



***Lights On Afterschool 2013 Local Events
A Representative Sample***

Alabama

Birmingham, Alabama: Afterschool Ambassador Erika Eatmon, Birmingham Regional Empowerment and Development (BREAD) Center, 205-796-0550, breadee@bellsouth.net
The BREAD Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with parents, families and community leaders on October 17th. This year's *Lights On* event will be a fall festival featuring moonwalks, basketball, hula hoop contest, Wii, dance performances, face painting, food, and more. Governor Bentley's Proclamation supporting *Lights On Afterschool* in Alabama will be read at event, along with the City of Birmingham Proclamation.

Clay, Alabama: Tina Lopresti, Clay Elementary After School Care, 205-379-3030, tlopresti@jefcoed.com

Clay-Chalkville High School Marching Band will perform at a pep rally for the students on October 17th to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will also color lightbulbs that will be displayed along with arts and crafts highlighting activities that the program has done so far this school year.

Mobile, Alabama: Mary Taylor, YMCA of South Alabama, 251-344-4856, mtaylor@ysal.org
Lights On Afterschool will be celebrated in style by the YMCA of South Alabama. There will be a carnival with face painting, games, and goodie bags. The program will also distribute informational flyers to share the afterschool curriculum and activities. The fun begins at 4:00 PM on October 17th.

New Hope, Alabama: Andrea Brides, New Hope Community Learning Center, 256-723-5437, afmbridges@hotmail.com
In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* with Nickelodeon's World Wide Day of Play, New Hope Community Learning Center will host a fun run, along with other fun activities to promote healthy and active youth. The festivities will be held on October 17th at 3:00 PM

Selma, Alabama: Dorothy Cowan, Selma Police Athletic League, 334-874-2419, dcowan@selma-al.gov
In commemoration *Lights On Afterschool*, the Selma Police Athletic League will host a talent showcase. With a panel of community leaders as judges, the showcase will highlight the talents of the program's students and also shed light on the importance of afterschool programs. The showcase will begin at 5:00 PM on October 17th.

Vestavia Hills Alabama: Vicki Bruce, Vestavia Hills Extended Day Program, 205-823-7593, bruceve@vestavia.k12.al.us
On October 17th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Vestavia Hills Extended Day Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a casual meal with students and guests, followed by a tour of the

beautiful building. On display will be pieces of marvelous student-created artwork. At the end of the tour program guests will be entertained and taught “Spooky Science.”

Alaska

Fairbanks, Alaska: Billy Smith, Hunter Elementary After School Program, 907-456-5775 x111, billy.smith@k12northstar.org

Hunter Elementary After School Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a student-led STEAM showcase and activities. There will be a video presentation by Senator Lisa Murkowski, followed by reading of the governor’s afterschool Proclamation. The program will begin at 6:30 PM on October 17th, and a pizza dinner will be served to all participants.

Fairbanks, Alaska: Elizabeth Wagner, Nordale After School Program, 907-452-2696 x9143, Elizabeth.Wagner@k12northstar.org

Nordale Afterschool Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a “Day in the Life” presentation where family and community members will be able to see the daily working of the afterschool program. An open house and refreshments will follow the presentation. The fun begins on October 17th from 3:00 to 7:00 PM.

Fairbanks, Alaska: Afterschool Ambassador Julie Wild-Curry, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, 907-687-8585, julie.wild-curry@k12northstar.org

To commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District will host dignitaries and legislators, along with community members at their 12 sites across the district. Each site will showcase what a typical day looks like in the afterschool programs. Each site will begin presentations and site tours at 3:00 PM on October 17th

Fairbanks, Alaska: Jody Vignola, Ryan Learning Center, 907-474-9134, jody.vignola@k12northstar.org

The Ryan Learning Center will commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* with karate demonstrations, STEAM projects for kids and adults, and a school sponsored for-parents-only Fairbanks Police Department Drug Awareness Presentation and a middle school behaviors presentation. The event begins at 5:00 PM on October 17th.

Juneau, Alaska: Afterschool Ambassador Terri Campbell, B.A.M./DZ and FD Middle Schools, 907-957-6105, tfcampbell1985@gmail.com

Dzantik’i Heeni Middle School and Floyd Dryden Middle School will host a *Lights On* celebration at their afterschool programs on October 17th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM to promote the importance of afterschool programming. In addition to the regular programming offered that day, the sites will try to attract new students and will feature sample activities from upcoming sessions, such as archery, arts, STEM, physical activity and more.

North Pole, Alaska: Truly Betts, North Pole Elementary 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 907- 488-2286, truly.betts@k12northstar.org
Students at the North Pole Elementary 21st Century Community Learning Center will be shaking up *Lights On Afterschool* with fun filled activities featuring National Earthquake Day on October 17th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

Arizona

Kingman, Arizona: Debbie Thomas, Boys & Girls Club of Kingman, 928-718-0033, info@bgckingman.org

On October 17th, the Boys & Girls Club of Kingman will open its doors to students, parents, teachers and school administrators for an open house and tours of our club to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Club member led tours will begin at 4:00 PM, and guests will learn about the fun programs offered by the club.

Phoenix, Arizona: Zahra Yahyaei Colina, Kyrene Afterschool Program, 480-541-2630, zyahyaei@kyrene.org

On October 17th, the Kyrene Afterschool Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a special speech on the history of *Lights On Afterschool*, followed by a talent show that will highlight the musical talents of the program participants. Students will perform dance numbers, songs, and play instruments for program guests.

Scottsdale, Arizona: Mande Breen, Scottsdale/PV YMCA, 602-212-6097, mbreen@vosymca.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Scottsdale/PV YMCA will host a talent show for family and community leaders on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Following the talent show program members and guests will have the opportunity to participate in some fun arts and crafts activities.

South Tucson, Arizona: Kate Meyer, La Escuelita, Our Family Services, and the House of Neighborly Services, 520- 891-9639, kmeyer@ourfamilyservices.org
The Las Escualita program is taking the opportunity of *Lights On Afterschool* to highlight all of the wonderful, community-centered activities that are offered after school at this very special facility. The program will hold an open house which will allow the community to see how the afterschool program works. The La Escuelita program is operated by Our Family Services and runs out of a small community center, the House of Neighborly Services, in the City of South Tucson. In addition, HNS provides various other opportunities for community members and students during the after school hours. The entire community is invited to this celebratory event on October 17th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM.

Tucson, Arizona: Sierra Davenport, City of Tucson- Parks and Recreation, 520-837-8032, Sierra.Davenport@tucsonaz.gov

On October 17th at 6:30 PM, KIDCO will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with special performances for the community! The theme of the night will be “The Dual.” Community members will be able to bring a blanket or a chair and relax in the cool evening air while enjoying the singing and dancing performances by KIDCO stars at DeMeester Outdoor

Performance Center. Crystal Starks, former American Idol contestant, will be the emcee. Information about local afterschool resources will be provided by Funtasticks, AZ Nutrition, AZCase Afterschool Alliance Phoenix, and the United Way.

Arkansas

Jonesboro, Arkansas: Afterschool Ambassador Rennell Woods, AAMEN, 870-802-4302, rennellwoods@yahoo.com

The At-Risk American Male Education Network (AAMEN), Big Brothers Big Sisters, City Youth Ministries, Dare Dreamers, and the Hispanic Center invites the public to join this year's *Lights On Afterschool* open house and rally on October 17th. These organizations, city officials and community leaders formed the Jonesboro Out of School Time Coalition to raise awareness of the importance of afterschool programs. At the open house and rally, held at the City Youth Ministries site from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, there will be face painting, arts and crafts, games and more to showcase the range of afterschool programming available in the city. State Rep. Butch Wilkins (District 59), Superintendent of Jonesboro Schools Dr. Mike Skelton and Mayor Harold Perrin will attend.

Little Rock, Arkansas: Arrena Porter, CDC Be Cool After School, 501-372-2327, arrena@childdevelopmentcenterlr.com

CDC Be Cool After School will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* open house that will include a pep rally/showcase. The showcase will allow the children to share their talents in art, singing, and dancing with their families and community members. Everyone will be given a glow light necklace or bracelet to symbolize having the *Lights On Afterschool*, to wear during this event. The pep rally and showcase begin at 4:00 PM on October 17th.

Paragould, Arkansas: Tonya Hill, Baldwin B.E.A.T., 870-236-6369, thill@paragouldschools.net

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Baldwin BEAT will hold a Family Game Night Extravaganza! Students will learn how to play new board games with their parents. Students' names will be entered into various drawings throughout the night to win their own board games. Flyers about the importance of family together time will be sent home. The fun starts at 3:30 PM on October 17th.

Rogers, Arkansas: Marleen Heyns, HAPPY Kids After School - Rogers Activity Center, 479-631-0336, mheyns@rogersark.org

HAPPY Kids After School will host an art auction to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th. Art pieces created by the program participants will be displayed for local community leaders and the community at large beginning at 4:00 PM. The artwork will then be auctioned off via a silent auction. Refreshments of health snacks prepared by the children will be served at the event.

Springdale, Arkansas: Sarah Pruden, Sonora Middle School, 479- 750-8821, spruden@sdaledale.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Sonora Middle School students will decorate lightbulb hand-outs with vignettes about why afterschool programs are important. The event will begin at 4:00 PM on October 17th.

Van Buren, Arkansas: Dawn Winford, Boys and Girls Club of Van Buren, 479-474-9401, dwinford@cox.net

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys and Girls Club of Van Buren will host an open house in the club's learning center. From 4:00 to 6:00 PM, club members and staff will showcase club members' work and promote the afterschool program through site tours, member presentations, and activities.

California

China Lake, California: Jon Sims, US Navy Child & Youth Programs, 760-939-3097 x2909, jonathan.sims@navy.mil

The U.S. Navy Child & Youth Programs at NAWS China Lake held a supper and dessert meet and greet and play on September 17th to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event was held to introduce the program and staff to the community. Supper was held at the School Age Care Center, and dessert was served at the Youth Center. Staff members were stationed throughout both facilities to facilitate games and activities for parents and children to enjoy.

Chino, California: Carolyn Owens, Chino Community Services Department, 909-334-3256, communityservices@cityofchicino.org

The City of Chino, Chino Valley School District, Chino Valley YMCA, and youth service providers in Chino will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with events at afterschool program sites throughout the community on October 17th. Boy Scouts of America, Big 5 (5250 Philadelphia St.), #A Chino Valley YMCA (5665 Edison Ave.), will feature youth fitness classes from 4:00 to 4:45 PM, and holiday crafts from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Chino Children's Theatre (13123 Seventh St.) will celebrate from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. Other open houses and rallies will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the following locations:

- Chino Experience Teen Center (13196 Monte Vista Ave.);
- Ramona After School Program (4575 Walnut Ave., Room 32);
- Preserve Community Center (15800 Main St.);
- Cattle Elementary (13590 Cypress Ave., Rooms 124/125);
- Newman Elementary (4150 Walnut Ave., Rooms 37/38);
- Anna Borba Elementary (4980 Riverside Drive, Room 40);
- Cortez Elementary (12750 Clarissa Ave., SOAR Portable);
- Dickson Elementary (3930 Pamela Ave., Room 25);
- Levi Dickey Elementary (2840 Parco Ave., Ontario, Room 104);
- Marshall Elementary (12045 Telephone Ave., Room 13); and
- Walnut Avenue Elementary (5550 Walnut Ave., Multi-Purpose Room).

Chula Vista, California: Ingrid Osuna, Hawking Charter School-After School Program, 858-382-4852, iosuna@csbcs.org

The Hawking Charter School-After School Program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* showcase on October 17th. The event will be the first time the program will be sharing with the community what the afterschool program does and how it impacts the participating students. The community is welcome to attend the showcase held at the school, beginning at 4:00 PM.

Los Angeles, California: Charlotte, Robinson, Perkins Roosevelt Park Afterschool Program, 323-586-7217, cperkins@parks.lacounty.gov

On October 17th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM, Perkins Roosevelt Park Afterschool Program will host a talent showcase and open house program with refreshments and a meet-and-greet the for parents and park staff in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*.

Montclair, California: Marjy Francis, City of Montclair ASES I Program Monte Vista, 909-664-3212, mfrancis@cityofmontclair.org

Literacy is the focus of this year's *Lights On Afterschool* event held by the City of Montclair ASES I program in Monte Vista. The event titled "Booktropolis" encompasses multiple afterschool sites in Montclair and will feature participants reading, learning, and making displays that correlate with different organizations that make up a city. The Monte Vista site will focus on books that feature bakeries or baking. Participants and community members will learn how baking is a science. The delicious demonstrations will begin at 6:30 PM on October 17th.

Redlands, California: Josiah Bruny, Music Changing Lives, 951-992-0721, jbruny@musicchanginglives.org

There will be a light shining brightly at a community center in Redlands, California on October 17th in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. The Music Changing Lives program will hold an open mike open house for the community from 3:00 to 9:00 PM. The entire community, along with local dignitaries, is invited to participate in the open mike event and walk through the art gallery that will show case the program participants' creativity. Music Changing Lives has participated in *Lights On Afterschool* for four years and each year the crowd gets bigger!

San Diego, California: Meagan Marie, Judal Border View Family YMCA - Ocean View Hills School and Vista Del Mar School BASP, 619-623-4496, mjudal@ymca.org

On October 17th from 4:30 to 6:00 PM, Judal Border View Family YMCA - Ocean View Hills School and Vista Del Mar School BASP will host a *Lights On Afterschool* even for all students and their families. Guests will have the opportunity to participate in fun-filled activities that will highlight the programs being offered after school.

San Francisco, California: Jasmine Douville, Bay Area Community Resources, San Francisco Community School, 415-225-8184 jdouville@bacr.org

On October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, San Francisco Community School, Bay Area Community Resources, and the Boys & Girls Club Excelsior Branch will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a site tour that showcases all that the afterschool program has to offer, including art and stop motion animation.

Santa Barbara, California: Theresa Brown, Recreation After School (RAP) and After School Opportunities for Kids (A-OK) programs, 805-564-5495, tbrown@santabarbaraca.gov
October is National Safety month and the 25th anniversary of the Loma Prieta Earthquake, so Recreation After School (RAP) and After School Opportunities for Kids (A-OK) programs will commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* with activities that focusing on safety preparedness and awareness on October 17th. Groups such as the City of Santa Barbara Disaster Preparedness Logistics van, Santa Barbara Fire Department, and the American Red Cross will bring information and give demonstrations starting at 4:00 PM.

Santa Barbara, California: Debi Badger, Santa Barbara Unified School District, City Parks and Recreation and A-OK! Program, 805-965-4633 x252
Hundreds of children, parents, businesses and community leaders will come together at a *Lights On Safety Matters* event at Franklin Elementary School on Thursday, October 17th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, not only to celebrate the achievements of afterschool programs, but also to teach children and families how to protect themselves in the event of an emergency. There will be tables of activities from partnering agencies, and Santa Barbara's Police Chief Cam Sanchez will be the keynote speaker at 6:00 PM. The event will draw attention to the need for more afterschool programs to serve the millions of children nationwide who are unsupervised and at risk each weekday afternoon.

