating Science & Technology!*” event will take place on October 18th from 4:30 to 7:30 PM at South Shore School in Seattle. EdLab Group will partner with the Afterschool Alliance, School’s Out Washington, Kids Co., and the King County Youth Development Network to provide a fun evening hosting booths from Pacific Science Center, the Pacific Northwest Girls Collaborative Project, Puget Sound Off, and Yakima Valley/Tri Cities

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MESA and more. Guests will learn as they play with bilingual (English-Spanish) interactive science exhibits, enjoy free refreshments, and attend a ceremony at 5:00 PM honoring some of School's Out Washington's Hall of Fame award winners: Norm Rice, the Seattle Foundation, and Susan Dibble, the Executive Director of Page Ahead.

West Virginia

Buckhannon, West Virginia: Jean Gifford, Mountain CAP, CDC, 304-472-339, jgifford@mountaincap.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Mountain CAP, CDC will host a community fair on October 25th from 5:00 to 9:00 PM. Many afterschool organizations and vendors from the community will share information about available community resources. There will also be crafts, games, cooking contests, cakewalk, a costume party, coloring contest, and lots of free food!

Charleston, West Virginia: Tonya Clark, Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center, 304-768-7688, tclark@paacwv.org

The West Virginia Statewide Afterschool Network, in collaboration with the 21st Century Community Learning Center Closing the Gap program, hosted an afterschool celebration at the Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center on October 16th. U.S. Rep. Shelley Moore Capito and Gov. Earl Ray Tomblin attended. In addition, local, county, and state leaders from the area heard firsthand from parents and students about the value that the Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Center's afterschool program adds to their lives. The staff and students walked attendees through various stations that showcased a typical week at the center, like robotics, nutrition, and Lets Move physical fitness activities.

Fairmont, West Virginia: Stacey Spadafore, Boys & Girls Club of Marion County, 304-376-2627, smspadaf@access.k12.wv.us

The Boys & Girls Club of Marion County will host a resource fair on October 18th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* 2012. It will include information on available youth and family services, and club afterschool students' performances. Door prizes will be provided throughout the evening; the fair begins at 4:00 PM.

Riversville, West Virginia: Mark A Stutler, Rivesville Elementary/Middle School Afterschool Program, 304-278-5331

The West Virginia Statewide Afterschool Network in collaboration with the Rivesville Elementary/Middle School afterschool program hosted a mock election ceremony on October 16th at Rivesville Elementary/Middle School. U.S. Rep. David McKinley participated in the ceremony and shared his perspective on public office. Local, county, and state leaders participated as well and learned about what afterschool provides in the area. The mock election was part of the Character Counts curriculum that the center has been using in the past month.

Wisconsin

Adams, Wisconsin: Mary Jocham, Adams-Friendship Area School, 608-339-3212 x1008, jocham_m@af.k12.wi.us

On October 18th to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*, Adams-Friendship Area School will be “Bringing Science to Light” featuring a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) science show from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Dinner will be served to afterschool students and participants from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Dinorah Marquez, Latino Arts Strings & Mariachi Juvenil Program, dinorahm@unitedcc.org

Latino Arts Strings & Mariachi Juvenil will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 19th at the United Community Center. The program will tie in *Lights On* with the group’s annual fundraising dinner/dance show. The event will begin at 5:00 PM with a concert by the students, ages five to 13. Following the concert, awards will be given and representatives from the Afterschool Alliance and MetLife Foundation will speak. After the awards ceremony, guests will enjoy dinner and dancing.

Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Engleburg Boys & Girls Club, 414-616-5657

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Engleburg Boys & Girls Club will host a literacy night at Engleburg Elementary School on October 18th from 3:30 to 6:30 PM. The event will feature a 45 foot Rock Climbing Wall from Adventure Rock, and throughout the afternoon, program staff and youth will provide information for the three amazing initiatives of the Club: the Library, Room #31, and the Gym. Light snacks will be provided.

Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin: Dana Jazdzewski, Club Mead, dana.jazdzewski@wrps.net

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* Club Mead will “Rock Out And READ!” On this family night, students and staff will share the importance of afterschool and its benefits. There will be lighted library where families can play educational games and check out books, BINGO with books as prizes and a live band! The festivities will begin at 4:00 PM, and the band will play until 7:00 PM.

Wyoming

Lander, Wyoming: Afterschool Ambassador Linda Barton, Lights On in Lander, 307-332-4240, lbarton@landerschools.org

Afterschool students, their families, education officials and more will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* in Lander with Clifford the Big Red Dog on October 18th! From 4:30 to 6:30 PM in the North Elementary School Gym, there will be activity booths, games, door prizes and food for all who attend.

Peekskill, Wyoming: Tanya E. Johnson, City of Peekskill Youth Bureau, 914-862-5347, tjohnson@cityofpeekskill.com

On October 18th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, youth from the City of Peekskill Youth Bureau will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by sharing skills and knowledge learned in the afterschool

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program, including entrepreneurship skills through business concepts, gardening skills, a homework center, a science showcase, chess club, a community service activity and an art exhibit.

Thermopolis, Wyoming: Afterschool Ambassador Jenny Davis, Lights On Afterschool, Hot Springs County School District #1, 307-864-6657, jdavis@hotsprings1.com
Afterschool students and families are celebrating *Lights On Afterschool* twice in Thermopolis! On October 18th at the corner of 6th Street and Broadway from 7:00 to 7:30 PM participants will rally in support of afterschool programs. There will be a lighting ceremony, a reading of the Governor's Proclamation, and refreshments. Then on Saturday, October 20th from 7:30 to 9:30 AM at the Thermopolis Middle School's commons area, there will be a live demonstration of a hot air balloon as well as tethering rides. For the month leading up to *Lights On*, afterschool students have been learning about hot air balloons and will showcase their work at the event with a video slideshow.

White House Station, Wyoming: Cindy Caporaso, Work-Family Connection, 908-635-7427, milton@workfamily.org
Work-Family Connection will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a week of fun and activities. On October 15th an environmentalist from the Arboretum brought birds to the program, and children played nature-themed games and made a birdhouse to take home! On October 17th, the center will hold a food drive and have a speaker from the Morris County Interfaith Food Pantry. On October 18th, Senator Tom Kean, Jr. is coming to share his favorite book and answer kids' questions. And on October 19th, the afterschool students will be encouraged to bring a friend who is not currently enrolled at the program to participate at no charge.

International

Ramstein Air Base, Germany: Alysse Seligman, Ramstein Youth Center, DSN 4806444, alysse.seligman@ramstein.af.mil
On October 18th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Ramstein Youth Center will showcase the facility's multiple afterschool clubs to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will also light up the KMCC mall with large spotlights and three large banners that say, "*Lights On Afterschool*," "BE GREAT", and "KMC Youth Programs." The fun will start at 4:00 and last until 6:00 PM.

Andersen Air Force Base, Guam: Nicki Torres, Andersen Air Force Base School Age Care Program, 671-727-3272, andersensap@yahoo.com
Andersen Air Force Base School Age Care Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with singing and dancing! Afterschool students will perform local cultural dances and songs for parents and community leaders. The performance will be followed by an art exhibit highlighting. The *Lights On* open house will take place on October 18th from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.