Santa Cruz, California: Katee Freeman, Boys & Girls Club of Santa Cruz, 831- 423-3138, katee@boysandgirlsclub.info
The Boys & Girls Club of Santa Cruz will hold an open house for club members, parents and community on October 17th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. The evening will include hands on projects, activities and demonstrations that highlight the afterschool program.

Colorado

Buena Vista, Colorado: Jennifer Wood, Boys & Girls Clubs of Chaffee County, 719-395-5715, jennifer@bgcchaffee.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th at 5:00 PM, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chaffee County will hold an open house featuring fall themed art, costumed dodge ball, and a prescription-drug education presentation for program participants.

Denver, Colorado: Jennifer Harris, City and County of Denver Office of Children's Affairs, 720-913-0918, denverafterschoolalliance@denvergov.org
The Denver Afterschool Alliance and the Denver Quality Afterschool Connection will attend a Denver Public Schools Board of Education Meeting where a *Lights On Afterschool Day* Proclamation will be read. Attendees will hear testimonials from the Denver Afterschool Alliance, program providers, participants, and parents reflecting the impact of afterschool programs. Board members will also receive decorated Mason jar luminaries with messages from youth that highlight why afterschool programs matter to them. The event will be held on October 17th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.

Durango, Colorado: Laura Lucero, Boys & Girls Club of La Plata County, 970-375-0010, laura@bgclapлата.org

In commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of La Plata County will gather all participants and their families to dedicate the club's new mural, have a presentation on internet safety, and hold parent resource night. This jam packed event will begin promptly at 4:00 PM on October 17th.

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

The Boys & Girls Club of South Park will hold a Family Game Night in commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The night will highlight the programs offered to students through the various games that will be played by program participants and their families.

Fort Collins, Colorado: Afterschool Ambassador María Ortiz, Poudre School District, 970-488-7707, pbrewer@psdschools.org

Join Club TRES at Putnam Elementary School for an open house and program tour to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* on Tuesday, October 29th from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Students will share what they do in their afterschool clubs, and guests will make crafts and learn how to support afterschool programs. In addition to the celebration at Putnam Elementary, Irish Elementary will host a *Lights On* celebration on October 22nd with area Superheroes—firefighters, police, and teachers. Participants will decorate the *Lights On* lightbulbs which will be displayed for the month of November at the Poudre River Public Library downtown. On October 28th, Lincoln Middle School will host an open house in which the afterschool cooking club will prepare food for visitors and the Jam Band will play some classic rock music for entertainment. On October 31st, Poudre Community Academy will host a *Lights On* Halloween celebration where the high school students have coordinated a fun afternoon for children under 12 to come in and enjoy an obstacle course, face painting, music and a photo booth.

Salida, Colorado: Tammy Cannedy, Boys & Girls Club of Chaffee County, 719-539-9500, tammy@bgcchaffee.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Chaffee County will hold a Halloween carnival on October 17th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The community is invited to attend this fun-filled event featuring educational carnival games and Halloween themed activities. The program will begin at 4:00 PM.

Connecticut

Enfield, Connecticut: Christie Amsden, Youth Center Coordinator, 860-253-5004, camsden@enfield.org

On Thursday, Oct. 17, a number of afterschool providers in Enfield will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* to rally support for afterschool programs. This year, five afterschool sites will host open houses so parents, community leaders, residents, and community organizations can visit *Lights On Afterschool* celebrations. At the Enfield Youth Center, participants will make a *Lights On Afterschool* community quilt to hang on the wall. The gym will host a 3-on-3 basketball tournament from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Students enrolled in ERfC School-Age Centers will carve

pumpkins for the annual Enfield Jack-O-Lantern Festival on the town green, scheduled for October 19th.

Farmington, Connecticut: Maria Baker, Farmington Collaborative Preschool, 860 677-1659 x 1115, bakerm@fpsct.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* Farmington Collaborative Preschool will hold a fun-filled fall festival with face painting, apple cooking, and fall-themed games on October 17th from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. Parents and program participants will come together and celebrate the afterschool program and the opportunities it affords the families in the community.

North Windham, Connecticut: Luis Rivera, North Windham Before & After School Program, 860-465-2580, lrivera@windham.k12.ct.us

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the North Windham Before & After School Program will create a Planetarium of the Solar System to showcase the art and research students work on in the program. Families and community members will have the opportunity to tour the planetarium on October 17th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM and learn about the different educational opportunities the North Windham Before & After School Program has to offer.

Unionville, Connecticut: Meghan McGrath, Farmington EXCL program, 860-675-4881, mcgrathm@fpsct.org

Farmington EXCL Program will honor *Lights On Afterschool* by holding a student-led epilepsy awareness event. Students will decorate scarecrows in purple and family members will receive information about epilepsy. The event will be held on October 17th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

Delaware

Dover Air Force Base, Delaware: Rhonda Martell, Soaring Eagles 4-H Club, 302-730-4000, delawaremilitary4h@gmail.com

In commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Soaring Eagles 4-H Club will hold an Open House at the Dover Air Force Base Youth Center so that military families can learn about all the wonderful programs offered to military youth. Parents and youth will learn about the various clubs their children can join such as robotics, videography/photography, computer science, aerospace, etc. They will also learn about free camps and family events. The open house will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on October 17th.

Newark, Delaware: Afterschool Ambassador Fontella Taylor, University of Delaware 4-H Afterschool, 302-831-4977, ftaylor@udel.edu

Students, parents and community leaders will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at Gauger Middle School on October 17th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. This year's event will have a glow in the dark theme. Stations will be set up so students can create glow in the dark slime and play in a parents versus students volleyball game using a 24 inch LED beach ball.

Newark, Delaware: Brittany Heitmann, Western Family YMCA, 302-453-0123, bheitmann@ymcade.org

The Western Family YMCA will make *Lights On Afterschool* posters and display them for school administrators and parents on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Rehoboth Beach, Delaware: Maria Edgerton, Rehoboth Beach Boys & Girls Club, 302-260-9864, medgerton@bgclubs.org

Rehoboth Beach Boys & Girls Club will hold a dinner for members and staff on October 17th at 5:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*.

Wilmington, Delaware: Erinn Chioma, Learning Laboratory, 302-397-9040, mzchioma@yahoo.com

The Learning Laboratory will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house as well as a fall fantasy carnival with moon bounces and a movie along with popcorn/cotton candy and hotdogs for all of the participants. The fun will begin at 4:00 PM on October 17th.

District of Columbia

Washington, District of Columbia: Chelsea Dennis, Kimball Elementary School, 202-671-6260, cdennis@cityyear.org

Kimball Elementary School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an event called “The World of Make Believe.” The event will be a festive costume party that will include food, music, fun games and of course candy! The celebrations begin at 4:00 PM on October 17th.

Washington, District of Columbia: Christian Taylor, Youth Organizations United to Rise, 202-291-3034, taylor.christian06@yahoo.com

On October 17th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, Youth Organizations United to Rise will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an evening of STEAM filled activities. Program participants and guests will show off their artistic and critical thinking skills by participating in an arts station, playing the congas, listening to original poetry, solving the case at the mystery detectives science station, and learning about technology in our lives at the funny costume photo booth. Parents and community guests will learn about the impact of the Afterschool Universe Kit.

Washington, District of Columbia: Deidra Squire, Raising Expectations Inc., 888-549-3695, dsquire@raisingexpectationsdc.org

On October 17th from 6:30 to 9:00 PM, Raising Expectations, Inc. in collaboration with the Emergence Community Arts Collective will present *Lights On Afterschool: An Annual Fall Fundraiser*. The fundraiser will support after school arts education for D.C. youth. In addition to celebrating youth artists, there will also be an opportunity to sign a petition for the Afterschool Alliance’s national campaign to increase after school education funding. Guests will enjoy performances by RE’s youth DJ graduates and the International Capoeira Angola Foundation.

Washington, District of Columbia: Erica Toliver, D.C. Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation, 202-939-1382, etoliver@cyitc.org

On Thursday, October 17th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM, community members will join the D.C. Children and Youth Investment Trust Corporation in the atrium of the Wilson Building to learn more about afterschool programs in the District of Columbia and experience what afterschool is like for school aged youth. In commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool*, guests will have the opportunity to jump rope, learn Spanish and see what homework help is all about through simulated afterschool experiences. Multiple community-based youth programs will demonstrate how youth are engaged during afterschool hours in Trust-funded programs.

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.

Florida

Beverly Hills, Florida: Kristen MacConnell, Central Ridge Boys & Girls Club of Citrus County, 352-270-8841, bevhillssasstdirector@yahoo.com

The Central Ridge Boys & Girls Club of Citrus County will host a Trunk or Treat Halloween event in honor of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Participants will take part in festive games and activities. Club members and guests are encouraged come in costume.

Cape Canaveral, Florida: Afterschool Ambassador Jackie Francisco, jacalynfrancisco@hotmail.com

The Florida statewide celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* will take place at Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex on Saturday, October 19th from 1:00 to 5:00 PM. The event is sponsored by the Florida Afterschool Network (FAN) and Bright House Networks and hosted by Brevard Public Schools. With the financial support of FAN and Bright House, entrance tickets to the visitors' complex have been provided to more than 100 Florida families. Radio Disney will provide entertainment and commentary throughout the afternoon. National and statewide education organizations will have information booths, and there will be prize drawings from exhibitors.

Jacksonville, Florida: Tyrica Young, The Bridge of Northeast Florida, Inc., North Shore TEAM UP, 904-924-3081, tyrica@bridgejax.com

The Bridge of Northeast Florida, Inc. and North Shore TEAM UP will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a talent show on October 17th. The theme of the program is Dream Big and renowned motivational speaker Quincy Harper will be the keynote speaker for the talent showcase. Students will perform a variety of acts geared to the theme such as a choreographed dance recital of "I Am the Greatest," a chorus singing "Signs of Victory," and the Youth Voices group will debut with the song "I Believe I Can Fly." The festivities will begin at 5:00 PM.

Lauderhill, Florida: Cynthia Reynoso, Children's Services Council of Broward County, 954-377-1130, creynoso@cscbroward.org

The Children's Services Council of Broward County will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 17th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. The event will feature arts and crafts activities, a *Lights On Afterschool* banner contest, sports activities, a resource fair for families and the reading of the *Lights On Afterschool* Proclamation.

Miami, Florida: Luis De Armas, The Roxy Theatre Group, 305-226-0030, roxyparty@aol.com

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, students of the Roxy Theatre Group will create the two separate worlds of Halloween Town and Christmas Town within the facility. Each town will create its own unique plot, based on the Disney film "Nightmare Before Christmas." Parents and family members, as well as members of the community, are welcome and encouraged to attend this walk-through event which will be held on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Orlando, Florida: Jennifer Hooks, Timber Lakes Extended Day, 407-249-6174, Jennifer.hooks@ocps.net

Timber Lakes Extended Day will host a Family Game Night in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The program has more than 300 registered students making it the biggest afterschool program in

the county. The event will be held at Timber Lakes Elementary on October 17th from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. More than 400 people are expected to attend.

Orlando, Florida: Nicole Houghton, YMCA of Central Florida Before and After School Program, 407-207-4991, vistalakes@cfymca.org

With the theme “What Is a Minute?” the YMCA of Central Florida Before and After School Program will share with parents and community members the importance of every minute at the YMCA afterschool program and how the afterschool program impacts students through character development, healthy living, literacy, and active play. There will be stations set up to show each aspect of the program on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool*.

Pensacola, Florida: Regina Dixon, Corry Station School Age Program, 850-453-6310 regina.dixon1@navy.mil

Corry Station School Age Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house tour with displays of program activities on October 17th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Guests will have an opportunity to participate in hands-on classroom activities with program members and learn about the importance of afterschool.

St. Petersburg, Florida: Kayren Lovett, Royal Theater Boys & Girls Club, 727-327-6556, klovett@bgcsun.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Royal Theater Boys & Girls Club will host a “Bring A Friend Day” for current members during the afterschool program at 4:00 PM. At 6:00 PM club members’ families will have an opportunity to tour the site and participate in fun and games during the club’s open house and family night.

Tampa, Florida: Thelma Boyd, Tampa HOST-Cannella Elementary, 813-975-6941 x241, thelma.boyd@sdhc.k12.fl.us

On October 17th from 2:00 to 6:00 PM in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Tampa HOST-Cannella Elementary will host an evening of club competitions. Participants will have the opportunity to compete in games of chess and dominoes, demonstrate their building skills with Legos, and wow guests with mini masterpiece art projects. There will also be performance by the dance club, face painting, and an obstacle course!

Georgia

Concord, Georgia: Rufus Clemmons, Boys & Girls Club of West GA Pike County Unit, 678-967-4337, bgcrufus@yahoo.com

Boys & Girls Club of West GA Pike County Unit will host a community wide carnival filled with games, tournaments, music, and food to the people in the community to celebrate *Lights On*. This event will feature a cake walk, 3-on-3 basketball tournament, volleyball, X Box, a pool tournament and other fun activities. The local community will also be able to tour the club and hear about the wonderful programs that are offered for students, ages 6-18 years. The carnival will begin at 6:00 PM on October 17th.

Hiawassee, Georgia: Jenny Stowers, Towns County 21st Century Afterschool, 706-896-4131 x1155, jnstowers@townscountyschools.org

Towns County 21st Century Afterschool program will take *Lights On Afterschool* to the community on October 17th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM! The program will have a float in a community-wide parade followed by a bonfire and community pep rally.

Lithia Springs, Georgia: Jan Easterwood, Factory Shoals 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 770-651-3943, Janet.Easterwood@douglas.k12.ga.us

Factory Shoals 21st Century Community Learning Centers will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* open house to showcase the first four weeks of the program's Amazing Dolphin Club. The outstanding work and amazing talent of program participants will be displayed for all to see. The event will be held on October 17th from 6:00 to 7:00 PM.

McDonough, Georgia: Lydia Pierre, Family Support Circle, 770-378-4070, lpierre@familysupportcircle.org

On October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Family Support Circle will host a *Lights On Afterschool*: Art Gallery Expo. Students will display decorated *Lights On* lightbulbs and in a special presentation will describe what the artwork signifies. Students will also share why afterschool is important to them.

Metter, Georgia: Lisa Rigdon, 21st Century Afterschool, 912-362-0198, lrigdon@metter.org

With the theme of Keeping It Healthy in Afterschool, the Metter 21st Century Afterschool will host a *Lights On Afterschool* health fair. On October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, guests will have the opportunity to learn about resources for youth available in the community and see the students in action featuring the program's cooking matters component.

Savannah, Georgia: Kerri Goodrich, Performance Initiatives, 912-507-7106, kerrigoodrich@gmail.com,

The Performance Initiative program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a student-produced art exhibit, Olympic weightlifting demonstrations by USAW National Champions, and youth national record holders Kids Fit demonstrations. The event will be held on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:30 PM.

Hawaii

Honolulu, Hawaii: Afterschool Ambassador Paula Adams, Kahoomiki, 800-581-7491 x20 padams@kahoomiki.org

Hawaii Afterschool Programs will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th from 3:30 to 5:00 PM at the Hawaii State Capitol. The *Lights On Afterschool* rally will feature Lt. Governor Shan S. Tsutsui and State Senator Suzanne Chun Oakland as well as other representatives, local business leaders, educators and other officials. Afterschool kids will perform and share testimonials. Event partners include the YMCA, Kamaaina kids, Moiliili Community Center, After-School All-Stars and Kahoomiki. Hundreds of afterschool kids, parents, educators, and community members are expected to attend.

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

The Kamaaina Kids Afterschool Program will host a Fun Walk for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. The Fun Walk will consist of a jump rope alley, chalk walk, crazy cones and musicxercise. The program participant will also decorate lightbulbs and be served a health snack. The fun starts at 3:30 PM.

Idaho

Glenns Ferry, Idaho: Ethel Warner, Glenns Ferry Youth Enrichment Center, 208-366-7434 x110, ewarner@gfpilots.org

Glenns Ferry Youth Enrichment Center will hold a drama production for family and community members to celebrate *Lights On*. Middle school students will perform *Laffin' School Reunion* by Keith Jackson and the elementary school students will perform original skits with an anti-bullying focus. The production will be performed in the community's Historic Opera. The curtains will go up at 4:00 PM on October 18th.

Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho: Lissa Hall, Mountain Home Air Force Base Youth Programs, 208-828-4428, lissa.hall.1@us.af.mil

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Mountain Home Air Force Base Youth Programs will hold special student-led presentations parents and base leadership on October 17th from 3:45 to 5:00 PM. The presentations will highlight the opportunities the program affords the participating students and the fun kids can have in learning.

Plummer, Idaho: Yolanda Bone, 21st Century Community Learning Centers/Success Center, 208-686-2137, bone.yolanda@lakesidesch.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, 21st Century Community Learning Centers/Success Center will serve dinner to the community on October 17th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. The dinner will allow program partners showcase their community resources in booths. There will also be fun games with prizes for participating youth.

Illinois

Chicago, Illinois: Chinyere Patrick, Children's Home and Aid, 773-535-3892, cpatrick@childrenshomeandaid.org

Parents will join the Children's Home and Aid afterschool program on October 17th from 4:00 to 5:15 PM for *Lights On Afterschool: Parent Round-Up*. Parents will participate in the enrichment class that their child is enrolled in. Instructors will have challenges that coincide with classes.

Chicago, Illinois: Sandra Glenn, Prevention Force Family Center, 773-287-5543, pffcsg@aol.com

The Prevention Force Family Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by showcasing its Future Teen Entrepreneur program and the student's product designs. At the Teen Entrepreneur Market Day Event, there will be a student-led arts activities-youth interns will teach students how to use art designs to promote business ideas. The event will be held on October 17th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.

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Chicago, Illinois: Afterschool Ambassador Roslind Blasingame-Buford, BUILD, Inc., 773-227-2880, RoslindBuford.BUILD@gmail.com

On Tuesday, October 22nd from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, BUILD will show the short film *For the Love of Mom* in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The screening will feature the film's director, Mikey Oquendo, who will speak to the youth served by BUILD. The film captures the heartache and agony two mothers faced, almost in real-time, in learning of the tragic and unexpected death of their innocent children who fell victim to violence.

Chicago, Illinois: Dr. Michael Kennedy, Science Club, m-kennedy@northwestern.edu
Science Club, a partnership between Northwestern University and the Boys & Girls Club of Chicago, held a *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 7th from 4:00 to 6:00PM at the Pedersen-McCormick Boys & Girls Club. The Science Club celebrated winning a 2013 Afterschool Alliance STEM Impact Award.

Rockford, Illinois: Ryan Duffy, Discovery Center Museum, 309-231-4178, ryand@discoverycentermuseum.org

On October 23rd at 2:30 PM the Discovery Center Museum, which provides afterschool STEM programming for the After School Achievement Program at Marsh Elementary School, will host an open house celebrating *Lights On Afterschool*. The Museum will provide special hands-on science activities for the program's 80 students and their families. By showing families and the community how fun STEM can be, the Discovery Center hopes to communicate the importance of STEM learning in afterschool programs.

Indiana

Albion, Indiana: Chris Ott, LEAP of Noble County, Inc, 260-636-7011, cott@leapofnoblecounty.org

New DAWN's Got Talent! LEAP's take on America's Got Talent will allow parents to see the STEAM-themed program the students take part in everyday afterschool. Guest will go on a tour of the facilities and will engage in math, reading, and science activities with the students. There will be a presentation by the choir and cheer squads. The *Lights On Afterschool* event will begin at 5:30 PM on October 17th.

Indianapolis, Indiana: David Klinkose, Afterschool Coalition of Indianapolis, 317-501-4854, david.klinkose@yahoo.com

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Afterschool Coalition of Indianapolis held an outdoor event at the Indianapolis City Market Plaza on October 3rd. The event showcased 20 afterschool providers and supportive organizations and gave parents a chance to learn about their options when it comes to keeping their children supervised, learning and healthy when the school day is over.

Richmond, Indiana: Stacey Steele: Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County, 765-962-6922, ssteele@bgcrichmond.org

Boys & Girls Clubs of Wayne County will host a *Lights On Family Science Night* with dinner and information about the programs. Club members will be able to participate in five hands-on

higher-order-thing-level science experiments with their families. The *Lights On Afterschool* fun will begin at 5:30 PM on October 17th.

Iowa

Ames, Iowa: Michelle Hertzke, Youth and Shelter Services, Inc., kcgilbert@yss.ames.ia.us
This Youth and Shelter Services, Inc.'s theme for *Lights On Afterschool* is "What I LOVE About Kids Club." Attendees will participate in the fun and enriching activities that Kids Clubbers do afterschool. This gives attendees an idea of what the afterschool program does and why the students LOVE it so much! The LOVE fest begins at 5:30 PM on October 17th.

Boone, Iowa: Audrey Cory, Boone Kids Club, 515-451-4335, kcboone@yss.ames.ia.us
Boone Kids Club will celebrate *Lights On* with an open house on October 17th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. The club will host a community dinner and display students' project-based learning projects the students have been working on after school.

Cedar Rapids, Iowa: Afterschool Ambassador Lynelle Henricksen, YMCA of the Cedar Rapids Metropolitan Area, 319-366-6421, henricksen@crmetroymca.org
The YMCA of the Cedar Rapids Metropolitan Area will hold a "mini walk" in the park with glow sticks, necklaces, blinking bulbs and glow in the dark signs celebrating *Lights On Afterschool*. Representatives from programs across the metro area will attend and provide information on the community resources available to students and families. The mini-walk is scheduled to begin at 6:00 PM on October 17th.

Muscatine, Iowa: Amy Hessel, Muscatine Community YMCA, 563-263-9996, ahessel@muscatiney.org
In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Muscatine Community YMCA will host a family dinner with program participants and their families on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Along with a delicious dinner, guests will learn about programs offered at the YMCA and the importance of afterschool.

Perry, Iowa: Mary Hillman, PACES - Perry Schools, 515-465-8264, hillmanmary@perry.k12.ia.us
PACES held a fundraiser and awareness walk at the high school track last week to prep for this year's *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. At the October 17th celebration, the program will award certificates to students for their participation in the lightbulb coloring, poster design, and essay contests. Mayor Jay P. Pattee will present a Proclamation and special guests from Iowa Public Television will speak. The evening will end with a talent show presented by program participants. The event will begin at 5:15 PM.

Kansas

Hutchinson, Kansas: Amy Calhoun, Avenue A Afterschool/Boys & Girls Clubs of Hutchinson, 620-615-4961, calhouna@usd308.com
In commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Avenue A Afterschool students and guests will participate in several fun filled, educational activities. First, Westar Energy will present Power

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Town, a program about electrical safety. Then, the fifth and sixth members will facilitate “minute to win it” type games for younger members to participate in. Special snacks will be served. The fun will begin at 3:45 PM on October 17th.

Liberal, Kansas: Kayla Wester, Project ROCK, 620-604-1500, Kayla.Allen@usd480.net
Project ROCK will commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* with a game night for the program’s participants and their families on October 17th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM in the Garfield Elementary School gymnasium. Participants in the game night will see firsthand the fun students have at Project ROCK.

Olathe, Kansas: Mike Strohschein, Kansas State University Department of Engineering, 913-307-7314, mistroh@ksu.edu
On October 29th, in honor of *Lights On* and STEM education, Kansas State University Department of Engineering will host a “Trick or Engineering” event from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Students will explore the engineering involved in robotics and design a mini monster bot, learn about the principles of architecture and technology in building bridges, discover the science components in a witch’s brew of water, and then create a filtration system to clean it! There will also be a costume contest for all participants.

Overland Park, Kansas: Winter Arledge, YMCA of Kansas City, 913-268-8507, winterarledge@kansascityymca.org
In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the YMCA of Kansas City will host an Electronic Party on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Several stations will be set up for the youth and parents to enjoy, including a download station, a chat station, an electronic toy station, a game tips station, and two and four player gaming stations. There will also be a presentation on how to use electronics safely.

Parsons, Kansas: Marcia Dvorak, Kansas Enrichment Network, 785-864-9665, mjdvorak@ku.edu
On October 17th from 6:30-8:30 PM the Kansas Enrichment Network, in partnership with Labette Community College and the Community Cinema, will host a showing of “The Graduates”, a film about the struggles of Latino youth, in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Representatives from the University of Kansas Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies and the Kansas Enrichment Network will speak.

Topeka, Kansas: Angela Estep, Wellness Information Network, 785-354-4273 x241, angela_estep@nps.gov
In honor of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th, students will participate in a fun and innovative group exercise experience facilitated by Chris Omni, CEO of Wellness Information Network, through choreography to music and movement. Program attendees will also participate in Drums Alive and Human Geography activities facilitated by teachers from Williams Elementary. The activities will help students learn geography through physical movement. The event begins at 3:45 PM.

Topeka, Kansas: Margaret Hennessey Springe, Kansas Children's Discovery Center (KCDC), 785-783-8300, mspringe@kansasdiscovery.org

The KCDC *Lights On Afterschool* event will celebrate the last day of Kansas Children's Discovery Center's first afterschool camp on October 17th! The camp "The Monarchs Fly Home" uncovers the mysteries of the Monarch butterfly migration and the unique connection with the Day of the Dead holiday. Campers will build a life size Monarch Forest with artist Kelly Thomas Sanders. The Huitzilopochtli Traditional Aztec Dance Group from Denver Colorado will perform at 4:30 PM. This event is open to all visitors!

Kentucky

Burlington, Kentucky: Judy Greene, RC Durr YMCA, 859-815-9179, jgreene@cincinnatiymca.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, RC Durr YMCA will be opening their doors to family members of program participants. On October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM any family member that would like to will be able to share the day with the program participants and learn about the program through activities such as snack making, crafts and group games.

Corbin, Kentucky: Afterschool Ambassador Karen West, Corbin Independent Schools 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 606-523-3628, Karen.west@corbin.kyschools.us
The Corbin Independent Schools 21st Century Community Learning Centers' *Lights On Afterschool* event will focus on exploring the engaging hands-on opportunities that are offered on a daily basis during the afterschool hours. Families will experience a multi-media adventure in The Dome Theater, which will be on-site on October 17th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM.

Lexington, Kentucky: Mandy Otis, The Race for Education/Starting Gate Afterschool Program, 859-252-8648, motis@raceforeducation.org

The Race for Education/Starting Gate Afterschool Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a buffet dinner and raffle for program students and their families on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. This event will allow families to learn more about what children do in afterschool and the importance of afterschool programs.

Monticello, Kentucky: Katherine Kidd, 21st Century Programming, 606-348-6691, katherine.kidd@wayne.kyschools.us

21st Century Programming will host *Lights On Afterschool* event with United Nations Day on October 24th. The program will collaborate with school day teachers, and the gifted and talented program coordinator to host "Knowledge is Power and Power Lights Up My World." The program's focus will be on customs and cultures around the world. The open house will feature everything the students (daytime and afterschool) have learned about their neighbors around the world. There will be cookies from around the world served as refreshments. An international art display will be setup. Different community groups will perform dances from around the world and the program participants will hold a parade of countries. The international festivities will begin at 4:00 PM.

Paintsville, Kentucky: Libby Auxier, Paintsville Independent 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 606-789-2651, elizabeth.auxier@paintsville.kyschools.us
Lights On Afterschool will be magical this year for Paintsville Independent 21st Century Community Learning Centers. The programs' elementary and middle school sites will be joining together with their families to attend a magic show at school on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM

Louisiana

Barksdale Air Force Base, Louisiana: Cora Davis, Barksdale Air Force Base Youth Programs, 318-456-3448, cora.davis@us.af.mil
Barksdale Air Force Base Youth Programs will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with cheer! The program will hold a pep rally with an original cheer performed by program participants on October 17th from 4:00 to 4:30 PM.

Longville, Louisiana: Erica Fay, BeauCARE, 337- 462-2273, efay@beaucares.org
BeauCARE will hold a mini carnival to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students and guests will participate in arts and crafts, physical fitness activities, and will place testimonials on the support wall. The carnival will be held on October 17th from 4:00 to 5:00 PM.

New Orleans, Louisiana: Afterschool Ambassador Cyndi Nguyen, Vietnamese Initiatives in Economic Training (VIET), 504-255-0400, cyndi.nguyen1970@gmail.com
VIET is celebrating *Lights On Afterschool* throughout the month of October with weeks of themed afterschool activities. Weekly themes will include: "PLAY in Afterschool" in partnership with Kaboom!, "Healthy Lifestyles in Afterschool" in partnership with the Alliance for a Healthier Generation, and "STEM in Afterschool" in partnership with BP. VIET will also hold a video contest for afterschool students, where they will capture how their afterschool program has impacted their lives. New Orleans City Councilwoman LaToya Cantrell will host VIET's *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 16th at 4:00 PM at the New Orleans City Council Chamber.

New Orleans, Louisiana: Irene H. Williams, Adventist Community Services Center, 504-330-3395, iredynasty01@yahoo.com
Adventist Community Services Center will sponsor an open house that will reflect the start of a relevant and innovative afterschool program. The program will teach conflict resolution and anger management, grooming and manners, and recreation. The open house, being held in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, will begin at 3:00 PM on October 17th.

Maine

Auburn, Maine: Sarah Hearn, Auburn/Lewiston YMCA, 207-795-4095, shearn@alymca.org
In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Auburn/Lewiston YMCA will have learning stations set up for the children to go to with their families. Students and families will participate in activities such as arts and crafts, bean bag toss, word jumbles, and read-alouds. The fun starts at 4:00 PM on October 17th.

Belfast, Maine: Amy Hafford, RSU 20 Afterschool Program, 207-548-2318, ahafford@rsu20.org

Students and guests will fling into fall with 4H Afterschool RSU20's "All things that Glow" program on October 17th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The event will feature the *Lights On Afterschool Science* Exploration Center put together by 4H members. The program will highlight the STEM activities students participate in afterschool.

Cherryfield, Maine: Afterschool Ambassador Charlie Harrington, EdGE of Maine Sea Coast Mission, 207-288-5097, charrington@seacoastmission.org

On October 26th, to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, EdGE of Maine Sea Coast Mission will host a trunk-or-treat spectacular for students and a parents. The event will include a costume parade, candy, puppets and fun!

Ellsworth, Maine: Julie Sattler, RSU 24 21st Century Community Learning Centers After School Programs, 207-667-3808, jsattler@rsu24.org

RSU 24 21st Century Community Learning Centers After School Programs will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* fall festival and book fair! Students and their families will participate in various fall themed activities and have the opportunity to take home the perfect fall book! The fun starts at 5:00 PM on October 17th.

Jackman, Maine: Heather Sylvester, Live 2 Learn 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 207-668-5291 x23, heather.sylvester@sad12.com

Live 2 Learn 21st Century Community Learning Centers will hold a 1980's Flashback to the Past Dance to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM! Community members will be able to dance the night away in 1980's fashion with a mix of modern and 1980's music with competitions for best costumes for boys, girls and adults.

Lovell, Maine: Heather Sawin, New Suncook School PKA, heathersawin@gmail.com

New Suncook School PKA will hold a Harvest Festival open to the public, along with their annual scarecrow contest on October 17th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*.

Portland, Maine: Tiffanie Panagakos, Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Maine, 207-749-4160, tpanagakos@bgcmaine.org

On October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Boys & Girls Clubs of Southern Maine's club members will make posters, discuss the importance of afterschool, and play carnival games in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The fun filled activity day will end with a healthy snack.

Stacyville, Maine: Gail Pocock, Katahdin Elementary School 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program, 207-365-4285, gpocock@rsu50.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Katahdin Elementary School 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program will host a barbecue with a bounce house at the school for the students and their families on October 17th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

Washburn, Maine: Halina Herzog, 21st Century Community Learning Center-Washburn 21st Century After School Program, 207-455-4504, hherzog@msad45.net

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th, Washburn 21st Century After School Program will host a Fall/Halloween Festival open to the whole school community from 2:30 to 4:30 PM. All activities will be prepared by volunteers from the Elementary Education Program at the local college. Members of National Honor Society from the local high school will help organize the event, during which guests will learn about the importance of *Lights On Afterschool* and the impact afterschool programs have on students.

Maryland

Andrews Air Force Base, Maryland: Matrice Adger, JBA Youth Programs, 301-981-5636, matrice.adger@afncr.af.mil

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th, JBA will be highlighting all youth programs. Reading is Fundamental will be on site along with various community organizations on base to share information on available afterschool resources. Youth and families will enjoy a puppet show emphasizing diversity and culture, and club groups will perform for guests and families. The fun starts at 4:00 PM.

Baltimore, Maryland: Robert Floyd, K-8 KidsGrow STEM, 410-448-5663, Robert.Floyd@parksandpeople.org

This year's *Lights On Afterschool* event gives Parks & People Foundation the opportunity to celebrate the KidsGrow Environmental Education Program. The program is designed to expose K-8 grades students to urban habitats and natural watersheds of the local Baltimore Franklin Square community. K-8 KidsGrow will hold the event at Franklin Square Elementary on October 17th from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. Students will showcase their creativity with nature projects while parents, friends, students, and the local community enjoy a festive atmosphere.

Fallston, Maryland: Lynn Faulkner, STEM Green Club, 443-299-9545, solyto3@verizon.net
In commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool* the STEM Green Club will invite community members to have fun in the outdoor education classroom and learn about the environment and afterschool on October 17th from 3:00 to 4:00 PM.

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

Mayor Wayne H. Dougherty and other community leaders will help Boys & Girls Clubs of Harford County celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Local police and fire departments will bring their vehicles for the club members to see and tour. The National Guard will also be on hand to talk to club members. Club members and guests will also participate in a game of human checkers. In the computer lab there will be a demonstration of the projects that the club members have been working on in STEM. In the Art Room guests and club members will get their faces painted and club members and families will be able to create arts and craft projects.

Leonardtown, Maryland: Afterschool Ambassador Mark Smith, Dream Team 21st Century After School Program, 301-475-0242 x28125, mgsmith@smcps.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, St. Mary's County Public Schools hosted a night of laughter and entertainment with award winning illustrator and author Henry Cole on October 15th at

George Washington Carver Elementary School in Lexington Park. Dinner, provided by the Olive Garden restaurant, was followed by an interactive presentation by Mr. Cole. Cole encouraged students and parents to develop their individual talents, using his own experience, marked by patience and perseverance, as an example. Students attending received one of Mr. Cole's books to inspire them to develop their own creativity.

Oakland, Maryland: Venessa Stacy, Partners After School at Accident, 301-334-7730, venessa.stacy@maryland.gov

On October 17th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, Partners After School at Accident will host an evening at Hickory Environmental Education Center, where guests and families will enjoy the ultimate *Lights On* by viewing stars in the planetarium and sampling some of the STEM activities that will be offered this school year.

Ocean City, Maryland: Afterschool Ambassador Elizabeth McGlynn, Girls on The Run-Montgomery County, 301-881-3801, elizabeth@girlsontherunofmoco.org

The Girls on the Run's *Lights On Afterschool* event will be at the Maryland State Educator's Association (MSEA) Convention to be held at the Roland E. Powell Convention Center in Ocean City, MD from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM on Friday, October 18th and from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM on Saturday, October 19th. The convention is an opportunity for thousands of state educators to come together to learn more about the issues that impact public schools and students. MSEA attendees include pre-K-12 teachers, educational support professionals, higher education faculty, administrators, technology specialists, school board members, principal and parents.

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

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Montgomery County Collaboration Council will celebrate the importance of quality in afterschool programs at the 2013 Excel Beyond the Bell Symposium, with special guest Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant. Participants will learn about the new tools created and partnerships established in Montgomery County to support Youth Development practitioners in out-of-school time programs, including e-portfolios, badging, high school internships, core competencies, professional development opportunities, and more! The symposium will be held on October 23rd from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

Massachusetts

East Boston, Massachusetts: JaVaughn Anderson, East Boston YMCA at Donald McKay, 617-823-9399, javanaughanderson@yahoo.com

Every month the East Boston YMCA at Donald McKay afterschool program incorporates themes that help build the curriculum for each month. The month of October is Super Hero Month, so in honor of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th, the program will host a literacy event in which students will show off artwork and short stories of a Super Hero they created to share with the community. The program will be held from 4:00 to 6:00 PM.

Lynn, Massachusetts: Kendra Owens, Metro North YMCA/Lynn, 781-581-3105, kowens@metronorthymca.org

Kids will assemble fruit and cheese kabobs in Metro North YMCA/Lynn's Kids Kitchen & Café on October 17th in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. From 4:00 to 6:00 PM students will participate in large team building activities in the newly renovated gym made possible by the Boston Celtics. They will decorate lightbulbs that will line the walls of the program, play YMCA bingo and complete a chalk mural on the cement wall outside of the program to explain why their afterschool program is important to them.

Malden, Massachusetts: Amanda Hebert, Metro North Children's Learning Center, 781-727-7585, Amandah.clc@gmail.com

To commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*, Metro North Children's Learning Center will hold site tours and an outdoor rally with a DJ to draw attention to the program on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Guests will learn about the importance of afterschool programs from program participants.

Norton, Massachusetts: Jill Brown, Knowledge Universe, 561-272-9645, jbrown@klcorp.com
The Champions® afterschool program at L.G. Nourse Elementary School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on Thursday, October 17th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM for the 13th year! State Senator James Timilty and District Director for Congressman Joseph P. Kennedy III Nick Clemons will join Champions students and staff to tour the site, learn about the program offerings, and talk with families. Students will prepare a science demonstration for their guests.

Woburn, Massachusetts: Alison McDaniel, Boys & Girls Club of Woburn After the Bell, 781-935-3777, a.mcdaniel@bgcwoburn.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Woburn -After the Bell program's Feature a Teacher event invites all school day teachers to visit the program and see the exciting things the students are doing during afterschool. The event will be held on October 17th in honor of *Lights On Afterschool* from 3:00 to 5:00 PM.

Worcester, Massachusetts: Sarah Levy, YMCA of Central Massachusetts, 508-755-6101 X229, slevy@ymcaofcm.org

On October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, the YMCA of Central Massachusetts the community will be able to view projects from program participants during the *Lights On Afterschool* open house. Guest will also participate in a fun filled celebration and rally in support of afterschool programs in the area.

Michigan

Battle Creek, Michigan: Jennifer Bonner, Kingman Museum/Leila Arboretum Children's Garden, 269-965-3883, jbonner@battle-creek.k12.mi.us

Battle Creek Public Schools place a high emphasis on STEM education and this year's *Lights On* event, run by the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program, features STEM learning with the program's partnership with the Kingman Museum and the Leila Arboretum Children's Garden. About 1,000 afterschool students and their families will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*

on October 17th. At the Kingman Museum students and families will view a new Native American exhibit and watch an accompanying presentation in the planetarium.

Belleville, Michigan: Tiffany Motsch, Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern Michigan-Richard & Patricia Donahey Club, 734-697-8863, tmotsch@bgcsm.org

The Donahey Club will host *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th from 4:30 to 6:00 PM to highlight the afterschool program in the community. Guests will have the opportunity participate in activities set up at different booths throughout the facility, which will introduce different programs at the club. Along with an arts and crafts table, there will be dance tournaments, snacks, and raffles.

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

The Detroit Public School Gompers will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a carnival of fun and educational games, face painting, line dancing and movies. Booths will be set up with carnival snacks and whole families will enjoy a fun filled night together! The festivities begin at 4:00 PM on October 17th.

Detroit, Michigan: Eric Foster, Capstone Academy, eric-foster@edtec.net

In commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the students of Capstone Academy will write letters to Congress about how the afterschool program influences their lives on October 17th from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. The academy is an adjudicated facility where the students are in a detention center and cannot leave the facility. Students will also will send letters with lightbulbs to parents urging them to leave their porch lights on to support *Lights On Afterschool*.

Detroit, Michigan: Carolyn Blue, NWAC Computer Clubhouse, 313-414-7873, letusread2@yahoo.com

NWAC Computer Clubhouse will host an open house on October 17th. The clubhouse will celebrate its 10th anniversary with special presentations and site tours for *Lights On Afterschool*. On display will be digital projects by clubhouse members and guests will have an opportunity to learn more about the program.

Flint, Michigan: Afterschool Ambassador LaDonna Gamble, 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 810-760-1478, lgamble@flintschool.org

Flint will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at a variety of its sites. On Wednesday, October 16, Carpenter Road Elementary will host a parade and other fun activities from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Neithercut Elementary School 21st Century Community Learning Centers will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event for students and parents on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM with family activities, arts and crafts, and make-it-take-it stations. On October 17th, Freeman elementary will celebrate with student-led activities such as arts and crafts make and take, team-building activities, family games, and grab bags starting at 3:30 PM. Scott Elementary School students, staff and parents will march with the Northwestern High School Wildcats Marching Band in the Scott School neighborhood with banners, signs, balloons on October 17th. Cummings Elementary School will hold an open house on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Pierce Elementary School will celebrate with an Open House from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. The Flint Southwestern Classical Academy 21st CCLC will host a parent night. Flint Community Schools:

Northwestern, will host a *Lights On* trick or treat event for the community from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on October 17th with candy give-a-ways, free face painting, and free hot chocolate.

Grand Rapids, Michigan: Steffanie Rosalez, Cook Arts Center, 616-742-0692, programdirector@gaah.org

The Cook Arts Center will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 17th from 4:00 to 7:30 PM. The open house will include activities led by participants that will highlight the importance of arts based afterschool programs for the entire community.

Grand Rapids, Michigan: Javier Cervantes, YMCA After School LOOP Program, 616-826-1768, buchananloop@grymca.org

On October 17th from 4:45 to 5:45 PM, YMCA After School LOOP Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with the students and their families with program related activities and projects. Participants will have the opportunity to go rock climbing, parachute, decorate lightbulbs, get their faces painted, play musical chairs, and have a basketball shootout.

Hamtramck, Michigan: Dominic J. Sarvello, Hanley International Academy, 313-875-8888, dsarvello@hanleyacademy.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Hanley International Academy will hold a general session to inform and promote afterschool activities on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Participants will visit various activity sites where students will demonstrate and explain the program related activities. Participants will then return to the general session area for refreshments and closing activities.

Inkster, Michigan: Tonya Humphrey, Starfish Family Services, 313-563-5005 x5236, thumphrey@sfish.org

The Starfish 21st Century Community Learning Center programs, in collaboration with the Westwood School District and several community organizations, will hold a fun event for the students, families and community of Westwood School District in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. Guests will have the opportunity to participate in fun filled games, face painting, literacy activities, free books, a bounce house, and visit community vendors, and receive free community resources.

Traverse City, Michigan: Jana Lanning, SEEDS, 231-357-6896, jana@ecoseeds.org

On October 17th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM, SEEDS will host an artisan pizza party at the Kalkaska High School to kick off another year of afterschool opportunities for rural students. In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the community will have the opportunity to stop in for free pizza fresh from an authentic brick oven and help the program celebrate the youth.

Minnesota

Cass Lake, Minnesota: Roberta Roybal, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Leech Lake Area-Eagleview Unit, 218-659-4738, roybal@bgcleechlake.com

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Leech Lake Area-Eagleview Unit will host an Open House at their new location from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on October 17th. A spaghetti dinner will be served to members and their families. Guests will have the opportunity

to participate in fun activities planned such as an adult versus youth basketball game and site tours.

Deer River, Minnesota: Chad Evans, Boys & Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area, 218-246-8241, chadevans@isd317.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Boys & Girls Club of the Leech Lake Area will hold an Olympics-style day on October 17th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. The club will host silly relay races, minute to win it games, and standard track and field events for club members and their families.

Minneapolis, Minnesota: Ange Hwang, Project PHUN, 612-376-7715, amamedia@amamedia.org

Project PHUN will hold multiple events on October 17th. Youth Media Force will encourage Asian American youth to get together from 6:00 to 9:00 PM to produce an advocacy digital media project to prevent teenage pregnancy in the Asian community. AMA Multimedia Complex will hold an open house about afterschool programming offered at the center, which includes academic tutoring, Asian dance and music lessons. The Hmong International Academy will hold a Hmong Parents Educational Session about available afterschool programs for low income families.

Saint Paul, Minnesota: Cathalina Young, West 7th Community Center, 651-298-5493, cyoung@west7th.org

West 7th Community Center will hold an open house and dance in commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 16th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Parents will have the opportunity to tour the program, interact with staff and other parents, and learn more about the program.

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

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Perspectives, Inc. will hold a Kids Connection Talent Show on Tuesday, October 23rd from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Students will share their many talents by singing, dancing and performing original skits.

Mississippi

Greenwood, Mississippi: Deloris Davis, Boys and Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Delta, 662-453-5678, ddavis@bgcmsdelta.org

On October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, the Boys and Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Delta will host a *Lights On Afterschool* talent show for the community. Club member will entertain guests by playing instruments, singing, dancing, and performing skits.

Moss Point, Mississippi: Jennifer Anderson, Boys & Girls Clubs of Jackson County, 228-762-3497, janderson@bgcjc.org

The four Boys & Girls Clubs of Jackson County sites will come together on October 17th for a fun filled day of activities and big community pep rally, which will consists of club members, staff, parents and the community. There will be a spirit stick competition between the sites. The members from each site will perform a cheer or chant about their favorite Boys & Girls Clubs national program. Mascots, cheerleaders, football players, dancers and band

members from the surrounding school districts will be encouraged to participate in this annual *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 17th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

Missouri

Ava, Missouri: Diana Premier, Ava R-1 Schools, 417-683-4717, dpremer@avabears.net

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Ava R-1 Schools will host a Reading Rodeo that will begin during the regular school day by having students dress like cowgirls and cowboys on October 17th. That evening, starting at 5:00 PM, stories will be told around the campfire while eating hot dogs and s'mores. Students will also be able to ride a bucking barrel, race their stick horse around the barrels, and make a rawhide bracelet, among other fun activities.

Bowling Green, Missouri: Ethel Drew, Twin Pike Family YMCA Afterschool Bowling Green, 573-324-9991, bg21stcclc@sbcglobal.net

Twin Pike Family YMCA Afterschool Bowling Green will invite parents, family, school administrators, and local elected officials to an evening of *Lights On Afterschool* fun on October 17th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Rooms throughout the facility will be set up with activities for Food and Fun, STEM, crafts, computers and physical exercise. During the food-and-fun visit, guests will be served a light snack.

Elsberry, Missouri: Amanda Seeley, Explorer's Club 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 573-898-5554, aseeley@elsberry.k12.mo.us

Explorer's Club 21st Century Community Learning Centers' *Lights On Fall Fling* will include a hot dog roast, hayride, and s'mores for all students and their families on October 17th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. The program will also showcase photos of the great things that students have been doing during afterschool in a slideshow.

Louisiana, Missouri: Kay Miller, Twin Pike Family YMCA - Louisiana Elementary, 573-754-4999, ymca21stcclc@sbcglobal.net

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Twin Pike Family YMCA - Louisiana Elementary will have three stations set up on October 17th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Students will be able to participate in a STEM activity, tie blankets to donate to nursing homes and hospitals and create Food for Fun.

Monett, Missouri: Jeremy Schmidt, Monett Area YMCA, 417-235-8213, jschmidt@monettymca.org

As their *Lights On Afterschool* celebration, Monett Area YMCA will throw a Halloween Bash on October 17th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. There will be inflatable bouncy houses, spooky snacks, carnival games, and costume drawings for participants and their guests.

Platte City, Missouri: Evelyn, Walsh, Rising Star Y Club, 816-431-0329, evelynwalsh@kansascityymca.org

To commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Mayor of Platte City Frank D. Offutt will present Rising Star Y Club with a Proclamation on October 17th at 4:00 PM. He will recognize the effort of the student recycling club at the center. Students collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald

House of Kansas City Missouri to help parents who have a child at Children's Mercy Hospital with a place to stay.

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

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th, the Boys & Girls Club of West Central Missouri will host a "Cooking Chemistry" event from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Teen club members will make cakes from scratch. They will be given the ingredients, but they will have no recipe. They will experiment with how much flour, eggs, and heat will be needed to make a cake! The elementary members will make ice cream in baggies.

Waynesville, Missouri: Vanessa Webber, Waynesville Club TIGER, 573- 842-2455, vwebber@waynesville.k12.mo.us

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Waynesville Club TIGER will hold an Amazing Race through both campuses of the high school and the Waynesville Career Center on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Participants will have to complete obstacles and answer trivia to compete for first prize.

Waynesville, Missouri: Debbie Kleinholz, WMDS Club TIGER, 912-247-6363, dkleinholz@waynesville.k12.mo.us

WMDS Club TIGER, including Waynesville 6th Grade Center students, will partner with WMDS JS2S to hold a Tiger Tailgate Party on October 17th for *Lights On Afterschool*. All students and parents from the district will be able to attend a festive evening of outdoor activities, face painting and food. The tail gate party will be followed by the 8th grade football game. The fun will begin at 2:30 PM.

Montana

Bozeman, Montana: Megan Brenna, Greater Gallatin United Way kidsLINK—Belgrade, 406-587-2194, Megan@GreaterGallatinUnitedWay.org

Lights On Afterschool will be celebrated by the Greater Gallatin United Way kidsLINK—Belgrade on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM with special family events with FOOD and the distribution of "Afterschool is COOL" bumper stickers for all participants!

Kila, Montana: Renae Johnson, Kila A.C.E.S. Afterschool, 406-257-2428, rjohnson@kilaschool.com

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Kila A.C.E.S. Afterschool will offer a clothing exchange for winter clothing on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The program will also serve the entire school ice cream sundaes and an afterschool snack.

Libby, Montana: Afterschool Ambassador Kaide Dodson, Libby Afterschool Program, 406-291-1871, kaide_lee@yahoo.com

Libby Afterschool Program will hold a safe and educational Fall Harvest *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 31st from 3:30 to 8:30 PM. Students will have the opportunity to participate in Halloween activities enriched with STEM, physical activity, and healthy eating options, which

will coincide with information for families, community members, and leaders about supporting afterschool programming.

Nebraska

Lincoln, Nebraska: Afterschool Ambassador Dayna Krannawitter, Lincoln Community Learning Centers, 402- 436-1120 x5, dkranna@lps.org
Lincoln Community Learning Centers' Youth Afterschool Ambassadors and their families will gather at the State Capitol at 6:00 PM on October 17th to rally in support of afterschool programs in Lincoln, Nebraska. Speakers will include local elected officials, youth ambassadors and parents. Performances from local Lincoln Community Learning Centers sites will also be featured. The group will then march to McPhee Elementary School near the Capitol to enjoy hands-on afterschool activities and supper. The State Capitol will be lit up in support of *Lights On Afterschool*.

Lincoln, Nebraska: Marlee Wernke, Family Service, 402-560-4315, marlee.wernke@doane.edu

On October 21st 4:00 6:00 PM, Family Service of Lincoln will host a student-driven carnival at Fredstrom Elementary for students, families, and community members in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The event highlight the fun students have in afterschool programs and will offer an opportunity to the community to learn more about afterschool services.

Omaha, Nebraska: Afterschool Ambassador Gwynette Williams, Collective for Youth, 402-932-2025, gwilliams@collectiveforyouth.org

On October 19th from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Collective for Youth will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with special remarks by Governor Dave Heineman, a *Lights On Afterschool* Proclamation presented by Mayor Jean Stothert, and student testimonials. The event will also feature the Afterschool Champion Awards, a Talent Showcase, a 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament and many interactive and engaging activity booths at the UNO Sapp Fieldhouse.

Nevada

Henderson, Nevada: Dione Eagles, Boys & Girls Club of Henderson, 702-565-6568, deagles@bgchenderson.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of Henderson will hold a family night titled: Expressions. At this event the club members will have the chance to express a talent that their parents didn't know about. There will also be raffles and prize giveaways. Expressions will be held on October 17th from 4:00 to 5:00 PM.

Las Vegas, Nevada: Casey Flair, After-School All-Stars Las Vegas, 702-336-2381, casey@asaslv.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th from 2:30 to 4:30 PM, After-School All-Stars Las Vegas will host a Bring Your Parent to Programs Day. The program serves more than 700 students a year at Cashman Middle School and more than 6,000 students in Las Vegas. Parents will have the opportunity to see the program in action and understand the importance afterschool has for school age children. The event will also give youth a chance to showcase the

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skills they learn and talents they develop at their afterschool programs, and to send the message that millions of kids need quality after school programs.

Las Vegas, Nevada: Fiztslona Johnson, Boys & Girls Clubs of Las Vegas, 702-253-2820, Fjohnson@bgclv.org

On October 17th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Lied Memorial Clubhouse will host an art showcase and a mini chess tournament. Club members and their families will enjoy an evening of intellectual stimulation and learn about club activities.

New Hampshire

Berlin, New Hampshire: Lindsay Demers, Project Youth Afterschool Program, 603-723-3871, Lindsay.Demers@frc123.org

Project Youth Afterschool Program will host an open house with STEM activities for families on October 17th from 2:00 to 6:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Families and members will tour the facility and participate in activities that highlight the program's curriculum.

Bristol, New Hampshire: Susan Seaverns, Newfound Project PROMISE, 603-744-6006, sseaverns@sau4.org

On October 17th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, students, staff, families, local businesses and volunteers from seven school site afterschool programs and one community center will all gather at the central park to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with fun, food, games, music, and dancing!

Exeter, New Hampshire: Stephanie Sturgis, Southern District YMCA School's Out, 603-642-3361, stephanie@ssdymca.org

Southern District YMCA School's Out's 16 program sites will host family night events during afterschool hours on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Each program will hold a different themed *Lights On Afterschool* event based on the location and the input of the club members.

Lee, New Hampshire: Brian Collopy, Live & Learn at Mast Way, 603- 659-5047, livlrn2@comcast.net

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Live & Learn at Mast Way will host a carnival with fun activities, prizes, and snacks on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Community leaders and guests will enjoy the fun and games, which will include a bounce house.

Manchester, New Hampshire: Sara McCarthy, YMCA of Greater Manchester - START Program, 603-232-8624, smccarthy@yogm.org

The START Program will host a Healthy Living Afterschool Party on October 17th from 3:45 to 4:45 PM in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. The party will include a healthy cook-off with special guest judges, an exercise class, CATCH games, and a special story read to the children by Mayor Ted Gatsas.

Seabrook, New Hampshire: Forrest Carter Jr., Seabrook Adventure Zone , 603-474-3332 x1, forrest@seacoastyouthservices.org

Seabrook Adventure Zone will host a *Lights On Afterschool* Halloween family event on October 17th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Guests will come dressed as their favorite characters and enjoy, dancing, family-themed games and lots of yummy food.

Somersworth, New Hampshire: Maureen Jackman, Somersworth Youth Connection, 603- 692-2126, MJackman@SAU56.org

Somersworth Youth Connection will partner with the communities of Dover, Farmington, Portsmouth, Raymond and Rochester, to advocate the importance of afterschool through the *Lights On Afterschool* lightbulb campaign on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Students from each community will design a lightbulb and answer the question, “Why is your program important to you?” Once collected, the lightbulbs will be sent to local government officials.

New Jersey

Edison, New Jersey: Erin Siemers, Our Savior’s Child Care Center, 732- 548-0523, erin.siemers@ymcaofmewsa.org

Our Savior's Child Care Center will hold an Open House on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM to honor *Lights On Afterschool*. Families and community members will have the opportunity to see what types of events are offered at the center and learn more about afterschool programs.

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

Each location of Haddonfield Child Care has different plans for celebrating *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th. The Extended Day Kindergarten program, which recently moved from an elementary school into the high school, will hold a bake sale so the children will meet and become better acquainted with the students and faculty of their new location. This service learning project will give its proceeds to an organization which feeds hungry children. The Elizabeth Haddon School children will have an art show of their works, inviting parents and school faculty to view the exhibit. They will also participate in the anniversary celebration of the school and the 300th anniversary of the founding of the community by the school’s namesake, Elizabeth Haddon, a young Quaker woman from England. The JF Tatem Program will focus on recycling, creating re-usable shopping bags from old t-shirts and the Central School Program will design t-shirts with their own *Lights On* designs. They will walk to downtown Haddonfield with glow sticks and flashlights, and gather in front of the town’s first public sculpture, Haddy the dinosaur. Haddy represents the dinosaur Hadrosaurus, whose nearly complete skeleton was the first one discovered in North America, back in the mid-19th century. The sculpture of Haddy, a favorite of children in town, will be celebrating her 10th birthday the day after *Lights On*, and on the 19th Haddonfield Child Care will be providing birthday cake for the community at the annual Fall Festival.

Hawthorne, New Jersey: Katie Frey, Boys & Girls Club of Hawthorne, 973-427-7777, kfrey@bgchawthorne.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Hawthorne will open its doors to the community on October 17th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. Guest will come in and help the afterschool program staff with homework

help and tutoring. When all homework is finished, club members and guests will play trivia games and outdoor sports. As part of the *Lights On Afterschool* event the Wii game “Just Dance” will be set up to get the members moving.

Keansburg, New Jersey: Arlene Sciarappa, Keansburg 21st Century Community Learning Centers, 732-787-2007 x2777, asciarappa@keansburg.k12.nj.us

On October 17th from 3:15 to 5:45 PM, in collaboration with Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Monmouth County, Keansburg 21st Century Community Learning Centers will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with Jersey Fresh Day. The topic will be Jersey Fresh honey. The program will include a beekeeper demonstration, food tastings with honey, information about bees and pollinations, and a “beeline” relay race.

Whitehouse Station, New Jersey: Maria,Finale-Vento, The Work Family Connection, 908-534-5935, soulhealer222@yahoo.com

On October 17th from 3:00 to 6:15 PM, the Work Family Connection Students will be entertaining parents and guests with an original play, song and art work display in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*.

New Mexico

Farmington, New Mexico: Afterschool Ambassador Flo Trujillo, Farmington Public Library, 505-599-1270, ftujill@infoway.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Farmington Public Library will host Afterschool Fun: A glow in the dark activity at 4:00 PM on October 17th. More than 600 people are expected to attend this annual community event. Special guests at this year’s *Lights On* event include Mayor Tommy Roberts and State Senator Sharer. A Proclamation from the Governor’s office will also be shared with all attendees.

Santa Fe, New Mexico: Irene Lee, Santa Fe Institute, irenelee@gmail.com

Project GUTS and GUTS y Girls are holding a special a *Lights On Afterschool* event to celebrate STEM and computing in afterschool programs. During the event, Project GUTS will also receive a 2013 Afterschool Alliance STEM Impact Award. Parents, students, and community members will participate in hands-on science activities, make and take creative technology projects, learn computer modeling and animation and view the project gallery. The event will take place on October 20th from 1:00 to 5:00PM at El Museo Cultural de Santa Fe.

New York

Brooklyn, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Omari McCleary, Good Shepherd Services, 347-627-7002, omari_mccleary@goodsshepherds.org

From October 16th to 18th, Good Shepherd Services, located in Brooklyn East and Bedford Stuyvesant, will combine all out-of-school-time programs located in school sites as well as community centers for a special *Lights On Afterschool* open house. Participants will simulate and lead for guests their various afterschool activities and projects. Such activities include: Capoeira, Brazilian martial arts demo, a student art gallery walk, student vs. community board basketball game, healthy snack workshop, and teambuilding contests. The event will include student

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performances around the theme “We happen in afterschool.” In the Bed-Stuy/Williamsburg community, the event will be located in the PS 297 gymnasium at 700 Park Ave, 11206 and in neighborhoods near Brownsville at the Van Dyke Community Center at 392 Blake 11212.

Brooklyn, New York: Shenequa Ravaliere, ACES Clubs Afterschool Program, 718-782-2390, SRavaliere@nyjtl.org

The Lindsay School PS 250K will host a hands-on open house in commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th at 5:30 PM. Parents, school staff, community leaders, and the media will be invited to participate in student led demonstrations. The goal of the event is to share what the program does with the community and raise awareness for the importance of afterschool programs in the Brooklyn community.

Brooklyn, New York: Sheryl Robertson, South Brooklyn Youth Consortium - Coney Goes Green, 718-676-0792, sbyci2003@yahoo.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, South Brooklyn Youth Consortium - Coney Goes Green will host Science on Sidewalks on October 17th. In order to show young people that science can be fun, staff and students will conduct science experiments on the sidewalk between the hours of 5:00 and 6:00 PM.

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

The Queens Community House Beacon Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with children, families, community members and elected officials during a two day event. On October 16th from 3:30 to 6:00 PM, the program will host an advocacy carnival with activity demonstrations, games, face painting and advocacy testimonial booths. On October 17th from 3:30 to 6:00 PM, program participants will march through the local shopping area and conclude with a rally and ceremony at the program site.

Glen Cove, New York: Sara Laskow, Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club, 516-671-8030, slaskow@glencovebgc.org

Glen Cove Boys & Girls Club will host an open house for the community and families on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM as part of the national *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. Guests will tour the facility and get a hands-on experience about what the club has to offer.

Harlem, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Megan Demarkis, Harlem RBI's REAL Kids Program, 212-722-1608, x225, mdemarkis@harlemrbi.org

Harlem RBI's REAL Kids Program at Mosaic Preparatory School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th to engage families and educate parents on the importance of afterschool. The day will begin with an open house, where families will observe and participate in literacy and baseball activities with their REAL Kid's team. Families will also get to meet the teachers and coaches that will be working with their child throughout the year. The open house will conclude with a presentation educating audience members on the importance of afterschool programs in our community. Harlem RBI will also give Afterschool Hero Awards to youth, family members and school administrators who have been an integral part of the REAL Kids community.

New York, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Esther Grant-Walker, Stanley M. Isaacs Neighborhood Center, Inc., 212-360-7625, x212, egrant-walker@isaacscenter.org
On October 17th, the Isaacs Center's afterschool programs will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an outdoor concert featuring the youth from the site's Beacon program and Isaacs Afterschool Learning Center. Youth, parents and staff will speak about their experiences in the program and how this service is crucial to the community. Festivities will take place in the PS198/77 school yard, located between 95th St. and 96th St. and between Third Ave. and Lexington Ave., from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

New York, New York: Ellen Darensbourg, STEM Institute of Manhattan, edarensbourg@schools.nyc.gov
The STEM Institute of Manhattan will hold Family Science Night on October 17th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM that will include an open house for prospective families. Students and their families will learn together as they engage in hands-on activities that promote everyday science!

Richmond Hill, New York: Carlotta Cuenca, Jamaica YMCA, 212-912-2210, ccuenca@ymcanyc.org
The Jamaica YMCA's afterschool programs will host a "Camp Out" literacy event on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The school cafeteria will be transformed into a campsite and students will gather under tents, read books to one another with their handy flashlights and enjoy delicious s'mores. Parents and day school volunteers will assist in making this event memorable.

Rochester, New York: Garrick Centola, Ruckus Planning Committee, 585-261-9187, garrick.centola@gosparx.org
Lights On Afterschool and the Ruckus were celebrated together in style this year on October 12th. The Ruckus is an annual off-season FIRST Robotics Competition. This year, more than 30 high school robotics teams gathered at the Main Street Armory in Rochester to compete with robots they designed and built. The teams come from all over New York plus teams from Ohio and Canada, to join in a fun and friendly Halloween-themed atmosphere in a venue that has been declared haunted on national TV! Spectators watched as students controlled their robots and shot flying discs into several goals. Between matches, the "pit area" was open to the public so that spectators could see teams work on their robots and make repairs between matches. It was a great time for students and spectators as they learned about the fun that can be had in robotics.

Schenectady, New York: Susanne Dorr, Museum of Innovation and Science, 518-382-7890 x232, susanne.dorr@misci.org
On October 17th in honor of *Lights On*, the Museum of Innovation and Science or miSci will open its doors to afterschool programs and other community groups. Admission is free from 3:00 to 6:00 PM and participants will be offered special programming such as live demos, planetarium shows and other fun hands-on activities. Through this event, miSci also hopes to make the community more aware of the value of afterschool. miSci has traditionally served afterschool and summer programs through field trips and outreach programming, but intends to become more involved in the afterschool space.

Staten Island, New York: Helen Larino, Y After-School at P.S. 19 – YMCA, 718-889-3477, hlarino@ymcanyc.org

This year the theme for Y After-School at PS 19's *Lights On Afterschool* event is Lights, Camera, Action! On October 17th from 4:00 to 5:30 PM all students will put on a digital showcase reflecting the programs that they have participated in during afterschool time.

Van Etten, New York: Shelley Lester, PAVE, 607-589-7111, slester@svecsd.org

The culmination of a yearlong project-based learning program, "Garden Gourmets," students harvest vegetables and create recipes for the *Lights On/ Garden Gourmets* Gala Celebration. The celebration will be held at Spencer-Van Etten Elementary school on October 29th at 6:30 PM. Along with a wonderful fresh garden supper, participants will be encouraged to contact their state legislators and sign petitions to restore the local middle school's afterschool program.

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

On October 17th, in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the students of the White Plains Youth Bureau will have their art work displayed in the schools, the White Plains Youth Bureau and White Plains Public Housing. At each program site the winner from "The Power of After School Programs" essay contest will receive movie tickets; the big city wide winner will also receive movie tickets and a plaque signed and presented by Mayor Thomas M. Roach! The plaque presentation will take place at a press conference held at White Plains City Hall on October 17th. The Boy Scouts will act as color guard and the White Plains After School Chorus will perform. After the press conference each program will continue the celebrations by hosting open houses that will include pot-luck dinners, art shows, music, games, information regarding *Lights On* and lots of fun activities!

North Carolina

Charlotte, North Carolina: Shereene Hill-Veal, Greater Enrichment Program, Inc, 704-334-8518, sveal@gepinc.org

Greater Enrichment Program, Inc. will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* for Fitness on October 17th from 12:00 to 3:00 PM. The festival-style fitness day will be held at Bette Rae Thomas Recreational Center and will include tennis, basketball, healthy snacks, a chef, food pavilion, blood pressure checks, health info, fitness room tours, and entertainment for the family.

Durham, North Carolina: Tiffany Bethea, Durham Public School BASC Program, 919-560-3947, tiffany.bethea@dpsnc.net

Fall Into Fitness! The Durham Public School BASC Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM with an evening of fun and physical fitness. Guests will be able to participate in movement activity stations and a Zumba class followed by a soothing smoothie!

Durham, North Carolina: Helain Williams, Community Education, 919-287-5695, Helain.Williams@dpsnc.net

The Community Education Program will hold a fall festival and reading party for students and their families on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Participants will be able to play carnival games and share their favorite books with each other.

Fayetteville, North Carolina: Jean Johnson, Carolina 21st Century Learning Center, Inc, 910-867-9000, carolinalearningcenter2@yahoo.com

In commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool*, Carolina 21st Century Learning Center will host an open house on October 17th and 18th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at each program site. Parents and community members will be able to tour the facilities and see demonstrations of what the students participate in during afterschool hours.

Hendersonville, North Carolina: Diana Thompson, Boys & Girls Club of Henderson County, 828-693-9444, dianat@bgchendersonco.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Henderson County will hold an open house in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Guests will join club members in sports & fitness activities, homework help, and character and leadership programs.

Raleigh, North Carolina: Durell Petway, Boys & Girls Club, 919-314-6281, dpetway@wakebgc.org

On October 17th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, the Raleigh Boys Club will host a combination of an open house and carnival in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Games and activities will be set up in the gym for club members and guests. In addition, club members will set up booths displaying their projects and program objectives.

North Dakota

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

The Extended School Program will take the opportunity of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th to share information with the community about the after school program with a fall festival held in the gymnasium from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Legislators, city officials and a member of the local law enforcement will get a chance to see the impact afterschool has on the children of the community and their families.

Minot, North Dakota: Boyd Strand, Minot Public Schools Community Learning Center, 701-857-8780, boyd.strand@minot.k12.nd.us

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Minot Public Schools Community Learning Center will hold a Book Bingo Night on October 17th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Along with Book Bingo guests will enjoy a pizza supper and get program updates for the learning center's upcoming events.

Ohio

Canton, Ohio: Sharman Hedges, Canton Salvation Army, 330-453-0159 x 130, sharman.hedges@use.salvationarmy.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Canton Salvation Army will hold an open house with a dinner on October 17th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The evening will be fun and educational for guests as

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they take a tour of the facility, watch students perform skits, and listen to a guest speaker from the local library.

Chagrin Falls, Ohio: DeAnna Tenney, Chagrin Falls Park Community Center, 440-247-6030, cfpdeanna@chagrinfallspark.org

On October 17th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, the Chagrin Falls Park Community Center *Lights On Afterschool* event will begin with a brief ceremony featuring guest speakers and Proclamation presentations from the Geauga County Commissioners and State Legislator Matthew Lynch. The ceremony will be followed by an event rotation simulating the activities of the Young Scholars Program.

Columbus, Ohio: Ayisha Marawi, After-School All-Stars Ohio, 614-257-1678, ayisha@as-as.org

After-School All-Stars Ohio will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th with a jam-packed afternoon of Tutoring/Academics and fun program-based activities. Students and guests will participate in fun cooking activities, architecture games, soccer, Couch to 5K, step dancing, astronaut training, flag football, and student council meeting from 2:00 to 5:00 PM.

Delaware, Ohio: Afterschool Ambassador Karen Jackson, Delaware City Schools School Age Child Care, 740-833-1851, jacksoka@delawarecityschools.net

Delaware City Schools School Age Child Care will bring all seven programs together at one site for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Each site will bring a display of some of the activities they have done this year and will also do a demonstration/presentation. There will be displays about different academic, supportive, and arts activities as well as demonstrations of robotics, rocketry, dance, Zumba, and flyswatter painting. Included in the event will be a vendor fair with local nonprofit organizations offering activities for students and information for their parents.

Freemont, Ohio: Mae Dell Leake, WSOS Community Action, 419-334-8911, mdleake@wsos.org

Students, parents and other program supporters of the afterschool programs in the Clyde and Fremont school districts will participate in a parade on October 17th in celebration of the *Lights On Afterschool* that will end with a flash-mob dance of the program's 250 students. The celebration will begin with a parade at 4:30 PM from the site of the former Fremont Middle School building on Croghan Street to South Front where it will proceed to the municipal building at 323 S. Front St. In addition, Paramount Cinema has provided a movie for the students after the event at the municipal building.

Oklahoma

Edmond, Oklahoma: Donna Mackiewicz, Beyond The Classroom, 405-657-4414, btc@smesedmond.org

Beyond The Classroom will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* Nature Hike on October 17th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The hike will be followed by the Animal Program and a potluck dinner.

Norman, Oklahoma: Brenda Birdsong, Community After School Program, 405-366-5970, brenda@caspinc.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, all 17 afterschool programs in Norman, Oklahoma will host an open house for parents on October 17th from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Each program will plan its own activities, which will include talent shows, art shows, and shared crafts with youth and their parents.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: Leah Thompson, Future Health Scientist Partnership Program, 405-271-1000 x 48684, leah-thompson@ouhsc.edu

Future Health Scientist Partnership Program will feature performances by High School STEP Teams, Bring Back the Music Afterschool Bands, and techJoYnT Robotics on October 17th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*.

Prague, Oklahoma: Rachelle Law, Czech Point Afterschool Program, 405-567-2281 x224, rlaw@prague.k12.ok.us

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Czech Point Afterschool Program hosted a treasure hunt on October 11th. Participants started the evening with pirate-themed fare and punch. Then they competed as a family for prizes in five games like Walk the Plank and Swab the Deck. Each family solved tricky clues that led them around the premises, ending at the “shipwreck” where they found their treasure.

Tinker Air Force Base, Oklahoma: Janice Dojcak, Tinker Youth Center, 405-734-1234, janice.dojcak@tinker.af.mil

The Tinker Youth Center has two *Lights On Afterschool* events. The first was held during the 4-H National Science Day on October 9th. 4-H staff with geospatial knowledge assisted youth/teens with the Maps & Apps experiment. The second event will be a social/Open House event for all youth, families and staff on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Students and staff will decorate lightbulb cookies and all will be welcome to design a quilt square or paper lightbulb and explain why they like their afterschool program. The artwork will be displayed around the facility for all to see!

Oregon

Portland, Oregon: Ellen Payne, Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland, 503-775-1549, epayne@bgcportland.org

Boys & Girls Clubs of Portland will host an open house for the community on October 17th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Guest will have the opportunity to participate in games and activities that highlight the club’s program and will also enjoy dinner with club members.

Portland, Oregon: April Loschiavo, Regence Boys & Girls Club, 503-853-8678, april.loschiavo@bgcportland.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool* Regence Boys & Girls Club will host a creative and fun night with different activities that will use everyone’s imaginations on October 17th from 4:45 to 6:45 PM. The activities will be harvest/holiday-themed such as Halloween Costume Design with

different materials, creative writing, and placemat designs. Club members will also be able to compete in the Halloween Relay Race and enjoy fun Halloween themed snacks.

Portland, Oregon: Natalie Whisler, Meyer Boys & Girls Club, 503-238-6868, nwhisler@bgcportland.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th, Meyer Boys & Girls Club will hold a penny carnival from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Club members, their families and the community at large will have the opportunity to play fun carnival games and win great prizes.

Portland, Oregon: Cristina Schmitt, Jackson Club, 503-313-1805, jackson.club@yahoo.com
On October 17th from 4:00 to 8:00 PM, Jackson Club will screen their Telly Award winning summer film project “The Quest of Illinois James.” After the screening guests will be able to play in the game room and participate in kids versus parents ping pong, air hockey, basketball, pool, and other games.

Salem, Oregon: Kevin Hohnbaum, Salem-Keizer Education Foundation, 503-949-8222, kevin@skeducationfoundation.org

The Salem-Keizer Education Foundation (SKEF) will celebrate the bounty of Oregon’s local food and wine and the greatest bounty of all, the children, at a three-day farm-to-school event from October 24th to October 26th. The celebration begins with a press conference and the dedication of Oregon’s first aquaponic garden as part of a K-12 gardening continuum, located at Parrish Middle School, at 11:00 am on October 24th. The aquaponic garden will be open for classroom and public tours from 1:00 to 3:00 PM on Thursday and 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM on Friday. A focal point of the three-day event will be a harvest-to-table dinner on the evening of October 24th. The dinner will take place at Scenic Valley Farms north of Keizer. Chef Daryl Gossack of Loustic Catering will prepare the dinner centered on regionally grown food and served with local wine. Social hour will begin at 5:30 PM, with dinner starting at 6:30 PM. Tickets to the dinner are \$50 each.

Pennsylvania

Allegheny, Pennsylvania: Mila Yochum, 412- 456-6876, Allegheny Partners for Out-of-School Time, mila.yochum@uwac.org

Allegheny Partners for Out-of-School Time (APOST) will host a county-wide *Lights On Afterschool* celebration to recognize the importance of afterschool programs, with music, arts, photo booths, balloons, games, and prizes. The APOST event is open to the general public, youth, parents, providers, and supporters of youth programs. The event is free but pre-registration is required. Festivities will be held on October 17th from 1:00 to 6:00 PM at the CONSOL Energy Center.

Jim Thorpe, Pennsylvania: Afterschool Ambassador Jeanne Miller, LCCC SHINE 21st Century Afterschool Program, 570-669-7010, jmiller@lccc.edu
On October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, students from seven LCCC SHINE 21st Century Afterschool Program sites will come together to celebrate *Lights On* with song, dance, media, and demonstrations of STEM projects. The event will highlight the SHINE Middle School Career Academy at the Carbon County Technical Institute, introduce the solar car, feature STEM

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in a minute, and the Bucket Brigade will perform. The program will also introduce their Top Secret Career Projects for 2013-2014 which will consist of 3D Additive Printing Technology where students will CADD and 3D Print a Heart; and make a pacemaker by working with a Cardio- Pulmonary Specialist. The CFO from the Kovatch Corporation, a global manufacturer of fire trucks, will announce that engineers will partner with students from SHINE Afterschool to design a DUI Check Point Vehicle for the surrounding county police departments. The program will also honor two State Senators and the wife of the late Senator James Rhoades who were instrumental in acquiring funds for the SHINE pre-kindergarten to fifth grade program. Entertainment for the evening will include the musical number “That’s What Friends Are For” with 50 students singing live at the *Lights On* event and 80 students participating via a long distance feed.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Afterschool Ambassador Lola Rooney, Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA, 215-963-3791, lrooney@philaymca.org

All Philadelphia Freedom Valley YMCA/SACC/Afterschool programs will host either an afterschool carnival, which will feature the various Project Based Learning Activities for the program, or an open house for parents to follow their children through their “Grow Green, Get Fit” activities, which are all part of the Let's Move Initiative. These events will occur on Friday, October 18th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM, depending on the site location. Some sites are in the elementary schools and others are in the Y branches. In keeping with the Fall Theme, programs will provide apple cider and spiced cookies.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Dominique James, Catholic Social Services Out of School Time Programs, 215-688-4346, dojames2@chs-adphila.org

On October 17th in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the students and staff of the Catholic Social Services Out of School Time Programs (OST) celebrates another year of afterschool success and accomplishments. The “A Life in the Day of OST” event will showcase videos, presentations and performances of OST Programs from around the city. The event will be hosted by high school students in the Cardinal Bevilacqua Community Center OST Program.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Molly Dickerson, The Labs at Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh, 412-622-3140, dickersonm@carnegielibrary.org

The Labs is Carnegie Library of Pittsburgh’s digital media lab, a free space for teenagers to make and learn at the Library! On October 17th The Labs will offer a workshop at CLP – Allegheny, which will focus on a Makers’ Studio activity for anyone who has ever wanted to learn how to make a movie, learn photography or create their own music. There will also be an open Lab time at CLP - Main in Oakland and CLP in East Liberty.

Sharon, Pennsylvania: Alysha Brown, Sharon COOL Program, 724-813-7158, alysha_brown@sharon.k12.pa.us

Sharon COOL Program will hold “COOL Harvests the Light of Students” on October 17th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. This *Lights On Afterschool* event will include dinner, dancing physical fitness, making photo frames with photos from COOL, art and craft project including decorating pumpkins and gourds from local farmer, and a collaborative activity with high school dance group.

Rhode Island

Cumberland, Rhode Island: Liz Lemire, Office of Children, Youth and Learning, 401-475-0929, lizlemire.ocyl@gmail.com

Children and their parents/guardians are welcome to join the Cumberland Youth Commission (a civic engagement program) at OCYL, the Office of Children, Youth, and Learning, for The Artival-Carnival on Thursday, October 17th. This national *Lights On Afterschool* event is being held to draw attention to the need for more afterschool programs to serve the millions of children nationwide who are unsupervised and at risk each weekday afternoon. This free event hosted by the CYC to engage youth of Cumberland for a fun-filled time includes arts and crafts activities including face painting, candy crafts, ice candles, and minute-to-win-it-style games and the opportunity to send a message to Rhode Island and national leaders about the need for increased afterschool funding. The event will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 PM rain or shine on October 17th.

Pawtucket, Rhode Island: Joseph Tomchak, Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket, 401-722-8840, jtomchak@bgcpawt.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Pawtucket *Lights On Afterschool* event kicked off with a carnival and open house on Saturday, September 28th. There was a bounce house, free food, games and prizes for all who attended. In addition, the club hosted an open house for community members interested in learning more about the Club or the programs offered.

Providence, Rhode Island: Deniece Nunez, Providence YMCA Youth Services, dnunez@gpymca.org

Providence YMCA Youth Services will host a *Lights On Afterschool* fall harvest dance on October 17th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The celebration of afterschool includes the dance, book giveaways, refreshments, family portraits, and afterschool craft activities.

Providence, Rhode Island: Joseph Morra: Rhode Island Afterschool Plus Alliance, 401-444-0615, joseph.morra@afterschoolri.org

The Rhode Island Afterschool Plus Alliance will host the Annual Breakfast of Champions, featuring five national and local speakers who will discuss how afterschool expands minds and opportunities for youth, on October 17th from 8:00 AM to 9:30 AM in commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool*.

Woonsocket, Rhode Island: Charlotte Boudreau, Connecting for Children & Families, 401-766-3384 x. 204, cboudreau@ccfcenter.org

At the Woonsocket Middle School Hamlet Building, Connecting for Children and Families School Linked Services initiative will host the *Lights On Afterschool* Fall Festival on October 17th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. The event will provide opportunities for families to come and participate in various activities that take place in the afterschool programs. It will be open to children and their families from grades K to 12. Performances will be presented by afterschool providers and the students. The event is designed to allow parents and other community members to participate in programs the students engage in afterschool. Families will also be able to enjoy activities such as face-painting provided by Beacon Charter High School, a DJ all evening, air brush tattoos, caricatures, a bike challenge, a photo booth, refreshments, a bouncy castle, raffles, prizes and many other interactive games and entertaining activities.

South Carolina

Greenville, South Carolina: Erica McCleskey, Building Opportunities in Out of School Time (BOOST), 864-331-3857, erica@boostgreenville.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, BOOST will host a special event at the TD Convention Center. Participants will enjoy free activities that will highlight components of high-quality out-of-school-time programming such as cooking, literacy, physical activity, and art. Guests can choose one rotation, morning from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM or afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

Mount Pleasant, South Carolina: Sandra Reed, Mount Pleasant Academy Kaleidoscope, 843-819-2877, Sandra_reed@charleston.k12.sc.us

Mount Pleasant Academy Kaleidoscope will be hosting an outdoor pizza party to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. On Thursday, October 17th, program participants and their families will have fun with live music, dance, a bouncy castle, snow cones, and carnival games. Parents will also have a chance to see the clubs, sports, and fun-filled activities the program provides for its participants. The festivities will be held at the local farmers' market grounds beginning at 6:00 PM.

Sumter, South Carolina: Barney Gadson, HYPE After School Program, 803-934-9527, barneygadson@yahoo.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, HYPE After School Program will hold a pep rally and talent show for the community. From 6:00 to 7:00 PM community members and program participants will enjoy the talents of students and learn about the importance of afterschool from guest speakers.

Winnsboro, South Carolina: Vannessa Hollins, Chameleon Inspirations Learning Center, 803-815-0833, vhollins33@hotmail.com

Chameleon Inspirations Learning Center will host an open house for parents and supporters on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The program will jumpstart the event with a fitness activity for staff and students. The students will also display creative art projects that reflect how afterschool impacts their lives.

South Dakota

Belle Fourche, South Dakota: Kristy Messner, Belle Fourche Middle School JAM, 605-641-3139, Kristy.Messner@k12.sd.us

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with the community, Belle Fourche Middle School JAM will host a pasta supper buffet, with guest speakers, a scavenger hunt and prizes, on October 17th from 7:15 to 8:00 PM.

Belle Fourche, South Dakota: Marcy Urban, BFACC Oasis, 605- 892-2467, campoasis.bfacc@midconetwork.com

South Dakota celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* on October 12th at the Center of the Nation Monument in conjunction with the state-wide afterschool conference. This year's event celebrated the central role of afterschool in the lives of children, families and communities. Guests were served a pasta supper and entertained with performances by youth involved in out-

of-school-time programs. The night ended with the lighting of the Center of the Nation Monument

Hill City, South Dakota: Veronica Prautzsch, Boys & Girls Club of the Black Hills, 605-574-2010, roni@bgcblackhills.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* Boys & Girls Club of the Black Hills will hold a parade downtown. The students will march with noisemakers to draw awareness to how many kids go to the club after school. After the parade, guests and club members will return to club headquarters and participate in carnival games and take a tour of the facilities. The parade will begin at 3:30 PM on October 17th.

Rapid City, South Dakota: Anthony Raaphorst, Youth Institute/Downtown Teen Center, 605-718-9622, anthonyr@rcymca.org

The Youth Institute/Downtown Teen Center will host an open house on October 17th from 3:30 to 6:15 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The open house will allow guest to see the projects and activities that the program participants have been working on this year.

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

Each of Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota's five afterschool program locations will host open houses with student guides to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th. This year students will choose which afterschool activities to showcase—art, music, physical fitness, health and wellness, literacy, service learning, STEM and more. Each site will be open to the public from 3:30 to 5:00 PM.

Tennessee

Knoxville, Tennessee: Laurel Anderson, SHADES of Development at Mount Olive, 865-579-6701, laurel@shadesofdevelopment.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, SHADES of Development at Mount Olive will host an open house on October 17th from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. The event will feature an arts and crafts show, a student-led talent show, and yummy food!

Knoxville, Tennessee: Jennifer Louie, SHADES of Development, 865-523-9777, jennifer@shadesofdevelopment.org

Science and fall unite for *Lights On Afterschool* at SHADES of Development. On October 17th from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, program activities will include rocket launching, color changing art projects, edible dirt, candy-corn counting, and a sensory guessing game. Preschoolers and parents will experience what a day of afterschool care with SHADES looks like and celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*!

Morristown, Tennessee: Afterschool Ambassador Cathy Kitts, Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority, 423-581-5420, cathykitts@aol.com

On October 17th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM, the Douglas-Cherokee Economic Authority will present guests an opportunity to participate in activities that would normally take place within the regular afterschool day such as: service learning opportunities, crafts, snacks, academic enrichment, and

parent involvement, in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The program will also have information available for parents regarding job acquisition, computer skills workshops and English as a Second Language programs.

Nashville, Tennessee: Morlunda Lattimore, Nashville After School Alliance, 615-259-3418 x 72527, mlattimore@ymcamidtn.org.

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Nashville After School Alliance held a Youth Leadership Retreat on October 7th that brought youth from 19 different middle schools in Nashville to learn about teambuilding and working together. The retreat featured workshops centered on team building, networking, and event planning.

Texas

Alvin, Texas: Debra Copeland, CIS – ACE, 832-621-9400, dmckinney@alvinisd.net

On October 17th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM, students and parents will gather at the CIS – ACE community center to create a large lightbulb collage in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Participants will then walk to a local park with mini-flashlights where the superintendent will speak about the importance of afterschool programs. After the speech, participants will walk back to the community center for refreshments and student performances.

Austin, Texas: Chris Lopez, LaunchPad at The Center, 512-745-6147, clopez@launchpadthecenter.org

On October 17th from 5:45 to 7:45 PM, LaunchPad will present “Parents on a Mission,” a presentation on empowering and inspiring parents to have a vision and mission in being active in their kids’ lives to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool*. The program will also have afterschool program displays and three afterschool program vendors will showcase their offerings to parents.

Dallas, Texas: Tatum Rodgers, Big Thought/Thriving Minds-L.O. Donald Elementary, tatum.rodgers@bigthought.org

The Thriving Minds Afterschool program students will demonstrate the many activities in which they participate daily for their peers, parents and other community attendees at their *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Instructors will be on site to lead non-Thriving Minds parents and students through artistic and cultural activities, answer questions about the program and encourage student enrollment, parent volunteerism and community engagement for Thriving Minds.

El Paso, Texas: Veronica Myers, City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department, 915-544-0753

The City of El Paso Parks and Recreation Department will host a *Lights On Afterschool* Celebration at 4:30 PM on Thursday, October 17th at Douglass Elementary School. The event’s featured guest speaker will be City Council Representative Cortney Niland. El Paso Parks and Recreation Interim Director Tracy Novak will also be a guest speaker along with Alonzo Barraza, Principal at Douglass Elementary School. The festivities will be highlighted by Miss El Paso USA and Miss El Paso Teen USA with UTEP athletes and cheerleaders.

Fort Worth, Texas: Afterschool Ambassador Miguel Garcia, Fort Worth After School, 817-871-3192, Miguel.Garcia24@fwisd.org

Fort Worth After School's *Lights On Afterschool* event will be held at the Historic Fort Worth Stockyards from 3:00 to 5:00 PM on October 17th. Students will create artwork that represents what they enjoy most about afterschool programs. Students will engage in fun and educational activities such as aquaponics, robot building, stock market and chess challenges! Junior Cadet Corp members and Mariachis from Northside High School will perform.

Houston, Texas: Dana Darden, Benbrook Elementary HISD, 713- 613-2500, ddarden@houstonisd.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Benbrook Elementary HISD will host a reading party on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Community members and parents will join students as they get comfortable and read their favorite stories. There will also be a drum line, performances, music, and arts & crafts activities.

Houston, Texas: Carol Vaughn, Harris County Department of Education, 281-660-9205, cvaughn@hcde-texas.org

The Greater Lights On Alliance will host a *Lights On Afterschool* rally and press conference at the Houston City Hall Rotunda Thursday, October 17th at 10:00 AM. A representative from Mayor Annise Parker's office will present a Proclamation. The event will promote the importance of quality afterschool programs in the greater Houston community. Afterschool programs help keep kids safe and prevent juvenile crime; inspire students to learn through out-of-school-time activities; and relieve working families from worries about their children's afternoon activities.

Lubbock, Texas: Jo Ellen Henderson, North Elementary School, 806-687-2700

Lubbock-Cooper Independent School District hosted *Lights On Afterschool* on October 14th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at North Elementary School. The event highlighted to parents and the community what the students at four Lubbock elementary schools learn during afterschool programs. Students demonstrated their talents, and vendors and service providers set up informational booths.

San Antonio, Texas: Joan Perez, SA Youth, 210-223-3131, joan@sanantonioyouth.org

SA Youth programs celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* this year with a focus on science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics (STEAM). Program participants and their mentors created their own inventions relating to the STEAM theme "Shine and Grow Afterschool." The children and their mentors brainstormed, planned and created their inventions from September 3rd to October 9th. Their inventions were exhibited and entered in a competition at the site level on October 10th. During this day, the "inventors" demonstrated their work to the invited guests.

Utah

Beaver, Utah: Shelley Ashworth, Beaver After School Achievement Program, beaverasap@yahoo.com

This year Beaver After School Achievement Program's *Lights On Afterschool* event theme is "Have you HEARD bullying is for NERDS." On October 17th from 3:30 to 5:15 PM, students will convert cardboard boxes into bulls that they can stand inside and walk on the sidewalks while some kids will carry picket signs with sayings against bullying in a parade around the neighborhood. There will also be a lemonade stand and nerd candies will be handed out with sayings attached to the cup to promote Beaver After School Achievement Program

Salt Lake City, Utah: Jon-Marc Muntz, Boys & Girls Clubs of South Valley/Canyons School District: East Midvale Eagle Club, 801-618-6944, jmuntz@bgcsv.org

The Eagle Club fosters members' interests with focused groups for them to hone their skills in different areas like the visual arts, performing arts, sports, and technology. At the club's *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 17th, club members will showcase some of those abilities and skills for parents and teachers from 6:30 to 7:30 PM.

West Valley City, Utah: Afterschool Ambassador Margaret Peterson, Community Education Partnership of West Valley City, Inc., 801-949-9812, cep4kids@comcast.net

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Community Education Partnership of West Valley City's afterschool program will celebrate with a variety of activities on October 17th. Sites will hold open houses with art exhibits and honk-and-waive events in front of schools. At the art exhibits students will showcase lightbulb art. The high school "Blue Crew" will give a presentation on afterschool at the Community Education Partnership's Board of Directors meeting on October 16th at 3:00 PM and before the West Valley City Council, Mayor, and executive staff on the 16th at 4:30 PM.

Vermont

Arlington, Vermont: Tai King, CONNECTIONS After School Program, 802-375-6409 x228, kingt@bvsu.org

CONNECTIONS After School Program will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* open house and pumpkin fest on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM! Participants will have the opportunity to play fun games, eat good food, and learn about the afterschool program.

Londonderry, Vermont: Jesilyn Amsden, The Collaborative, 802-824-4200, jesi@thecollaborative.us

The Collaborative will host a harvest festival event on October 17th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Guests will be able to participate in games and crafts and there will be contests such as an apple pie bake-off and chili cook-off.

Milton, Vermont: Brenda Tourangeau, Milton Family Community Center MASK Program, 802-893-1457, btourangeau@miltonfamilycenter.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, MASK will hold its annual art show on October 17th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. For the last six years MASKers filmed a PSA that is shown on the local public

broadcast channel; this year program members will share a PSA on bullying that was filmed over the summer. MASKers will prepare punch and snacks for families!

Montpelier, Vermont: Afterschool Ambassador Virginia Burley, Community Connections, 802-223-3456, gburley@u32.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, seven sites will hold open houses the week of October 14th. On November 8th Community Connections will host their big extravaganza at Union Elementary School in Montpelier. The mayor, superintendent, state legislators, and other community leaders will be there to support afterschool programs.

Springfield, Vermont: Tamara Stagner, All-4-One, 802-885-2531, tstagner@ssdvt.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, All-4-One in conjunction with the family center will host Light Up the Lawn on October 17th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Guests will be able to carve pumpkins, play carnival games, and participate in Fall-themed outdoor activities! The event will be open to all students in the district.

Williamstown, Vermont: Marci Eschenbach, ONWARD, meschenbach.wes@onsu.org

On October 17th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, ONWARD will host a community spaghetti dinner in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will set up displays and talk about their activities. In addition there will be live performance by an African drumming and dance band.

Virginia

Alexandria, Virginia: Joyce Matthews, Walt Whitman Middle School/ FCPS, 703-660-2516, jamatthews@fcps.edu

Walt Whitman MS GEMS: Girls EXPLORING Engineering, Mathematics & Science will showcase exciting STEM activities that students can actively participate in to spark their interests in STEM/STEAM fields. This activity will provide opportunities for students to sign up for more afterschool activities that include STEM/STEAM-focused activities. The showcase will be held on October 17th from 3:00 to 4:30 PM in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*.

Alexandria, Virginia: Margaret Orlando, City of Alexandria Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities, 703-746-5429, margaret.orlando@alexandriava.gov

The City of Alexandria Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities Out of School Time Program conducted by the Department of Recreation, Parks & Cultural Activities at Recreation Centers and school locations will host afterschool activities on October 17th from 4:30 to 6:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*.

Arlington, Virginia: Milagros Martinez, Kenmore Check-In Extended Day Program, 703-228-6776, milagros.martinez@apsva.us

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th, Kenmore Check-In students will be mentoring elementary students in a fun-filled afternoon full of activities from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. Middle school students will lead an afterschool event themed “Let’s Get Fit Through Play,” with activities including free play and storytelling.

Fairfax, Virginia: Al Luna, Mott Community Center and Clubhouse, 703-278-8605, mottclubhouse@gmail.com

Mott Community Center and Clubhouse will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The event will showcase the different programs that are offered at Mott Community Center and the Intel Computer Clubhouse.

Lynchburg, Virginia: Mark Sheehan, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lynchburg, 434-238-3215, msheehan@bgclynchburg.org

On October 17th at 4:00 PM Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lynchburg will have Mayor Michael Gillette present the *Lights On Afterschool* Proclamation to the club at an open house.

Newport News, Virginia: Brandee Parker, C. Waldo Scott Center for HOPE, 757-244-9223, b.a.parker73460@spartans.nsu.edu

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, C. Waldo Scott Center for HOPE will host an open house where program participants will man several different stations showcasing their math, science, creative, and athletic skills on October 17th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM.

Newport News, Virginia: Karen Washington, Newport News Parks, Recreation, & Tourism, 757-926-1449, kwashington@nngov.com

Newport News Parks, Recreation, & Tourism's 19 Youth Program afterschool centers will be celebrating *Light On* this year by hosting open houses to include fun games, activities, contests, prizes, refreshments and more. The community can learn more about the programs offered in their neighborhoods and join in the celebration from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on October 17th at any of the youth program locations. Celebrations will be held at BC Charles Elementary School, Denbigh Early Childhood Center, Denbigh Community Center, Deer Park Elementary School, Epes Elementary School, Greenwood Elementary School, Hidenwood Elementary School, Hilton Elementary School, Jenkins Elementary School, Brittingham-Midtown Community Center, Kiln Creek Elementary School, Palmer Elementary School, McIntosh Elementary School, Sanford Elementary School, Saunders Elementary School, Sedgefield Elementary School, Yates Elementary School, and Courthouse Way Community Center.

Staunton, Virginia: Claire Richardson, HEART at Staunton Parks & Recreation, 540-332-394, richardsonca@ci.staunton.va.us

On October 18th HEART at Staunton Parks & Recreation will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event at each of their elementary school sites. The event will be an opportunity for the afterschool programs to raise awareness of the benefits that are associated with participating in a quality afterschool program. On this day, the children will become makers and create a fun craft activity and enjoy a special and very rare sweet treat. Two projects are already in progress in order to kick off the *Lights On Afterschool* event. Each of the three elementary school sites created a Thank You card for the Staunton City Central Office to thank them for all their hard work, and to express their appreciation of their partnership. The second project is a "Caught Being Kind" campaign where HEART staff will keep track of all the acts of kindness children display during the program. Staff will verbally praise them for their kindness. These acts of kindness can be as simple as tying a friend's shoe or letting someone go ahead of them on a

piece of playground equipment. The acts of kindness will be tallied and the children will receive a reward at the end of the semester.

Washington

Gig Harbor, Washington: Heidi Gerling, Boys & Girls Club, 253-502-4670, gerlingh@bgcsps.org,

The Boys & Girls Club will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 17th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Members of the community will have an opportunity to tour the facility and learn about the importance of afterschool programs.

Friday Harbor, Washington: Diana, Feinson, STAR/San Juan Island Park and Rec District, 360-378-4953, diana@islandrec.org

From 3:30 to 4:30 PM on October 17th, children and parents who have never been to STAR's study time and afternoon recreation will have the opportunity to drop in and play a game with program participants in the Friday Harbor Elementary School gym in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Artwork will also be on display showing participants' favorite things to do at STAR. The community is encouraged to attend and see why STAR is a safe, healthy, fun, and affordable option for working families.

Seattle, Washington: Nikki Bautista, Kids Co. at John Hay, 206-283-8328, JohnHay@kidscompany.org

On October 17th from 5:00 to 6:15 PM, Kids Co. will celebrate "Experience Kids Co. Project" an event to mark *Lights On Afterschool*, a nationwide day to recognize afterschool programming. At this event, families will have the opportunity to participate in activities, enjoy snacks, and explore the Kids Co. space, just like students who attend Kids Co. every day.

Tacoma, Washington: Katey Sias, Boys & Girls Club, 253-502-4638, siask@bgcsps.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Boys & Girls Club will host an open house with carnival-style games on October 17th from 4:00 6:00 PM. Guests will be able to tour the facility, play fun games with club members and learn about the impact afterschool programs have on youth.

West Virginia

Charleston, West Virginia: Daisha Groom, Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Charleston, 304-345-4548 x105, Daisha_Groom@uss.salvationarmy.org

The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club of Charleston will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th with a fall festival. From 4:30 to 7:30 PM guests will have the opportunity to get their faces painted, play carnival games, take a cake walk, participate in a costume contest, and eat caramel and candy apples.

Fairmont, West Virginia: Stacey Spadafore, 21st Century Community Learning Centers-Boys & Girls Clubs of Marion County, 304-376-2627, smspadaf@access.k12.wv.us

Lights On Afterschool will be held from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Valley Worlds of Fun in Fairmont. Local community organizations will be available to provide information to families on family and youth services available in Marion County. Valley Worlds of Fun will offer a special rate of

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\$5.00 per child to enjoy the bounce house, bunny hop ride, t-cup ride, bumper cars, mini-roller coaster, and weather permitting, the rock wall and miniature golf. Boys & Girls Club will provide pizza and drinks to all children.

Huntington, West Virginia: Chrissy Lester, Playmates Child Development Center of Westmoreland, 304-429-4851, lester74chrissy@aol.com

On October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, Playmates Child Development Center of Westmoreland will hold a “Healthy Living” themed rally for *Lights On*. The main focus of the rally will be to provide the children with the information needed to make good choices in their lifestyles. The rally will include physical activities such as Zumba, jump rope contests and dancing. The participants will also be served healthy snacks. Prizes of water bottles and sweatbands will be given to all children who participate.

Huntington, West Virginia: Tina Watts, Playmates Preschool & Child Care Center of Huntington, 304-522-4858, tinawatts01@aol.com

Playmates Preschool & Child Care Center of Huntington will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a sports-themed event on October 17th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The event will allow program participants to become active and also learn about the importance of afterschool programs in their lives.

Lavalette, West Virginia: Lori Murdock, Playmates Child Care, 304-523-4858, wvlac@aol.com

On October 17th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM Playmates Child Care will incorporate STEAM activities with their *Lights On Afterschool* event. The center will collaborate with the Lavalette Elementary school and 4-H extension office to give students a memorable *Lights On* experience featuring stations for fossil making with a real geologist and environmental scientists, color chromatography, a Lego Lab, airplane-making competitions and a pledge to end bullying. The celebration will include speeches and presentations from community leaders and will end with cake and juice.

Wisconsin

Black River Falls, Wisconsin: Jarad Olson, 4-H, 715-284-4257 x500, jarad.olson@ces.uwex.edu

Afterschool participants from multiple local organizations will come together at the Black River Falls Veterans Park to participate in a group aerobic dance program known as “Recess Jams” in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. Participating organizations include the Jackson County 4-H, BLAST Program, Jackson County Boys & Girls Club, Jackson in Action, and the Ho-Chunk Nation Study Center. The event will be open to the public and will include informational booths with literature on healthy choices and lifestyles. Healthy foods and refreshments will be provided.

Madison, Wisconsin: Erica Eskew, MSCR Safe Haven, 608-204-2023, Eskew@madison.k12.wi.us

The MSCR Safe Haven Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a Fall Harvest event on October 17th from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. Program participants and their families will decorate pumpkins at each of the program sites.

Madison, Wisconsin: Mike Gibson, MSCR Glendale, 608-204-2421, mcgibson@madison.k12.wi.us

Glendale Parent Leadership Team and Safe Haven presented national *Lights On Afterschool* Day Fall Fest on Tuesday, October 15th. Families enjoyed pumpkin carving and decorating, cookout in the garden, and grilled hotdogs served with fruit & vegetables. The resident photographer took free family portraits and unleashed their creativity by making a fall-themed craft.

Racine, Wisconsin: Afterschool Ambassador Katherine Dunkerson, Extended Day Programs-Racine Unified School District, 262-664-6990, Kathy.dunkerson@rusd.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, all 21 sites will celebrate with open house events on October 17th. Families and the local community will be able to see all the opportunities youth have in the various afterschool programs. Youth will perform and share the projects they are working on in afterschool.

Wyoming

Gillette, Wyoming: Tatyana Walker, Campbell County Wyoming *Lights On Afterschool* Celebration, 307- 686-0669, twalker@ccsd.k12.wy.us

On October 17th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, Campbell County Wyoming *Lights On Afterschool* celebration will include a guest speaker, Fun on the Go, a free meal and informational booths on different afterschool programs in Campbell County.

Jackson, Wyoming: Angela York, Teton County/Jackson Parks & Recreation, 307-732-5756, yorkangie@aol.com

On October 17th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, Teton County/Jackson Parks & Recreation will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* expo for local families where organizations offering out of school time activities in the county will set up informational booths and provide access to needed resources. Community leaders will speak about the importance of afterschool. Babysitting services and snacks will be available to all guests.

Lander, Wyoming: Amy Fulton, Lights On in Lander, 307-332-4240, afulton@landerschools.org

Lights On in Lander moved into a new building this summer and will open its doors for a facility tour to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 17th from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. Parents and community leaders will be able to see the new facility and learn about the types of programs offered at Lights On in Lander.

Thermopolis, Wyoming: Afterschool Ambassador Jenny Davis, Hot Springs County School District #1-Lights On Afterschool, 307-864-6592, jdavis@hotsprings1.org
HSCSD #1's afterschool program, Lights On Afterschool will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with parents, families and community members on October 18th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at Ralph Witters Elementary. This year's *Lights On* event will highlight the reveal of their new *Lights On* video displaying the benefits of afterschool programming, the youth who are inspired, and the continued need for afterschool programs. Afterschool students and the community will celebrate around the year's theme, "Harness the Wind, Energize the Future." There will be student displays of their windmill and wind turbine projects, a picture slide show, an ice cream sundae buffet, and the night will end with a launch of hundreds of paper lanterns to light up the sky showing neighboring communities support for afterschool programs.

International

Misawa, Japan: Angel Gordon, Cheli School Age Program, angel.gordon.1@us.af.mil
Cheli School Age Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an Open House. Parents will receive a punch card and then visit each program room with their child to participate in a program-related activity. Each completed card will then be entered into a drawing for a surprise gift! The fun starts at 4:00 PM on October 17th.

Misawa, Japan: Therese Borus, Misawa Teen Center, therese.borus.1@us.af.mil
The Misawa Teen Center will be celebrating *Lights On Afterschool* with a family game night. Participants and parents will put down the electronics for a night of fun games, pizza, and wings. The festivities will begin at 6:00 PM on October 17th.

Spangdahlem Air Base, Germany: John Smith, Spangdahlem School Age Program, john.smith.31@us.af.mil
In commemoration of *Lights On Afterschool* parents and base officials will attend the Spangdahlem School Age Program's open house where the children will showcase their daily learning experiences with activities and presentations. The program will be held on October 17th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM.