

2017 Representative Sample of Local Events

<u>Alabama</u>

Birmingham, Alabama: Afterschool Ambassador Erika Rucker, BREAD Center, <u>205-542-6358</u>, <u>breadee@bellsouth.net</u> and Afterschool Ambassador Michael Wilson, Glen Iris Elementary School, <u>205-231-7440</u>, <u>mwilson@bhm.k12.al.us</u>

The BREAD Center will hold *Lights On Afterschool* celebrations at each of its three sites in Birmingham. At Norwood, students celebrated on October 20th with a spooky science show from Dynamic Education Adventures, a Raddish Kids cooking class and a hip hop dance class. Glen Iris Elementary's BREAD afterschool program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a fall festival featuring Halloween-themed STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) activity stations on October 26th. Pratt City's BREAD afterschool program will host its *Lights On Afterschool* festival featuring Dash and Dot robots, kitchen a la cart cooking displays, cooking classes and Halloween-themed STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) activities on November 2nd.

Dothan, Alabama: Altha Newman, Boys & Girls Clubs of Hawk-Houston, 334-792-4618, <u>arnewman@hawkhoustonbgc.com</u>

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Hawk Houston will host an open house on October 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The theme will be "Lights On Afterschool for Literacy." The celebration will include food, a free book fair, opportunities to sign up for a free library card and a "Family Feud for Literacy" game hosted by Dr. Walter Sims, a local pastor and life coach. Children will dress up as their favorite storybook character or comic hero for the event. One hundred to 150 people are expected.

Mobile, Alabama: Tivella Davis, Scarborough Model Middle School, 251-221-2323, <u>Tsdavis@mcpss.com</u>

Scarborough Model Middle School will encourage all its students to dress in costume on the night of October 31st for a Halloween dance party to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. To start the evening, parents will be invited to fill out surveys and watch a PowerPoint presentation introducing them to the new afterschool program. Then they explore stations at which teachers will demonstrate the afterschool activities available to their students. At the STEM table, students will be able to examine items under a microscope, make slime and create a "static dancing ghost" by rubbing balloons on their heads. At the fitness/wellness table, students will calculate the grams of sugar in various beverages and enjoy fresh fruit. The gardening table will display pictures from the community garden boxes, and teachers will talk about their vision for the garden this year. There will be a culinary table at which families can make their own fall-themed snacks. At other tables, teachers will teach families dance moves and discuss the

academic and character education activities the program offers. As many as 200 students, parents and school staff may attend the celebration, which will run from 4:00 to 6:30 PM.

Tuscaloosa, Alabama: Lindsey Blevins, Skyland Elementary School, 205-759-3638, <u>lblevins@tusc.k12.al.us</u>

Skyland Elementary School's new SPARK afterschool program will hold a recruitment night on November 2nd as part of *Lights On Afterschool*. Teachers will show off the programming the program offers with hands-on activities in cooking, art and virtual reality, and encourage more parents to sign their children up. Some 150 families will attend the event, which will run from 5:30 to 6:30 PM.

<u>Alaska</u>

Anchorage, Alaska: Cassie Frost, Camp Fire Alaska, 907-891-2691, <u>cfrost@campfireak.org</u> From October 30th to November 3rd, Camp Fire Alaska will host a series of events at each of its 29 afterschool program locations in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. Children in the program will help design invitations and decorations for the event, which will include games, group mural projects and food served from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. There will be approximately 25 guests at each event.

Anchorage, Alaska: Teaa Phillips, Boys & Girls Clubs of South Central Alaska, 907-903-8202, tphillips@bgcalaska.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of South Central Alaska will host a Halloween carnival on October 26th from 6:30 to 9:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include carnival games with prizes, a petting zoo, an inflatable maze, a DJ, a photo booth and "truck or treating." Local firemen may attend, along with as many as 200 parents and community members.

Anchorage, Alaska: Libby Connor, Anchorage School District, 907-742-4410 <u>connor_elizabeth@asdk12.org</u>

The Anchorage School District will host a variety of events between October 17th and November 2nd for *Lights On Afterschool*, including a Family Fitness Night, a "*Lights On* for Literacy" event, a partnership showcase, a fall carnival, and a *Lights On* STEM event. The events will feature story time stations, photo booths, Zumba, math games, career and college booths, ESL (English as a second language) information, a recycling challenge, a nutrition station, an indoor gardening station led by the Alaska Botanical Garden, a cyber safety booth offered with the Mountain View Public Library and an Alaska Zoo skull identification station. The events will be held from 4:30 to 7:30 PM at Muldoon Elementary, Taku Elementary, Wonder Park Elementary, Fairview Elementary, Nunaka Valley Elementary, Willow Crest Elementary, Alaska Native Cultural Charter School and Begich Middle School. As many as 600 school and community members are expected.

Eielson AFB, Alaska: Chalette Hamby, Eielson Youth Center, 907-377-3194 <u>anna.hamby.1@us.af.mil</u>

The Eielson Youth Center hosted a talent show for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 19th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. The performance included 11 acts that were judged by Lieutenant Colonel Ingram, Senior Master Sergeant Glick, Technical Sergeant Beil, Staff Sergeant Miller and Flight Chief Charlotte Lewis. Around 150 people attended the event.

Fairbanks, Alaska: Afterschool Ambassador Julie Wild-Curry, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, 907-452-2000 x251, <u>Julie.wild-curry@k12northstar.org</u>

Ten schools in the Fairbanks North Star Borough School District will host open houses on October 26th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The events will give students and families the chance to participate in 4-H activities, service learning projects, coding, film-making, makerspace activities, academic skill-building, fitness activities, video game design, culture clubs, STEAM project-based learning and music.

<u>Arizona</u>

Glendale, Arizona: Sherilyn Dean-Mason, Glendale Recreation After School Program (GRASP), 623-694-8852, <u>sdean-mason@glendaleaz.com</u>

On October 26th, Desert Mirage Elementary School GRASP will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* family night from 2:30 to 4:30 PM. Families will color posters together and play games to celebrate the afterschool program.

Luke Air Force Base, Arizona: Mark Cobb, Luke Air Force Base, Youth Programs, 623-856-7470, <u>mark.cobb.1@us.af.mil</u>

The Luke Air Force Base Youth Program will host an open house on October 26th for *Lights On Afterschool* from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. At the event there will be arts and crafts, bouncy castles, face painting, train rides, games, tours, food and drinks. Support Squadron Commander, Major Castarellon and Family Flight Chief Matt Driver, will speak at the event. As many as 100 people may attend.

Peoria, Arizona: Kendra Wright, Peoria Boys & Girls Club, 623-979-3559,

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The Peoria Boys & Girls Club will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a "Monster Mash" party on October 26th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Staff and students will put together stations that exhibit the various activities offered at the afterschool program. Students will dress in costumes and participate in an electricity experiment at the STEM station, show off their research on different job paths as part of a career expo, and display plates with healthy meals based on the federal My Plate guidelines. The event will include a student art show featuring artwork that will be submitted to the Boys & Girls Clubs of America national art contest. The Peoria Police Department will open one of its emergency vehicles for youths to explore. There will be cookie decorating, bounce houses, games, a raffle and student dance performances to "Monster Mash" and "Thriller." As many as 200 parents, community members and local business and nonprofit leaders are expected.

Scottsdale, Arizona: Caroline Craig, Desert Canyon Elementary School, 480-748-6914, ccraig@susd.org

Kids Club at Desert Canyon Elementary School will hold a mini carnival on October 30th in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The fourth and fifth grade students will run stations at the carnival, including face painting, a lollipop guessing game, a bean bag toss, a pie-in-the-face game, cookie decorating and more. Some 60 students and their parents may attend the carnival, which will run from 5:00 to 6:30 PM.

Tempe, Arizona: Afterschool Ambassador Jeremy King, Kid Zone Enrichment Program, 480-350-5487, Jeremy king@tempe.gov

On October 25th, the Kid Zone Enrichment Program will hold its fifth annual "Glow Party" kickoff event for *Lights On Afterschool* at Aguilar Elementary school. The event will take place from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. At the event, each child will receive a glow stick to light up at the same time in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. The party will also feature music and hands-on learning activities focused on STEM, literacy, nutrition and physical activity. Activities will include: oxygen-powered space shuttles, firework space rockets, Ozobot coding robots, robotic arm engineering, snap circuits and more. Tempe Mayor Mark Mitchell, Senior Advisor to the Governor for Education and Strategic Initiative Dawn Wallace, Blake Farnsworth from U.S. Sen. Jeff Flake's office, and representatives from the City of Tempe Police Department will attend. Other Kid Zone program sites will host their own *Lights On* Glow Parties on October 26th with the same games and activities. A total of 2,500 people will attend the events.

Tucson, Arizona: Mele Ferreira, KIDCO and City of Tucson Park and Recreation Department, 520-791-5912, <u>mele.ferreira@tucsonaz.gov</u>

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the KIDCO afterschool program will host a talent show on October 26th at the Deemster Outdoor Performance Center from 6:00 to 8:30 PM. The show will feature performances from all 16 KIDCO afterschool sites, and each program will perform a dance from a different decade. In addition, some sites will create fun carnival games for the guests to play before the performances. Each participant will also be given a glow-in-the-dark wristband to light up and kick off the dances for the night. Approximately 200 people may attend, including community members, school officials and parents.

<u>Arkansas</u>

Bentonville, Arkansas: Tammy Miller, Adventure Club Program, 479-254-5038, <u>tmiller@bentonvillek12.org</u>

On October 26th, the Adventure Club Program will host a "Glow in the Dark Scavenger Hunt and Park Party" for *Lights On Afterschool* from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. The scavenger hunt will take place at local businesses in Bentonville Square and the children will use clues to navigate their way around each one. There will be games, such as tic-tac-toe, plinko and "Glow" corn hole. The evening will commence with a dance party in Peel Park with face painting, snacks and drinks. Some 150 to 200 people are expected.

Little Rock, Arkansas: Desirae Holmes, Our House Shelter, 501-374-7383,

desirae@ourhouseshelter.org

On October 19th, Our House Shelter hosted a family fun night from 4:30 to 7:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The theme of the event was "Family Arcade Night," and families played lifesize versions of Pac Man, Angry Birds, Tetris and Mario Kart. Winners received prizes and everyone enjoyed dinner together. Some 100 parents and students participated.

North Little Rock, Arkansas: LaFrancis Phifer, CrossPoint 21st Century After School, St. Luke Baptist Church, 501-835-5571 x105, <u>lafrancis.phifer@hotmail.com</u>

On October 26th, the CrossPoint 21st Century After School program at St. Luke Baptist Church will host a fall festival for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will run from 4:00 to 8:00 PM and will include a spelling bee, musical performances, face painting, trunk or treating, bouncy

houses, games and food vendors. Local elected and education officials, in addition to some 300 students and parents may attend.

Springdale, Arkansas: Afterschool Ambassador Diana Gonzales Worthen, OneCommunity, 479-310-9027, <u>dworthen@uark.edu</u>

Lights On Afterschool was celebrated at the *Feed Your Brain Kids Zone* at the 5th Annual ArkanSalsa Fest on October 14th from 11:30 AM to 5:00 PM in downtown Springdale. The family-friendly festival kicked off with a parade and proclamation from Mayor Doug Sprouse. Kids received information on fire safety and IDs, took photos with cartoon characters, created monster bookmarks, learned about birds and engaged with afterschool programs. The event included salsa dance lessons, a car show, musical and dance performances, a salsa tasting contest and a health and wellness fair and college and scholarship fairs. All proceeds benefited OneCommunity's grade-level reading, parent leadership, afterschool and scholarship programs.

Springdale, Arkansas: Afterschool Ambassador Ben Rediske, Camp War Eagle, 479-750-2006, <u>ben@campwareagle.org</u>

Camp War Eagle's SOAR afterschool program at Grace Hill Elementary will host a *Lights On Afterschool* showcase on October 26th featuring the students and their dreams for the future. The afternoon will feature a celebration of the SOAR program and opportunities to learn about the importance of afterschool programming, while giving parents and community members opportunities to serve alongside the SOAR students. It will also include an open house to allow guests to experience a day in the life of the afterschool program with STEM and art activities, performances from the SOAR Dance Team and testimonials from two local principals about why the afterschool program is essential to the success of their students. The event will run from 4:15 to 5:30 PM and as many as 150 people may attend.

California

Hollister, California: Crystal Canchola, YMCA of San Benito County, 831-637-8600, ccanchola@ymcacentralcoast.org

The YMCA of San Benito County will host a Spooktacular *Lights On Afterschool* carnival at Sunnyslope Elementary on October 27th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. The carnival will feature trick or treating stations, arts and crafts, a costume parade and more. Around 200 people will attend the event.

Los Angeles, California: Dannielle Dotson, ARC Experience, 323-975-4376, caminonuevocisneros@arc-experience.com

This year the ARC Experience afterschool program and Youth Policy Institute (YPI) at Camino Nuevo Sandra Cisneros will host a *Lights On Afterschool* fall festival on October 26th from 2:00 to 6:00 PM at which students will showcase their afterschool activities for education stakeholders and community and council members. Activities will include: a basketball free throw shoot out, soccer game, dance challenge, rock climbing, yoga, environmental science, slime making, Yugio Card tournament and more. Representatives from the local fire department will a truck for students to examine, Echo Park Library will have a reading corner and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation will distribute TAP cards for students who ride the bus. More than 250 children and families will attend. Representatives from the City Council will to present ARC and YPI with a proclamation.

Los Angeles, California: Tatiana Cura, Youth Policy Institute at Birmingham Community Charter High School, 213-817-2082, <u>birminghamhs@ypiusa.org</u>

Afterschool students with the Youth Policy Institute at Birmingham Community Charter High School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a volunteer opportunity at the Day of the Dead Festival on October 28th. Afterschool students will volunteer and help with setting up and breaking down the festival, handling refreshments and distribution of Pan de Muerto to the public, building altars and decorating. The festival, hosted by S.H. Graphics & Art, will be held at Grand Park from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, and afterschool students will earn up to five service learning hours.

Merced, California: Harpeet Takhar, Merced County Office of Education After School Program (ASSETS), 209-381-5935, <u>htakhar@mcoe.org</u>

The Merced County Office of Education After School Program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 26th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. The event will feature student performances, informational booths, games, prizes, a costume contest and a parade. Some 200 people will participate.

Moreno Valley, California: Josiah Bruny, Music Changing Lives, 951-992-0721, MusicChangingLives@gmail.com

On October 28th, Music Changing Lives will host a UnityFest from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at Community Park for Lights on Afterschool. This event celebrates the important role that afterschool programs play in keeping Moreno Valley's youth safe, engaged and prepared to be successful adults. The UnityFest will include a costume contest, trunk or treat, an art showcase, live musical performances and guest speakers. The event is sponsored by Music Changing Lives, Wells Fargo, AT&T, Riverside County Office of Education, IEHP, Soroptimist, Sam's Club, The Home Depot and more. Organizers anticipate over 400 community members will attend.

Oakland, California: Raul Alcantar, Oakland Leaf's Encompass After-School Scholars Program, 510-761-5603, <u>raul.alcantar@oaklandleaf.org</u>

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Oakland Leaf's Encompass After-School Scholars program will host an open house on October 26th from 4:30 to 5:15 PM. The theme of the open house is "The Impact of Change." Student leaders will show guests around the classrooms, facilitate hands-on activities and present their class projects. Students from Girls Inc. will also lead literacy activities during the event.

Oakland, California: Tiffany Knuckles, ASCEND Sunset Warriors, 510-999-8059, <u>tiffany.knuckles@oaklandleaf.org</u>

The ASCEND Sunset Warriors afterschool program will host a dance for the elementary school students on October 26th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The dance will include a DJ and snacks provided for the students. About 25 students may attend.

Oakland, California: Kenya Latimore, Montera After School Program, 510-541-0259, kenya2772@gmail.com

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Montera After School Program will host an event on October 27th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The event will include a performance from the program's

dance club, some light snacks and a showing of the "Emoji Movie." As many as 50 people may attend.

Oakland, California: Luis Rosas, W.A.R.R.I.OR.S. Afterschool Program @ Global Family, 510-866-3580, <u>luis.rosas@bacr.org</u>

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the W.A.R.R.I.O.R.S Afterschool Program at Global Family will host a family bingo night on October 26th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The event will include food, prizes and an art gallery displaying photos of the students from various classes in the program. Approximately 150 people will attend.

Oakland, California: Justin Byrdie, Creators of Bay Area Community Resources, 510-809-7801, <u>jbrydie@bacr.org</u>

On October 26th, the Creators afterschool program will host an open house from 5:00 to 6:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include presentations from students in the program's drama, cooking, work out and arts classes. Each class will present the special projects they have been working on throughout the year to parents and educators. For example, the arts class will show off a passport project they have put together using postcards from around the country. As many as 50 people will attend.

Sacramento, California: Gionovan Bean, Martin Luther King, Jr. K-8 ASES, 916-690-5880, gionovan@sccsc.org

The Martin Luther King Jr. K-8 ASES program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* block party which will highlight the program's three main initiatives: literacy; health and wellness; and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math). Students and their families will rotate from station to station experiencing afterschool activities in each initiative area, including: building catapults out of plastic straws and craft sticks; reading aloud and making bookmarks; and a Zumba dance party and mini cooking lessons. The block party will be held at Martin Luther King Jr. K-8 from 4:00 to 6:30 PM on October 26th and more than 200 students and families will participate.

San Diego, California: Ishraq Ali, San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts, 619-470-0555 x2109, <u>ishraq@arc-experience.com</u>

On October 26th, the San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts will host a celebration for *Lights On Afterschool* from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. The event will include a variety of activities such as an obstacle course, jump ropes, hula hoops, face painting, a raffle with prizes, an art gallery, a tie-dye t-shirt station and a polaroid photo booth. There will also be performances from the school's cultural clubs, including Papia, which will perform a traditional Maori war dance known as Haka. Approximately 100 people will attend.

San Diego, California: Catalina Martinez, Boys & Girls Clubs of South County, 619-424-2266, <u>neasl@sbusd.org</u>

The Boys & Girls Clubs of South County will host *Lights On Afterschool* events at its 12 different afterschool sites on October 26th from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. At the various events, there will be carnivals, art galleries, student performances and open houses displaying their programs. As many as 150 people may attend the events.

San Francisco, California: Rochelle Celedon, Buena Vista Child Care – OST Scholarship Program at St. Peter's, 415-713-0625, <u>Rochelle.bvcc@gmail.com</u>

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Buena Vista Child Care – OST Scholarship program at St. Peter's will host an open house on October 26th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. The open house will feature art and science activity stations for the guests to interact with. Student art work and academic achievements will be on display and food will be provided. As many as 100 people may attend.

San Francisco, California: Juan Pazmino, Faces San Francisco, 415-321-8730,

jpazmino@facessf.org

The Faces San Francisco afterschool program will host a family game night on October 26th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will lead parents and other attendees in several STEM-based games, including checkers, chess, go fish, Sorry and LIFE. The program's cooking club will prepare snacks for the event. As many as 200 people may attend.

San Francisco, California: Jennifer Zhang, Garfield CYC, 415-775-2636, Jenniferz@cycsf.org On October 31st, the Garfield CYC afterschool program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a special event from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The celebration will be led by members of the student council and will include literacy activities, science and art experiments as well as crafts with lightbulbs and glow sticks. Participants also will be asked to write down why afterschool programs are important to them on a sheet of paper to be used for a future afterschool project. Approximately 130 people will attend.

San Francisco, California: Tina Hepton, CYC Redding Elementary ACE Program, 415-430-8290, <u>tinah@cycsf.org</u>

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the CYC Redding Elementary ACE Program will host a "Lights On Literacy" event on October 19th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. There will be listening booths with short podcasts, a writing wall for students and other guests to contribute their thoughts about afterschool programs, posters designed around powerful quotes by students and staff about the importance of afterschool, a reading nook with an intentional library of social justice books and cozy chairs, Pictionary, a spelling bee and a charades corner. Families will have the opportunity to explore the literacy stations with their students and peers. As many as 150 people will attend the event.

San Francisco, California: Delia Fitzpatrick, Our Kids First, 415-585-1104,

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The Our Kids First afterschool program will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 26th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. The event will include student singing, dancing and poetry performances by the students, important information for parents on the afterschool program and refreshments. Approximately 100 people will attend.

San Francisco, California: Vivian Wong, Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center, 415-421-6443, <u>vivianwong321@yahoo.com</u>

On October 26th, the Telegraph Hill Neighborhood Center will host an event for *Lights On Afterschool* from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Students will have the opportunity to decorate and color in

lightbulbs outlines while listening to a presentation from Academic Enrichment Specialist Vivian Wong about why *Lights On Afterschool* is important. As many as 100 students may attend.

San Francisco, California: Nayeli Torres, Mission Education Center Excel Program, 805-621-4380, <u>ntorres@bacr.org</u>

On October 27th, the Mission Education Center Excel Program will host a carnival for *Lights On Afterschool* from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The event will include art stations, where students can make bats out of various materials, jack-o-lanterns out of mandarins, skull drawings on tortillas, and faces out food. There will also be outdoor activities and snacks provided. As many as 100 people will attend.

Colorado

Aurora, Colorado: Melissa Beck, Colorado Afterschool Partnership, 303-292-3144 x215, info@coloradoafterschoolpartnership.org

The Colorado Afterschool Partnership and the Colorado Department of Education's 21st Century Community Learning Centers program will host a 2017 *Lights On Afterschool* Summit at the Summit Conference & Event Center on October 26th. This inaugural event will bring together incredible speakers with innovative ideas and resources to help afterschool providers and advocates continue to improve programs and provide support for the youth of Colorado. The keynote will be presented by Kaiser Permanente Arts Integrated Resources, "Laughaceuticals!" Online registration is required for the Summit, which will run from 8:00 AM to 2:30 PM.

Littleton, Colorado: Michael Peppel, Foothills Parks and Recreation, 303-409-2510, <u>mpeppel@fhprd.org</u>

All 12 of Foothills Parks and Recreation's afterschool sites in the Jefferson County Public School District will host their own *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 26th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. In anticipation of *Lights On*, students colored lightbulbs on October 23rd to decorate their classrooms. The overarching theme of the events glow-in-the-dark, so each site will have a variety of activities like making glow-in-the-dark slime, building glow-in-the-dark skeletons out of pasta, playing glow-in-the-dark balloon volleyball and designing glow-in-the-dark ghosts that students can bring home to use as Halloween decorations. Each site will also serve light refreshments. Some 200 students, families and board members will attend across all 12 schools.

Loveland, Colorado: Cindi Pfeiffer, Loveland Public Library, 970-962-2754, cindi.pfeiffer@cityofloveland.org

On October 26th, the Loveland Public Library will host a special event with "Club 345" from 4:00 to 5:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will give third through fifth graders the chance to learn about and play with all different kinds of robots. As many as 50 parents and community members may attend.

Connecticut

Bridgeport, Connecticut: Laura Magnotta, Wakeman Boys & Girls Club, 203-908-3378, laura@wakemanclub.org

The Wakeman Boys & Girls Club will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on October 26th. The event will include fitness competitions, a spelling bee, musical

chairs, bingo, crossword puzzles, a knockout tournament, a scavenger hunt, a jump rope contest, a special art project and more. The Student Volunteer Association, Sacred Heart University and University of Bridgeport student volunteers and guests from local businesses and non-profits will donate prizes and a special cupcake snack for the guests. Attendees also will have a chance to participate in a community tour of the facility with individuals from local businesses. As many as 150 people may attend.

Danbury, Connecticut: Marlene Hoyen, Danbury Public Schools, 203-648-2065, <u>ho-yenm@danbury.k12.ct.us</u>

Danbury Public Schools will host an event for *Lights On Afterschool* from 4:15 to 6:00 PM on October 26th. Danbury Mayor Mark D. Boughton will read a proclamation and students will speak about what afterschool programming has done for them and why it is important. As many as 50 people will attend.

New Britain, Connecticut: Mallory Deprey, YWCA, 860-329-9881,

mdeprey@ywcanewbritain.org

The YWCA afterschool program will host an open house from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on October 25th for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will highlight the various programs offered for the K-5, middle school and high school students. There will be tables set up explaining each grade level's afterschool project, a short video about the program featuring interviews with the students, a dance performance and poetry recitation from the girl's empowerment program and pickled beet samples from the gardening program. As many as 100 people may attend.

Norwalk, Connecticut: Wendy Gerbier, Norwalk Housing Authority Learning Centers, 203-852-1144, <u>wgerbi@norwalkha.org</u>

On October 26th, the Norwalk Housing Authority Learning Centers will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Stepping Stones Museum for Children. Student artwork will be on display at the event, the STEM club will give a presentation and the teen chef program will do a cooking demonstration. As many as 100 people, including Norwalk Mayor Harry Rilling and State Senator Bob Duff, will attend the celebration.

Oakdale, Connecticut: Kimberly Grant, Montville Youth Service Bureau, 860-848-7724, <u>Kimberly@montvilleyouth.org</u>

The Montville Youth Service Bureau will host a celebration for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 26th from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. The event will include a DJ, a photo booth and displays featuring information about the afterschool program. As many as 100 people may attend.

Delaware

Dover, Delaware: Whitney Towns, CCS S.T.E.A.M Afterschool Program, 301-736-0403, whitney.towns@ccs.k12.de.us

On October 26th, the CCS S.T.E.A.M Afterschool Program will host an open house from 4:00 to 5:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will allow parents and community members to experience what an afternoon is like in the program. Each teacher will present a science, technology, engineering, art or math activity at the open house. Pizza and pastries will be provided and approximately 100 people will attend.

Dover, Delaware: Natalie Way and Kylie Davenport, Capital School District, 302-672-1772, and 302-672-1655, <u>Natalie.way@capital.k12.de.us</u> and <u>kylie.davenport@capital.k12.de.us</u> On October 26th, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, Capital School District's 21st Century program will host a rally and parade for *Lights On Afterschool* for students from William Henry Middle School, Central Middle School, East Dover Elementary and Dover High school. The parade will start at the Legislative Mall and conclude at William Henry Middle School. Local politicians, including Dover Mayor Robin R. Christiansen, will march with the students in support of afterschool. Some students in the STEM program will present their robot in the parade and other students will pass out signs and throw *Light On* swag as they march. More than 1,000 people are expected to attend.

Milford, Delaware: Marlene Duffy, Greater Milford Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware, 302-422-4453, <u>mduffy@bgclubs.org</u>

The Greater Milford Boys & Girls Clubs of Delaware will host an open house on October 26th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The open house will include a movie showing, a pumpkin decorating contest, tours of the facility and a bead estimation contest where the winner will receive a bike. There will be light refreshments provided. As many as 100 people will attend.

Newark, Delaware: Kayeligh Fretwell, Boys & Girls Clubs at Shortlidge, 302-893-9314, <u>kfretwell@bgclubs.org</u>

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Shortlidge will host a celebration for *Lights On Afterschool* from 5:30 to 7:00 PM on October 26th. The event will include snacks for attendees and stations for students to participate in a lightbulb-inspired art project and STEM activities sponsored by Microsoft. As many as 25 people will attend the event.

District of Columbia

Washington, District of Columbia: Afterschool Ambassador Daniela Grigioni, After-School All-Stars DC, 202-759-1084, <u>Daniela@afterschoolallstars.org and</u> Brittany LaBossier, , After-School All-Stars DC, 202-289-3904, <u>Brittany.labossier@as-as.org</u>

After-School All-Stars DC will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 26th from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at Charles Hart Middle School. Students from Leckie Education Campus and Somerset Prep PCS afterschool programs will also participate. The open house will include community partner booths, healthy snacks, games and student entertainment meant to encourage healthy lifestyles and promote STEM and the arts in afterschool. In addition to some 200 students and parents, representatives from D.C. public schools and Dr. Sylvia Lyles, from the U.S. Department of Education, will attend.

Washington, District of Columbia: Natasha Herring, District of Columbia Department of Parks & Recreation Out-of-School-Time, 202-671-0335, <u>Natasha.herring@dc.gov</u> On October 26th, the District of Columbia Department of Parks & Recreation's Out-of-School-Time program will host a variety of events at its 30 afterschool program sites from 4:00 to 6:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The events will range from talent shows to field day activities to art gallery showings. Each site will participate in "Glow-up at 5 P all over DC" which will consist of students holding glow sticks in the air to raise awareness about the importance of afterschool programs.

<u>Florida</u>

Boynton Beach, Florida: Katie Olavarria, Prime Time Palm Beach County, 561-732-8066, kolavarria@primetimepbc.org

Prime Time Palm Beach County will host its 13th annual *Lights On Afterschool* celebration in partnership with the Boys & Girls Clubs of Palm Beach County on October 26th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The event will take place at the Marjorie S. Fisher Boys & Girls Club in West Palm Beach and will feature fun, educational activities as well as snacks and refreshments. Approximately 150 people will attend.

Fort Lauderdale, Florida: Jill Reipsa, United Community Options, 954-315-4058, Jillreipsa@uco-ucpsfl.org

United Community Options will host its 12th annual "Behind Our Eyes" art show for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 19th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at ArtServe. The show will feature raffle prizes, dinner provided by Olive Garden, live music from local high school students and a silent auction. There will also be a place to make donations to the children's art program. As many as 100 people may attend.

Jacksonville, Florida: Jo Mansell, Palm Avenue Exceptional Student Center, 904-693-7516, mansellj2@duvalschools.org

Palm Avenue Exceptional Student Center's TEAM UP afterschool program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a family fun night on October 26th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM. Staff from the Jacksonville Public Library will lead parents and students in digital literacy projects using 3-D printers, Ozobot and Sphero programmable robots and more. Several students who have been working on digital literacy projects in the afterschool program will help the library staff with their demonstrations. Families will also get to test their inventing skills at a makerspace table and tap into their creative side at a marble paint table. More than 50 people will attend, including representatives from the Police Athletic League and the School Advisory Council.

Miami, Florida: Afterschool Ambassador Justin Pinn, Breakthrough Miami, 305-615-0222, justin@breakthroughmiami.org

Breakthrough Miami's STEM Academy will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a "Saturday STEM Exploration" on October 28th from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM. It will feature robotics activities, in partnership with Carnival Center for Excellence and Big Brothers Big Sisters of Miami. Students across Miami-Dade County will have the opportunity to explore STEM in a manner that aims to tear down misguided stereotypes that STEM is too hard and not for minority students. More than 120 students will answer NASA's challenge through the creation and building of Mars Rovers and conduct simulations regarding life processes on Mars.

Miami, Florida: Emily Gamboa, Lynx Academy Afterschool, 786-660-1971. <u>313188@dadeschools.net</u>

On October 25th, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, the Lynx Academy Afterschool program at Eneida M. Hartner Elementary school will host a *Lights On Afterschool* showcase honoring Hispanic Heritage Month with special performances to honor Puerto Rico and Mexico. The event will include dance performances and poetry readings, and approximately 100 people may attend.

Miami, Florida: Natalia Sol, After-School All-Stars South Florida, 305-332-9090, <u>Natalia@as-as.org</u>

After-School All-Stars South Florida will host a special *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 26th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. The Miami Marlins will open up Marlins Park for the event, which will feature a "CEO Relay Race" where 200 students will pair up with professionals across a variety of industries to discuss career and college paths. Afterwards, participants will enjoy a friendly game of kickball and music from a DJ. As many as 200 people will attend.

Miami Gardens, Florida: Deborah Dorsett, City of Miami Gardens – Parks and Recreation, 305-621-5932, <u>ddordsett@miamigardens-fl.gov</u>

The City of Miami Gardens – Parks and Recreation will host an open house from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on October 26th for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will feature student science and art presentations and a couple of performances. As many as 50 people will attend the event.

Orlando, Florida: Maria Rincon-Dwyer, Orange County Public Schools, 407-317-3383, <u>maria.rincon-dwyer@ocps.net</u> and Afterschool Ambassador Sierra Newhouse-Ragoonanan, City of Orlando After-School All-Stars, 407-246-3819, <u>sierra.newhouse@cityoforlando.net</u> On October 26th, the Orange County Public Schools and City of Orlando After-School All-Stars will host their third annual *Lights On Afterschool* event from 5:30 to 8:00 PM at the Lake Eola Park Amphitheater. The event will include music, dance and theatrical performances from afterschool program participants in the Orlando area, including After-School All-Stars Orlando, ASP, Inc, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Central Florida, Champions, Dramatic Education Inc., and the YMCA. Community vendors will provide activities such as face painting, arts and crafts, as well as pizza and cookies. Johnny Magic, a local radio host with WXXL106.7, will be the keynote speaker. In addition, the Coca-Cola Orlando Eye, the Lake Eola Fountain, City of Orlando Art Sculptures and neighboring buildings will light up in yellow all day in recognition of *Lights On*. About 1,000 people are expected to attend and representatives from the Orange County Government and the City of Orlando will attend.

St. Petersburg, Florida: JoeAnna Neeley, R' Club Child Care, 727-343-9216, <u>zm-</u>tyrone@rclub.net

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, R' Club Child Care will hold an arts and crafts night at the Tyrone Middle School cafeteria. Students, parents and school staff will decorate lightbulbs, work on a popsicle stick weaving project and make tie-dye cell phone holders out of tissue paper, duct tape and other supplies. The 60 attendees will enjoy a light meal at the event, which will run from 4:30 to 6:00 PM on October 26th.

Tallahassee, Florida: Frances Nerius, 21st CCLC in Leon County, 850-487-7816, <u>neriusf@leonschools.net</u>

The 21st CCLC in Leon County will host a performance showcase on October 26th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM for *Lights On Afterschool* at the Godby High School auditorium. All 14 afterschool program sites will perform and promote their programs at the event. There will also be information booths from community partners and vendors and a raffle drawing for each school to win a basket. Approximately 3,500 people, including Superintendent Rocky Hana and the CEO of the United Way of the Big Bend, Katrina Rolle will attend.

Tampa, Florida: Randolph Seibert, Crestwood Elementary School, 813-872-5374, randolph.seibert@sdhc.k12.fl.us

The Crestwood Elementary School HOST Program will host a fall festival for students and their families on October 31st to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will dress up as their favorite characters and strut down a runway as part of a costume fashion show, youths in the afterschool music class will perform a small concert, and everyone will enjoy a candy and junk food feast then break out their best moves for a dance competition. Some 150 parents and students will attend the celebration, which will run from 3:30 to 6:00 PM.

Georgia

Athens, Georgia: Cherene Williams, Boys & Girls Club of Athens, 706-357-5368, <u>cherenedenisa@gmail.com</u>

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of Athens will host an open house on October 26th from 4:30 to 6:00 PM and a "Family Fun Night" on October 31st from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. The open house will include be tours of the facility, as well as science and math activities that parents and students can do together in each classroom. Guests will be invited to participate in a community dodgeball game. The "Family Fun Night" will celebrate Halloween with costumes, candy, games, arts and crafts activities, scooter races, bingo, cake walks and more. Board of Education members will attend the festivities on Oct. 31st and 150 to 200 people are expected at both celebrations.

Atlanta, Georgia: Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network, Katie Landes, 404-521-0355, klandes@georgiavoices.org

On October 24th, the Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network (GSAN) will host "Brews for Afterschool," from 5:30 to 8:00 PM at Red Brick Brewing, to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The fundraising event will include games, activities, a raffle, food and beverages for the guests. The event is sponsored by the United Way or Greater Atlanta, the International Cinematographers Guild-Atlanta, Red Brick Brewing and Kroger. The Georgia Afterschool and Youth Development Initiative, Live Healthy Gwinnett, Metro Atlanta YMCA, Jen and Paul Bennecke, Nikki and Adam Cohn, Alyssa Moskowitz and Bret Chaness, and Allison and Matt Thompson will host the event. Every dollar raised will support the GSAN's work and benefit afterschool programs across the state. Tickets for the event are \$50 and are available at www.afterschoolga.org.

Atlanta, Georgia: Lauren Lowers, New American Pathways Bright Futures Afterschool Program, 404-299-6099, <u>l.lowers@newamericanpathways.org</u>

New American Pathways Bright Futures Afterschool Program will host an event on October 26th from 2:30 to 5:30 PM at Jolly Elementary School in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include a student spotlight for children to share their experiences in afterschool with one another, an art project, STEM activity and relay race. Approximately 65 people may attend the event.

Atlanta, Georgia: Sharnae Scott, Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network, 917-504-3588, sscott@georgiavoices.org

The Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network (GSAN) joined Albany's Network of Trust School Health Program and Dougherty County Family Literacy Connections on October 17th to host a

luncheon for *Lights On Afterschool*. The luncheon was held from 11:30 AM until 1:00 PM, on the Campus of Phoebe Northwest and featured student-led presentations and remarks from community leaders. Organizers expect more than 50 people to participate.

Columbus, Georgia: Christopher Bryant, YMCA Prime Time After School, 706-322-2579, <u>cbryant@ymcacolumbusga.com</u>

On October 27th, the YMCA Prime Time After School program will host a fall festival and open house from 4:30 to 7:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. Guests will have the chance to take tours of the facility. There will be inflatable bouncy houses, tables for students to register for the sports programs and more. Food will be provided for the 700 expected attendees.

Sugar Hill, Georgia: Lindsey Jorstad, Gwinnett County Department of Community Services, 770-822-8869, <u>lindsey.jorstad@gwinnettcounty.com</u>

Live Healthy Gwinnett will host a 'Neverland' themed family festival on October 26th from 5:30 to 8:00 PM at E.E. Robinson Park in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include 20 out-of-school time exhibitors, an outdoor scholastic fair, a trackless train, bounce houses, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) activities, interactive games and food from local vendors. Approximately 500 to 600 people may attend the event.

<u>Hawaii</u>

Honolulu, Hawaii: Afterschool Ambassador Paula Adams, Hawaii Afterschool Alliance, <u>hawaiiafterschool@gmail.com</u>

Hawaii celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* with a rally and showcase at the State Capitol Rotunda on October 18th from 2:45 to 5:30 PM. Afterschool students showcased their art, dance and music talents and decorated the Capitol with messages aimed at keeping the lights on after school. Students also gave testimonials about the positive impact of afterschool in their lives and held a sign-waving on Beretania Street. The rally was followed by remarks from Hawaii's elected officials. Afterschool Alliance Executive Director Jodi Grant attended and was honored at the rally.

Kauai, Hawaii: Tina Albao, Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii, 808-346-5024, <u>talbao@bgch.com</u> In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of Hawaii will host events at the Lihue Clubhouse and the Kapa'a Boys & Girls Clubhouse on October 26th. The Lihue Clubhouse will wave signs and walk past the Historical County Building from 2:45 to 3:15 PM. The Kapaa Clubhouse will host a "Trunk or Treat Costume Contest" from 6:00 to 8:00 PM with prizes for the best costume and decorated trunk. As many as 100 people will attend each event.

<u>Idaho</u>

Blackfoot, Idaho: Ashlee Howell, Blackfoot Community Center, 208-785-8022, Ashlee@blackfootcommunitycenter.com

The Blackfoot Community Center afterschool program will host a Halloween event for *Lights On Afterschool* from 6:00 to 9:00 PM on October 28th. The event will include a "spook alley" designed by the students, trick or treating with community partners, a dance lesson, STEM demonstrations and games. The *Blackfoot Morning News* will cover the event, where Blackfoot

Community Center board member Cory Martin will be recognized as an "Afterschool Champion." As many as 150 people may attend.

Challis, Idaho: Becky Mitchell, Challis Public Library, 208-879-4267, challislibrary@gmail.com

On October 27th, the Challis Public Library will host an open house from 11:00 AM to 7:30 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will feature hands-on math and science activities, story time, a Halloween cake walk, snacks and information about the afterschool program. Local newspaper *The Challis Messenger* will cover the event. As many as 100 people will attend.

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho: Kary Wells, University of Idaho Coeur d'Alene, 208-667-5561, kary@uidaho.edu

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the University of Idaho will host "STEM Night: Coding Swift For Beginners!" at the Innovation Den on October 26th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Representatives from the University of Idaho Coeur d'Alene, Innovation Collective and Gizmo-CDA will guide students and their families through various STEM activities. The 70 attendees will try to solve puzzles, watch robot demonstrations, work on iPads and learn more about coding through the Swift Playgrounds application.

Idaho Falls, Idaho: Christine Fullmer, Dora Erickson Elementary Beyond the Bell, 208-525-7612, <u>fullchri@d91.k12.id.us</u>

On October 26th, Dora Erickson Elementary Beyond the Bell will host a "Safety First" event for *Lights On Afterschool* from 5:00 to 6:00 PM. Local police, fire marshals and the local power company will give presentations with helpful information for families on how to keep their kids safe. Parents will also have a chance to explore a day in the life of the afterschool program. As many as 100 people may attend.

Kuna, Idaho: Cathy Gealy, Kuna Middle School Afterschool Program, 208-955-0261, cgealy@kunaschools.org

On October 26th, the Kuna Middle School Afterschool Program will host an open house from 5:30 to 6:30 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. AlejAndro Anastasio of One Hand Speaks will give a motivational speech and Kuna Mayor Joe Stear will read a proclamation in honor of *Lights On*. Some 50 students and parents will be able to engage in hands-on activities such as Keva planks, robotics, fidget spinners, card games and more.

Mountain Home Air Force Base, Idaho: Afterschool Ambassador Lissa Hall, Mountain Home AFB Youth Programs, 208-828-4428, <u>lisa.hall.1@us.af.mil</u>

Afterschool students from Mountain Home AFB Youth Programs will guide participants through a day in the life of the afterschool program for this year's *Lights On Afterschool* open house and carnival. The event will begin with a video made by Video Club afterschool students. Youth will then showcase current afterschool activities like poetry, jump rope, STEM science and LEGO demonstrations. Students in the Cooking Club will provide the refreshments. It will be held on October 26th from 3:45 to 5:00 PM. Base leadership will attend.

Payette, Idaho: Ashley Gantz, Payette Primary School, 208-642-3379, <u>asgantz@payetteschools.org</u>

The Payette School District's 21st Century Community Learning Centers afterschool program, City of Payette and Boys & Girls Club will sponsor a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 26th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at Payette Primary School. Payette Mayor Jeff Williams will read a proclamation in honor of *Lights On*, then Payette School District Superintendent Robin Gilbert, Payette Public Library Director Clay Ritter, Payette afterschool staff, a representative from the Boys & Girls Club and an afterschool alumnus will speak about the important benefits of afterschool programs. Kindergarten through fifth grade students will perform dances and the high school band will play several songs. Payette emergency vehicles will line the street outside the school with their lights on to show their support for afterschool programs. Idaho Power and Light will provide cookies, fruit and water for the several hundred attendees.

Illinois

Chicago, Illinois: Veronica Stein, BUILD, 773-227-2880, <u>veronicastein@buildchicago.org</u> On October 26th, the BUILD afterschool program will host an open house at their headquarters in honor of *Lights On Afterschool* from 3:00 to 7:00 PM. The event will include performances, STEM experiment stations, music, dancing, food, giveaways and more. Local officials have been invited. Approximately 85 people will attend.

Chicago, Illinois: Kimberly George, Chicago Youth Centers Sidney Epstein Center, 773-762-5655, <u>Kimberly.george@chicagoyouthcenters.org</u>

The Chicago Youth Centers Sidney Epstein Center will host an open house on October 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will highlight the center's programs and will include games like family feud and bingo, STEM activities, arts and crafts, and a campfire with s'mores provided by the outdoor education program. As many as 150 people will attend the event.

Chicago, Illinois: Dushunda Henderson, Chicago Youth Centers Fellowship House, 312-326-2282, <u>dushunda.henderson@chicagoyouthcenters.org</u>

On October 26th, the Chicago Youth Centers Fellowship House will host a STEM-themed *Lights On Afterschool* event from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. The event will feature various STEM activities that spell out STEM for the guests to engage with, and as many as 50 people may attend.

Naperville, Illinois: Jennifer Brooks, YMCA Safe 'n Sound, 630-585-2207,

jbrooks@ymcachicago.org

On October 26th, the YMCA Safe 'n Sound program at McCarty School will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool* from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. The event will include a collaborative art project, where students and parents can decorate rocks with paint, various materials and inspirational quotes to send to individuals affected by the recent hurricanes. There will also be a bake sale to raise money for the hurricane victims. As many as 60 people may attend.

Springfield, Illinois: Tiisha Dickerson, Springfield Urban League, 217-691-9550,

ttownsend@sps186.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the Springfield Urban League 21st Century Program will host an open house on October 25th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The event will focus on health awareness and

access with presentations from the Department of Health, STEM activities, creation stations and a demonstration with therapy animals. More than 200 people are expected to attend.

West Chicago, Illinois: Susan Castrogiovanni, DREAM Program, 630-202-2212, scastrogiovanni@breakingfreeinc.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the DREAM Program will host a showcase on October 26th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM at Leman Middle School with students from Currier Elementary, Gary Elementary, Pioneer Elementary and Leman Middle Schools. Students will offer a variety of performances featuring Halloween poetry, Mexican Hat dancing, stepping, film and music. The students will also display artwork and reports about their performance. Dinner will be provided, accompanied by a student mariachi band and the College of DuPage Arts violin group. As many as 150 people may attend.

<u>Indiana</u>

Bedford, Indiana: Afterschool Ambassador Brigitte Gurden, Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence County, 812-279-6123, <u>bgurden@bgcblc.org</u>

On October 9th, the Boys & Girls Club of Lawrence County hosted an open house from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. U.S. Rep. Trey Hollingsworth, State Representative Chris May, a representative from the mayor's office Bryon Burke and local press visited the club and met with participants and staff.

Carmel, Indiana: Afterschool Ambassador Ben Johnson, Carmel Clay Parks and Recreation, 317-573-5240, <u>bjohnson@carmelclayparks.com</u>

The Extended School Enrichment afterschool programs will host 11 *Lights On Afterschool* events on October 26th, beginning at 2:30 PM and ending at 7:00 PM. Events will include family games, dance parties, art displays and costume contests. The events will be hosted at each of the 11 Carmel Clay elementary schools, and more than 1,200 people are expected to attend.

Columbus, Indiana: Diane Robbins, kidscommons Children's Community Museum, 812-378-3046, <u>diane.robbins@kidscommons.org</u>

On October 26th, the kidscommons Children's Community Museum will host a free admission night for *Lights On Afterschool* from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. The evening will include science, technology, engineering, art and math activities, take-home gifts and door prizes. Pizza and fruit will be provided as well. The Bartholomew County Out-of-School Coalition is sponsoring the event and more than 200 people may attend.

Indianapolis, Indiana: Sara Beanblossom, Indiana Afterschool Network, 317-822-8211, <u>sbeanblossom@indianaafterschool.org</u>

On October 26th, the Indiana Afterschool Network will host a peace rally from 6:00 to 8:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool* at the Soldiers and Sailors Monument. Participants will bring signs and share stories with positive messages focused on how afterschool programs have affected them. The rally will include photo opportunities, t-shirt giveaways, *Lights On Afterschool* swag and more. Speakers will call for expanding afterschool opportunities so every child who needs a program has one, and discuss the benefits of afterschool programs, including inspiring children to learn, keeping them safe in the hours when juvenile crime peaks, and providing peace of mind to working families. Parents and supporters will sign a petition urging lawmakers not to deny or

divert funding for afterschool programs. Governor Eric Holcomb, Indianapolis Mayor Hogsett, the Indiana General Assembly and other mayors from across the state have issued official proclamations that will be read at the event. Representatives from U.S. Reps. Susan Brooks and André Carson and U.S. Sen. Joe Donnelly's offices, Indianapolis City County Councillors Vop Osili and Blake Johnson, and Indiana State Senators Jim Merritt and Aaron Freeman will attend. In addition, that same evening the Indianapolis Power & Light windows will be lit to commemorate *Lights On Afterschool* and #LightsOnIndy.

Lafayette, Indiana: Joe Deno, Bauer Family Resources, 765-742-4848,

jdeno@bauerfamilyresources.org

The Bauer Youth Development Program held a community dinner on October 19th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Some 60 parents, students and community members shared a hot meal at the Bauer Family Resources Community Center and worked on fall-related art projects, like yarn weaving and designing a Thankfulness Tree for the school, where everyone wrote what they're thankful for on a different leaf. Families also decorated cookies and cupcakes together.

Muncie, Indiana: Tanya Conway, A Better Way Services, 765-747-9107, <u>ta@abwservices.org</u> The AOK afterschool program at A Better Way will throw a superhero-themed *Lights On Afterschool* party on October 26th at Southside Middle School. Some 300 students, families and community members will come dressed as superheroes to see a display of student artwork and enjoy a dinner complete with hot dogs, chips and root beer floats. There will be a DJ, pumpkin decorating, face painting, STEM activities and the chance for students to make their own superhero masks. The event is open to students from Southside Middle School and Grisham Elementary school and will run from 4:30 to 6:30 PM.

<u>Iowa</u>

Dubuque, Iowa: Beth McGorry, St. Mark Youth Enrichment, 563-582-6211, <u>bmcgorry@stmarkyouthenrichment.org</u>

Five St. Mark Youth Enrichment sites at Audubon Elementary, Lincoln Elementary, Marshall Elementary, Peosta Elementary and Dyersville Elementary will host *Lights On Afterschool* open houses from 3:45 to 4:45 PM on October 26th. Each program will showcase a traditional day in the life of an afterschool student, kicking off with homework help and a healthy snack, followed by time to play and for students to show off their projects, like newspaper writing. Organizers expect city council and school board members, principals and a representative from U.S. Rep. Rod Blum's office to attend.

Perry, Iowa: Mary Hillman, Perry's Academic Cultural and Enrichment Services Program (PACES), 515-465-8264, <u>hillmanmary@perry.k12.ia.us</u>

PACES afterschool students will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with two days of events on October 25th and 26th. This year's *Lights On Afterschool* celebration will kick off with the program's "Pledges for PACES" fundraising walk at the Kaufman High School track day from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. The following day, more than 250 students and their families will gather for an open house, awards ceremony, talent show and community dinner from 5:00 to 6:00 PM at Perry Elementary School. Awards will be presented to the student winners of the lightbulb coloring contest (pre-K to 2nd grade students), poster contest (3rd grade) and essay contest (4th and 5th grade). For the talent show, each grade will perform a song or dance routine. Perry Mayor Jay

Pattee will attend and read a proclamation. Other distinguished guests include Superintendent Clark Wicks, Julia Richards Krapfl from Blank Children's Hospital who will discuss healthy behaviors and Iowa Public Television's Trista Peitzman. PACES has celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* each year since the program's inception, 18 years ago.

Muscatine, Iowa: Amy Hessel, Muscatine Community YMCA, 563-263-9996, ahessel@muscatiney.org

The Muscatine Community YMCA will host a family engagement event on October 26th at the School Age Childcare Facility in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. Students and parents will have the chance to participate in various STEM and art activities. The event will run from 4:00 to 6:00 PM and as many as 30 people may attend.

Kansas

Goessel, Kansas: Laura Dailey, Goessel Public Library, 620-367-8440, <u>goeslib@mtelco.net</u> On October 26th, the Goessel Public Library will host a Halloween STEM event from 4:00 to 5:30 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. At the event, students, parents and other attendees will have a chance to perform science experiments with slime. Approximately 25 people will attend the event.

McConnell AFB, Kansas: Heather Jaynes, McConnell Air Force Base Youth Center, 316-759-6859, <u>heather.jaynes@us.af.mil</u>

The McConnell Air Force Base Youth Center will host an STEM open house on October 26th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will consist of a presentation about gas, liquids, and solids from Wichita State University representatives, free samples of nitrogen ice cream, an obstacle course, science kit explorations and more. As many as 200 people will attend the event.

Merriam, Kansas: Afterschool Ambassador Kim Chappelow-Lee, Johnson County Park and Recreation District, 913-831-3355, <u>kim.chappelow-lee@jocogov.org</u>

The out of school time programs of Johnson County Park and Recreation District celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* with a fall fest celebration at Shawnee Mission Park's Theatre in the Park on October 13th from 12:00 to 2:00 PM. About 1,000 kids from the 22 afterschool sites celebrated afterschool programs with hay rides, temporary tattoos, life-size games, a petting zoo, photo booth, DJ, healthy snacks, electronic pig races and card decorating for Children's Mercy Hospital patients.

Topeka, Kansas: Marcia Dvorak, Kansas Enrichment Network, 785-864-9665,

mjdvorak@ku.edu

More than 100 youths from Salina, Manhattan and Topeka took part in a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration at the Kansas Capitol lawn on October 20th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. Hosted by the Kansas Enrichment Network, the event featured afterschool activities with themes such as science, literacy and wellness. Students also toured the statehouse and completed a scavenger hunt. The event concluded with two games of kickball. This year's celebration was made possible through a partnership with the Kansas Enrichment Network, Kansas Reading Roadmap, KC STEM Alliance, Kansas Children's Discovery Center, Topeka Police Department, Shawnee

County Sheriff's Office, Safe Kids Kansas, Alliance for a Healthier Generation and Starbase-Topeka.

Waterville, Kansas: Afterschool Ambassador Tony Yungeburg, Valley Heights Colts Round-Up, 785-363-2211, <u>tyungeberg@valleyheights.org</u>

The Valley Heights Colts Round-Up afterschool program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 26th from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at Waterville Elementary School. At the event, photographers from local media outlets will take photos of afterschool students and families as they enter in front of a hand-painted *Lights On Afterschool* banner as well as throughout the event. The photos will then be used to create a photo collage to send out as souvenirs after the event and to display in the building. Guests will have the chance to enjoy a light meal and a juggling performance. To conclude the event, proclamations from Mayors Don King and Dustin Tryon, two local mayors, will be read.

Kentucky

Bellevue, Kentucky: Kellie Peyton, Grandview Elementary, 859-512-9321, grandview.21stcentury@bellevue.kyschools.us

On October 26th, as many as 150 people will explore Grandview Elementary School's afterschool program from 6:00 to 8:00 PM as part of a *Lights On Afterschool* open house. Staff will welcome parents and community members with a presentation, then guests will be attend different breakout sessions that highlight the afterschool program's various activities. Students in the cooking club will provide a sample of their culinary creations. In the fine arts rooms, students and parents will be able to work on fall-themed arts projects like painting a spiderweb out of oil, pastels and watercolor, using different materials to make spooky monsters and creating a collage of fall shapes. To showcase the program's STEM learning, students will create "elephant toothpaste" by mixing dishwashing soap, food coloring and hydrogen peroxide in a bottle, then adding yeast to create an exothermic reaction that results in an explosion of soap and foam. There will also be an obstacle course in the gym to highlight physical fitness.

Catlettsburg, Kentucky: Helen Bocook, Catlettsburg Elementary, 606-739-5515, helen.bocook@boyd.kyschools.us

Catlettsburg Elementary School will host an open house and festival on October 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The celebration will include hands-on STEM activities, parent skill building for drug prevention with Pathways to Prevention Alert Representative Sam Castle, hands-on engineering projects with Marathon Petroleum, a fire safety demonstration from the local police and fire department and blood pressure testing by the King's Daughters Medical Center. The Catlettsburg Police department, Fire department, Boyd County Public Library, Ashland Community and Technical College, Kings Daughter's Medical Center, and a representative from Wendy's will attend. Approximately 100 people may attend.

Covington, Kentucky: Ashley McClure, Community Learning Center at Holmes High School, 859-655-9545, <u>ashley.mcclure@covington.kyschools.us</u>

On October 23rd the Community Learning Center at Holmes High School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The Cincinnati Shakespeare Company will present the play "The Merry Wives of Windsor" and have a questions and answers session with the audience afterwards. The play

will begin at 3:30 PM in the Jack Moreland Auditorium. There will be approximately 50 guests attending.

Covington, Kentucky: Afterschool Ambassador Tom Haggard, Covington Partners, tom.haggard@covington.kyschools.us

This year one of Covington Partners afterschool sites will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a panel discussion on race relations on October 30th from 4:00 to 5:00 PM at Holmes High School. Members of the afterschool book club will gather in the Holmes High School Library to discuss Angie Thomas' *The Hate U Give*, a novel about an ordinary girl in extraordinary circumstances addressing issues of racism and police violence with intelligence, heart and unflinching honesty. The panel discussion will be open to students, parents and community members who wish to discuss important issues in today's society—racism, prejudice and the Black Lives Matter movement. Guest speakers will include Gateway Technical College professor Amy Carrino, Holmes Alternative High School Administrator Sean Bohannon, local lawyers, local police officers and officials.

Louisville, Kentucky: Deanna Lee, Coleridge Taylor YMCA, 502-471-4015,

Dlee01@ymcalouisville.org

The Coleridge Taylor YMCA will hold a Rock 'n Roll Science Spooktacular on October 26th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents and students will enjoy hot dogs, popcorn and nachos, then rotate through booths where they can do a variety of science projects, like making edible pumpkin spice slime, creating their own bouncy balls and competing to see who can fit the most drops of water on a single penny. Youths will also demonstrate the effects of alcohol on the human brain by soaking eggs in rubbing alcohol, which causes them to fry. This experiment is part of a broader lesson on the dangers of drinking that the children have been learning at the afterschool program. There will also be a parents vs. kids kickball game, minute-to-win-it competitions, a walkathon, prize drawings and a station to make little creatures out of different foods. Some 75 parents and students will attend the event, which will run from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Coleridge Taylor Elementary School.

Louisville, Kentucky: Dawn Heun, YMCA Childcare Enrichment Program, 502-471-4399, <u>dtrevino@ymcalouisville.org</u>

The YMCA Childcare Enrichment Program at Wheeler Elementary School will host a *Lights On Afterschool* family night on October 26th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Some 60 parents and youths will compete in a kickball game, and families will decorate pumpkins which will be evaluated by a panel of judges to decide which is the cutest. The students will also pick out something to serve for dinner at the event.

Louisiana

Baton Rouge, Louisiana: Afterschool Ambassador Sam Trevathan, Kids' Orchestra, 225-922-4656, <u>strevathan@kidsorchestra.org</u>

Kids' Orchestra will host its *Lights On Afterschool* celebration at Claiborne Elementary from 4:15 to 5:30 PM on October 26th. At the celebration there will be a site tour, student testimonials about the impact of afterschool in their lives, student performances and Mayor Sharon Weston Broom will read a *Lights On Afterschool* proclamation. During the site tour, participants will visit classrooms highlighting the afterschool offerings from Big Buddy Program, BREC, the

Baton Rouge Recreation and Park Commission and others. Student demonstrations will include: how to hold your instrument; a sound session; a glimpse into wind or string ensemble rehearsal; foundation songs and movement with Halloween themes; and more. The event will conclude with jambalaya and music! More than 50 parents and community leaders are expected.

Hammond, Louisiana: Misty Noble-Hodge, Tangi Library, 985-748-7559, <u>mnoble-hodge@tangilibrary.com</u>

The Tangipahoa Parish Library will host its *Lights On Afterschool* event from 5:30 to 6:30 PM on October 26th at the Hammond Branch. The event's theme is "Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry" and will include "house sorting," games, snacks and Harry Potter-themed trivia. As many as 50 people may attend.

New Orleans, Louisiana: Afterschool Ambassador Richard Bates, Young Audiences of Louisiana, 504-523-3525 x4, <u>richard@ya4la.org</u>

Young Audiences of Louisiana celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* with a performance by the Kumbuka African Drum and Dance Ensemble. The New Orleans-based internationally celebrated group performed music and dance from the Africas and Americas for students, families and teaching artists in the afterschool program at the Morris Jeff Community School Auditorium on October 16th.

Ponchatoula, Louisiana: May Stilley, Ponchatoula Student Outreach, 985-401-2210, <u>mstilley@cityofponchatoula.com</u>

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Ponchatoula Student Outreach program will host an open house on October 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Students will participate in an academic and arts activity, where they will paint wooden stars for the Stars of Hope Organization to then send to Florida, Texas, Puerto Rico and other places affected by recent natural disasters. Louisiana First Lady Donna Edwards will give a speech and Ponchatoula Mayor Bob Zabbia, Superintendent, Mark Kolwe, city councilmembers and school board members will attend. A jambalaya dinner will be provided for the 150 expected guests. The *Hammond Daily Star* and The *Ponchatoula Times* will cover the event.

Maine

Lewiston, Maine: Jenn Carter, Lewiston 21st Century, 207-212-6605, jcarter@lewistonpublicschool.org

On October 24th, the Lewiston 21st Century afterschool program will host a celebration for *Lights On Afterschool* from 4:00 to 5:00 PM at Longley Elementary School. The event will include student performances and speeches from Maine State Sen. Nate Libby, City Councilor Kristen Cloutier and School Committee Member Francis Gagnon. There will also be student-run booths showcasing the afterschool program activities. *The Sun Journal* will cover the event, and as many as 100 people may attend.

Mexico, Maine: Barb Radmore, Western Foothills Kids Association, <u>207-357-6987</u>, <u>bradmore@rsu10.org</u>

On October 24th the Western Foothills Kids Association will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. At the event there will be dinner provided by the Mountain View Middle School (MVMS) cooking class; demonstrations of afterschool STEM activities like robotics,

coding and programming; displays from the reading buddies group, art class, and the MVMS community group; a comedy improv show performance; as well as resources from the River Valley Rising organization. As many as 100 people will attend the event.

Portland, Maine: Afterschool Ambassador Amy Pichette, LearningWorks, 207-775-0105, <u>apichette@learningworks.me</u>

LearningWorks, Breakwater School, and the Maine College of Art will co-host a *Lights On Afterschool* rally and student art exhibition at the Maine College of Art's Lawn and Exhibition Space on November 3rd from 4:30 to 6:00 PM during Portland's monthly First Friday Art Walk. From 4:30 to 5:00 PM, there will be student performances such as ukulele, theater, and dance, remarks from afterschool students and Jeanne Crocker, Assistant Superintendent of Portland Public Schools, Kate Simson from U.S. Sen. Susan Collins' office and Andrew Colvin from U.S. Rep. Chellie Pingree's office. After the performances and rally, participants will move to the art exhibition space to view the student art work developed by students who participated in the Maine College of Art's "Make. Art. Think." program. Up to 150 students, parents and community leaders will attend.

Rockland, Maine: Margaret Hanna, Youthlinks, 207-338-2200 X602, <u>mhanna@brmaine.org</u> On October 26th the Youthlinks afterschool program will host a haunted house for the community, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The program's middle school students will decorate and help host the event. Around 50 people will attend.

Stacyvile, Maine: Gail Pocock, Katahdin Elementary Afterschool Program, 207-365-4285, <u>gpocock@rsu50.org</u>

On October 26th, the Katahdin Elementary Afterschool Program will host a festival from 3:00 to 4:30 PM for *Lights On Afterschool* at the Katahdin Middle and High School. Students at the event will play a galactic volleyball game, carve pumpkins and enjoy healthy snacks. Some 50 people may attend.

Maryland

Baltimore, Maryland: Torbin Green, St. Francis Neighborhood Center, 410-669-2612, tgreen@stfranciscenter.org

On October 13th, the St. Francis Neighborhood Center hosted an open house and stoop night from 4:00 to 7:00 PM and celebrated *Lights On Afterschool*. Students led guided tours of the afterschool program, as well as played games and served light refreshments. There was also a "Community Safety Walk" around the neighborhood that ended in German Park. Baltimore City Councilman Leon Pinkett III and State Senator Barbra Robinson and 50 community members attended the event.

Baltimore, Maryland: Angela Peaker, Orchard Mews, 410-523-2021,

alewis@hmrproperties.com,

On October 25th the Orchard Mews afterschool program will host an event from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at the Hartford County Public Library for *Lights On Afterschool*. At the event, students will participate in a robot building competition using pre-packaged, high-quality science kits.

Students will be provided with snacks and the winning team will receive prizes. As many as 25 people will attend.

Baltimore, Maryland: Ceporah Womack-Norris, Y Enrichment Program at Graceland Park – The O'Donnell Heights Elementary/Middle School, 240-848-0428, ceporahwomacknorris@ymaryland.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Y Enrichment Program at Graceland Park – O'Donnell Heights Elementary/Middle School will host an open house for students and parents from 2:30 to 6:30 PM. It will feature demonstrations from the robotics class, fashion design class, the wood working and STEM class, the healthy living class, the basketball team and theatre class. Around 120 people will attend the event.

Baltimore, Maryland: Phoebe Rice, Barclay Child First Afterschool Program, 410-396-6387, <u>pmrichardson@bcps.k12.md.us</u>

The Barclay Child First Afterschool Program will host an open house on October 26th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will showcase the program's football team, arts classes, JEWELS mentoring program, gymnastics class and more. As many as 100 people will attend.

Denton, Maryland: Afterschool Ambassador Kat Stork, Caroline County Recreation and Parks, 410-479-8120, <u>kstork@carolinemd.org</u>

The Lifelong Learning Center Partnership afterschool program from Caroline County Recreation and Parks and Caroline County Public Schools will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with its annual community dinner and family resource fair on October 26th from 5:15 to 7:30 PM at Colonel Richardson High School. The event will feature an interactive community resource fair for parents and community members and dinner. Guest speakers will present afterschool proclamations and a there will be a Cooking Matters demonstration with Chef David and Ashley M. Partners represented at the community resource fair include: The YMCA, For All Seasons, Inc., Choptank Community Health System, Maryland Food Bank, Chesapeake College Adult Education program and Chesapeake Culinary Center. More than 200 people, including the Superintendent of Schools Dr. Patricia Saelens, State Rep. Jeff Ghrist and members of the Board of Education and Caroline County Commissioners will be on hand to share their support for afterschool in Caroline County.

Owings Mills, Maryland: Dana Carr, Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Center, 443-742-4103, <u>dana.carr@ltyc.net</u>

The Leaders of Tomorrow Youth Center will host an open house and talent showcase in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 26th from 4:30 to 5:30 PM at the Windsor Valley Apartments. The event will feature dance, theatre, music and media performances by students based on what they have learned through the program.

Parkville, Maryland: Brandye Simms, Play Centers, Inc. 410-307-1420,

playcenters@playcenters.org

Play Centers, Inc. will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 26th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. The event aims to raise community awareness about the benefits of the afterschool program, teaching guests about the program's services by making posters and providing statistics on

participation in afterschool programs and how many children are left alone after the school day ends. As many as 50 people will attend.

Salisbury, Maryland: Tara Kearns, Habitat for Humanity Wicomico County, 410-546-1551, <u>support@wicomicohabitat.org</u>

The Habitat for Humanity of Wicomico County will host a relay event for *Lights On Afterschool* at Salisbury Middle School on October 26th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. The relay will consist of different stations, including a LEGO Home Building Challenge, a financial literacy/money smart station, a community service craft station and an afterschool snack and homework station. As many as 50 students will work together to design and build a home with toy bricks, learn about different career paths, participate in a community service project for new Habitat home owners and learn about earning and saving money.

Silver Spring, Maryland: Yvette Butler, GapBuster, Inc. Building Scholars for the Future, 301-779-4252, <u>ybutlerlulac@gmail.com</u>

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the GapBuster, Inc. Building Scholars for the Future program will host a STEM focused event on October 26th, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Students will participate in STEM-focused activities like robotics projects, science experiments and more. As many as 150 people will attend.

Silver Spring, Maryland: Kathy Stroup, the African Arts Culture and Education (ACE) Academy, 301-610-0147, <u>kathystroup@collaborationcouncil.org</u>

On October 26th the ACE Academy will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration at the Long Branch Community Center from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. ACE Academy students will present a free program of music and dance and a visual arts exhibit. Also featured will be a special guest performance with members of the award-winning STEP AFRIKA! Dance company who are among this year's ACE Academy teaching artists. The ACE Academy is a culture-rich reading and creative arts 21st Century Community Learning Center afterschool program for first through fifth grade students located at two housing communities in southern Montgomery County, Essex House in Takoma Park and Park Montgomery in Silver Spring. The unique afterschool program addresses the needs of a growing population of African and immigrant families with a focus on writing, reading fluency, and the arts. Traditional food from Ethiopia will be served. Elected officials, community members, families, and partner organizations have been invited and around 100 people will attend the event.

Takoma Park, Maryland: Michael Kurland, Afternoon Addition, 301-891-7290, michaelk@takomaparkmd.gov

On October 26th, the Afternoon Addition afterschool program will host a culinary demonstration for students to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, The demonstration will teach students how to cook a healthy and nutritious meal. As many as 60 students will attend.

Massachusetts

Amesbury, Massachusetts: Nicole Spirito, Amesbury Youth Recreation, 978-388-8137, <u>spiriton@amesburyma.gov</u>

On October 26th, the Amesbury Youth Recreation program will host open houses at Cashman Elementary School and Amesbury Elementary School from 5:00 to 6:00 PM for *Lights On*

Afterschool. Students and families will be able to participate in various games and pumpkinrelated activities, such as making pumpkin slime. Local businesses will donate pizza and pumpkins for the events. As many as 150 people may attend the events.

Amherst, Massachusetts: Carmen Cosme, VELA After School Program – Amherst Middle School, 413-362-1871, <u>cosmec@arps.org</u>

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the VELA Afterschool program will host a festival on October 26th from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. The event will feature music and dance performances, group games and food provided by restaurants in the community and the school's farming club. Youth leadership teacher and local hip-hop artist Tem Blessed will perform. The event will also collect donations for victims of Hurricane Maria in Puerto Rico. As many as 150 people may attend the festival.

Boston, Massachusetts: Shelley Quezada, Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners, 617-725-1860, <u>Quezada@noblenet.org</u>

On October 26th, the Massachusetts Board of Library Commissioners will host a roundtable discussion for *Lights On Afterschool* from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Representatives from various community organizations, including the Department of Public Health, the Department of Education and other groups from across the state will gather to discuss what libraries can do to support afterschool programs.

Malden, Massachusetts: Tasha Sousa, Kids' Place, 781-321-9784,

kpcoordinator@freedomhill.church

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the Kids' Place afterschool program will host a rally on October 26th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Leading up to the event, staff will raise awareness about potential emergencies and give emergency preparedness presentations to students. At the rally, staff will pass out pamphlets and host a drive to collect supplies for people affected by the recent hurricanes. As many as 50 people will attend the rally.

Plymouth, Massachusetts: Christine Young, Boys & Girls Club of Plymouth, 508-746-6070, Cyoung@bgcplymouth.org

On October 26th, the Boys & Girls Club of Plymouth will host a Halloween-themed open house from 4:00 to 6:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. A local grocery store will donate pumpkins and carving kits for students to make their own jack-o-lanterns. There will also be STEM glow-in-the-dark activities and flashlight tag in the gym. Students will write down their goal for the school year on pledge cards, which will be hung up around the school. The club also will provide snacks for the more than 100 expected attendees.

Michigan

Clare, Michigan: Afterschool Ambassador Rebecca Idzikowski, Clare-Gadwin RESD SPARKS, 989-386-8673, <u>ridzikowski@cgresd.net</u>

On October 26th six SPARKS afterschool programs in Beaverton, Clare, Coleman, Farwell, Harrison and Sanford will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Beaverton Elementary SPARKS students will take part in a family technology night, which will include a learning station about online awareness, a guide for safely navigating the online world and engaging hands-on activities for students and their families. Clare Primary SPARKS students will take part in a Halloween fun and safety night with a student-made haunted classroom, a trick-or-treat safety station and more hands-on activities. The Coleman K-8 afterschool students will also host a family safety night, which will feature a visit from local law enforcement, an ambulance tour and a learning station on first aid and germs. Farwell Elementary afterschool students will take a field trip to a local farm to learn about the life cycles of pumpkins and corn. Harrison Elementary SPARKS students will take part in a *Lights On* family technology night with a learning station addressing online awareness and a guide for safely navigating the online world. Meridian Elementary SPARKS students will participate in a family STEM night with a make-your-own slime station, potato light bulbs and robotics activities.

Detroit, Michigan: Gia Jones, C2 Pipeline, 734-355-8786, gia.jones@wayne.edu

The C2 Pipeline afterschool program at Southfield A&T High School will host an open house for parents and community members on October 26th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. From 3:00 to 5:30 PM, students will guide guests through their daily activities in the afterschool program. The youths will lead attendees through a faux crime scene and show them how to search for clues and work with them to make a seasonal salad to highlight the importance of healthy eating. All attendees will also add their handprint to a banner to show their support for afterschool.

Detroit, Michigan: Ghassan Shihab, Frontier 21st Century Program, 313-407-2477, <u>shihabg@gee-edu.com</u>

The 21st Century Program at Frontier International Academy will open its doors to the community on October 31st to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students in the program's various clubs – basketball, politics, photography, music, art, robotics and more – will share their work with some parents and community members and invite them to participate in activities. Staff will take photos and film the event to compile into a video that will go up on the school's website. Some 250 people will attend.

Flint, Michigan: Brook Borrow, Durant-Tuuri-Mott Elementary, 810-922-1965,

bborrow@yquest.org

On October 26th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM, the Durant-Tuuri-Mott Elementary school will host a spirit week and harvest-style tailgate party to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will have a cook-off, community vendors, games, crafts and food. As many as 200 people may attend the event.

Flint, Michigan: Jenna Ruiz, YouthQuest Afterschool Initiative – Brownell and Holmes, 810-922-5497, jruiz@yquest.org

The YouthQuest Afterschool Initiative – Brownell and Holmes afterschool program will host an open house on October 26th from 4:30 to 6:30 PM at the Holmes STEM Academy gymnasium and cafeteria for *Lights On Afterschool*. The celebration will include inflatable games, arts and craft activities, booths from vendors from around the county, a photo booth, food, a family reading station and more. Students will be selling their handmade crafts as part of the afterschool program's service learning project. All money raised at the event will be donated to rescue shelters. As many as 200 people may attend.

Kalamazoo, Michigan: Nicole Matteson, Communities In Schools – Kids in Tune at Woods Lake Elementary, 269-532-8152, <u>mattesonnj@kalamazoopublicschools.net</u>

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Communities In Schools afterschool program, Kids in Tune at Woods Lake Elementary, will host its annual "Spooktacular" concert on October 26th from 5:30 to 6:30 PM. The concert will be held in partnership with Communities In Schools, Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra and Kalamazoo Public Schools, funded through the 21st Century Community Learning Centers grant from Michigan Department of Education, and will showcase a variety of musical performances from the 70 students enrolled in the program. Organizers expect 100 to 150 people to attend the event.

Westland and Ypsilanti, Michigan: Afterschool Ambassador Maria Mitter, Eastern Michigan University (EMU) Bright Futures, 734-487-0372, <u>mmitter@emich.edu</u>

On October 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, EMU Bright Futures will host two events in each of the school districts the afterschool program serves—Wayne, Westland and Ypsilanti. In Ypsilanti, there will be a *Lights On Afterschool* harvest festival where the program will provide dinner, community resources, games, crafts and food. In Westland, the program will host a family celebration to honor *Lights On Afterschool* and give the students and families a platform to share how afterschool programs have positively impacted their education, their lives and their community. Up to 400 people will participate and each celebration is sponsored by Blue Cross Complete of Michigan.

Minnesota

Blaine, Minnesota: Patrick Jones, Anoka County Library, 763-324-1398,

patrick.jones@co.anoka.mn.us

Seven of the Anoka County Libraries will host events for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 26th. With support from the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, the Mississippi branch will host "Space Shuttle: Explore Space Through Art," with an arts and crafts station that will teach students about space while they use special paper, pencils and liquid watercolor paint to create their own "special space shuttle." Library staff, artists from the area and community members will attend the event. The Rum River branch will host an open house for the general public from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. As many as 150 people may attend. The Circle Pines branch will also host an open house from 4:30 to 5:30 PM for approximately 25 participants. The Crooked Lake branch open house will include art and science activities and trivia from 4:30 to 5:30 PM for as many as 50 guests. The St. Francis branch open house will run from 3:00 to 5:30 PM and some 50 people may attend.

Bloomington, Minnesota: Kristie Christiansen, Kids SAFARI, 952-681-6400,

kchristiansen@isd271.org

Bloomington Kids' SAFARI will celebrate its 14th annual *Lights On Afterschool* event from 6:30 to 8:00 PM on November 3rd at Washburn Elementary School with kid-friendly music and dancing, games, face painting and tattoos, snacks, a photo booth and visits from the Bloomington Police and Fire departments. Kids' SAFARI serves more than 1,000 students in the Bloomington's ten elementary schools and helps children discover friendship, independence and confidence through art, science, music, sports, academics and recreational activities.

Minneapolis, Minnesota: Brandon Tice, Ignite Afterschool, 651-644-5836, Brandon@igniteafterschool.org

On October 26th, Ignite Afterschool will host a celebration for *Lights On Afterschool* at the Weisman Art Museum on the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Campus. The event will run from 3:30 PM to 6:00 PM and will bring together afterschool program providers, young people, civic leaders, college students and community members in the greater Twin Cities area. The event will feature an afterschool program showcase with fun activities from afterschool program leaders, the presentation of the Minnesota Afterschool Champion award, short videos highlighting #AfterschoolSuccess stories from programs across Minnesota and a presentation on the new Minnesota Student Survey data analysis and infographics.

Mississippi

Booneville, Mississippi: Angelique Jumper, Booneville Boys & Girls Club, 662-210-0841, ms.Angelique.jumper@gmail.com

The Booneville Boys and Girls Club will host two events for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 26th and 30th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The event on the 26th will include an awards ceremony for students in the workforce program, as well as robotics activities, presentations from students about their recent college visits and refreshments. On the 30th, the club will host a festival with bouncy houses and team-building games like putt-putt, tennis and board games. As many as 100 people will attend the events.

Itta Bena, Mississippi: Linda Toy, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Mississippi Delta, 662-392-0601, <u>mvsuud@bgcmsdelta.org</u>

The Boys & Girls Club of the Mississippi Delta will host an open house on October 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents and students will play bingo and flag football, enjoy refreshments and design lanterns together. Alice Hilliard, a tutor and retired teacher, and Deborah Harris, a representative from Atmos Energy, will deliver motivational speeches to the approximately 50 attendees.

Jackson, Mississippi: Stephanie Hamilton, Extended Learning Solutions, 601-360-2699, sarnold@jackson.kl2.ms.us

On October 26th, all 22 Extended Learning Solutions sites will host a joint event for *Lights On Afterschool* from 3:15 to 4:30 PM. The open house will feature art and crafts activities, information about the individual programs, lightbulb coloring sheets and snacks. The theme of the event is "Yellow-Out" so everyone is encouraged to wear yellow. As many as 100 people may attend.

Missouri

Eldon, Missouri: Afterschool Ambassador Colleen Abbott, Eldon School District 573-392-6364, <u>colleen.abbott@eldonmustangs.org</u>

The Eldon Learning Enriched Afterschool Program (LEAP) celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* at each of its sites on October 20th. At South Elementary School students participated in a variety of fall activities including pumpkin bowling, mask construction, and more that focused on getting kids moving and eating healthy, which was supported by the program's Eldon Community Wellness Partners Mustang Wellness and Capital Region Medical Center. Upper Elementary LEAP culminated this quarter's club activities with parents participating in the STEM construction, cooking, drama, and journalism afterschool clubs. Pie Night Squared was

the theme for the Eldon Middle School LEAP *Lights On* event. Students baked different pizzas and pies and shared with parents and community members. Each site hosted school administrators and District Superintendent Matt Davis attended each site's events. More than 100 parents and community members attended.

Jennings, Missouri: Terri Foulkes, Missouri AfterSchool Network, 573-884-2936, foulkest@umsystem.edu

The Missouri AfterSchool Network and Jennings School District will host a *Lights On Afterschool* roundtable discussion on October 26th from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. Jennings School Board and City Council Member Terry Wilson will join the discussion about current policies that support afterschool and summer learning programs and the need for further investment. Participants will also hear from program leaders, students and parents about the critical role afterschool programs play in supporting St. Louis area communities. The discussion will be followed by a site visit to see afterschool programming in action.

Kansas City, Missouri: Amanda Mitchell, Crossroads Y Club, 660-200-5474, Amandammitchell@kansascityvmca.org

On October 26th, the Crossroads Y Club will host a fall festival from 5:00 to 7:30 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The festival will include face painting, pumpkin decorating and carnival games. Guests are invited to wear their Halloween costumes and enjoy a cook out with hot dogs and other refreshments. As many as 200 people will attend the event.

Kansas City, Missouri: Ace Chambers, Park Hill School District Adventure Club, 816-359-5018, <u>chambersa@parkhill.k12.mo.us</u>

On October 26th, the Park Hill School District Adventure Club will host a "Rootin' Tootin' Chili Cook-Off" for *Lights On Afterschool* from 12:30 to 6:00 PM. At the event, students will split up into teams, cook a pot of chili, and be judged by the teachers, parents and special guests on three categories: hottest, most original, and grand champion. As many as 100 people will attend the cook-off.

St. Louis, Missouri: Krystal Smith, Riverview Boys & Girls Club of Greater St. Louis, 314-355-8276, <u>krystal.smith@bgcstl.org</u>

On October 26th, the River Boys & Girls Club of Greater St. Louis will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Highland Elementary. It will give students the opportunity to write and record poetry, participate in STEM activities with their parents, work on art projects and enjoy a performance from the step team. As many as 100 people may attend.

St. Louis, Missouri: Dorothy Bradford, Neighborhood Houses, 314-690-8246, <u>dbradford@neighborhoodhouses.org</u>

For *Lights On Afterschool*, Neighborhood Houses will host a glow party on October 26th from 4:45 to 6:00 PM at Oak Hill Elementary. The party will include glow-in-the-dark face painting, balloons, glow sticks, t-shirt giveaways and more. There will be activity stations at which students can make glow slime, participate in a glow stick baton race or a jump rope challenge and have their faces painted with glow-in-the-dark paint. The afterschool choir will perform an original version of "Afterschool You Light Up My Life." As many as 45 people may attend.

<u>Montana</u>

Belfry, Montana: Annette Price, Belfry School BOOST, 406-664-3321, aprice@belfry.k12.mt.us

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool* Belfry School BOOST will host a Halloween carnival on October 26th from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at the Belfry School cafeteria. The celebration will include a chili cookoff with dinner served afterward, carnival games, a bounce house and an inflatable slide. Some 250 people may attend.

Bigfork, Montana: Cory Hull, Bigfork ACES, 406-837-5437, <u>hullcorbigforkaces@gmail.com</u> Bigfork ACES will host an open house on October 24th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include an open house tour, STEM projects like making glow-in-thedark bouncy balls and slime, cookie decorating and snacks. The local Big Four Children's Choir will sing at the event. Montana Governor Steve Bullock will attend the open house, along with as many as 100 people.

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

The Boys & Girls Club of the Hi-Line will hold a family dinner and open house for community members on October 26th in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Families will rotate through different activity stations and stamp a special "passport to prizes" at each station. After they've filled out their passport, they can turn it in for a chance to win a family fun pack filled with prizes. Havre Mayor Tim Solomon will attend the event and read Governor Steve Bullock's proclamation in support of *Lights on Afterschool*. The open house will run from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

Pryor, Montana: Afterschool Ambassador Veronica Willeto, Pryor Public School 21st CCLC, 406-998-8953, <u>vwilleto@pryor.k12.mt.us</u>

The Pryor Public School 21st Century program will host a carnival and masquerade powwow on October 30th from 4:00 to 9:00 pm. The theme this year is "Honoring our Warriors." The celebration will include a community feed, "Heart of a Warrior" awards presentation, alumna and student presentations, Halloween-themed booths by afterschool clubs/groups as well as partners, an Operation Gratitude collection drive, a Halloween costume competition, and ending the night with a cultural Halloween dance competition known as a masquerade powwow. Approximately 250 people may attend.

<u>Nebraska</u>

Fremont, Nebraska: Angelina De Luna, Fremont Expanded Learning Program, 402-317-4402, <u>Angelina.deluna@fpsmail.org</u>

On October 26th, the Fremont Expanded Learning Program will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool* from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Guests will participate in science, technology, engineering, and art and math activities such as designing hover crafts and talking sticks and making slime. The program will provide cake and iced tea for the approximately 150 attendees, and *The Fremont Tribune* will cover the event.

Lexington, Nebraska: Melissa Dunn, Lexington Academy, 308-324-3768, Melissa.dunn@lexschool.org

The Lexington Afterschool Programs will host a rally for *Lights On Afterschool* on November 2nd at Bryan Elementary School. The rally will feature an exhibitor expo where local businesses and agencies will have interactive booths, live entertainment like dance performances from students and guest speakers, including State Sen. Matt Williams and Lexington Public Schools Superintendent John Hakonson. More than 200 people will attend the event.

Lincoln, Nebraska: Suzi Stout, Lincoln Community Learning Center, 402-805-0375, sstout@lps.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the 26 Lincoln Community Learning Center sites will host a joint celebration on October 26th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at Park Middle School. The celebration will include performances from afterschool clubs around the city, step teams and choir groups. There will be booths showcasing the robotics programs, drone clubs and cooking clubs offered at each site, as well as organized soccer drills, hot shot competitions and a free dinner. Prior to the celebration, two student designs will be selected for t-shirts that will be distributed at the event. As many as 400 people will attend the celebration, including City Councilman Roy Christianson, who will read a proclamation for *Lights On Afterschool*.

North Platte, Nebraska: Carrie Lieneman, North Platte Public Schools KIDS Klub Afterschool Program, 308-696-3360, <u>clienemann@nppsd.org</u>

On October 13th, the North Platte Public Schools KIDS Klub Afterschool Program hosted a celebration from 12:30 to 4:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool* at Wild Bill's. Some 200 students and law enforcement officers bowled and played laser tag and arcade games together. North Platte Mayor Dwight Livingston showed his support by reading a *Lights On Afterschool* proclamation.

York, Nebraska: Amy Vernon, York Afterschool Programs, 402-362-6655, <u>amy.vernon@yorkdukes.org</u>

On October 30th, November 6th and November 13th, the York Afterschool Program will host a series of events showcasing the various activities offered in its program from 5:30 to 6:30 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. Each event will include a short promotional video about the program and student presentations from student clubs in robotics, Legos, and arts and crafts. As many as 200 people will attend the events.

<u>Nevada</u>

Carson City, Nevada: Afterschool Ambassador Matt Sampson, Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Nevada, 775-882-8820, <u>matts@bgcwn.org</u>

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Western Nevada will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 26th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at two of its sites in Carson City and Carson Valley. The celebration will highlight the many afterschool and community partners and will feature STEM activity for youth and their families. The events' sponsors include: Northern Nevada 4-H, University of Nevada-Reno Cooperative Extension, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern Nevada, Sierra Nevada Boy Scouts, Carson City Library and University of Nevada-Reno School of Engineering. At the Carson City side, youth will participate in STEM activities including digital art, a popsicle bridge making contest, robotics, a dry ice experiment and more. Model Dairy will serve free ice cream sundaes and Miss Nevada will make an appearance. More than 700 people will attend.

Las Vegas, Nevada: David Vivo, Cougars Den, 702-799-5880, <u>djvivo@interact.ccsd.net</u> The Cougars Den afterschool program at James Cashman Middle School will add a special celebration to its regular programming on October 26th in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The program will begin at 2:30 PM with its daily academic hour, where students will receive tutoring in math and English and participate in STEM classes on robotics and 3-D inventing. Then staff will pass out *Lights On* buttons and other swag and everyone will enjoy a small meal. Children from Rex Bell Elementary School will then join the Cougars Den students to watch the musical theater class perform a number from the musical *Grease*. Afterwards, students will face off against middle school faculty in a dodgeball game. The event will end at 4:45 PM and as many as 200 students will attend.

Reno, Nevada: Samantha Shoupe, 4-H, 775-336-0270, shoupes@unce.unr.edu

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, 4-H will host a fall festival at Essex Manor on October 26th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. As many as 20 parents and students will enjoy dinner together and participate in fall-themed games and activities, like ring toss and designing paper leaves.

Reno, Nevada: Casey Rogers, Boys & Girls Club of Truckee Meadows, 775-360-2452, crogers@bgctm.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls of Truckee Meadows will hold a community showcase and Halloween party on October 26th. At least eight different organizational partners will set up booths with fun activities for children and parents to promote their afterschool programs. The Reno Little Theater will run some improv activities, the National Weather Service will do a demonstration of the science behind wind, the Reno Police Department will do a presentation on drug prevention and more. Meanwhile, the Boys & Girls Club will provide face painting, a physical challenge, healthy snacks, leadership activities and a demonstration from the club's robotics class. There will also be a haunted house and various Halloween or fall-themed games for students. As many as 500 people will attend the event, which will run from 4:30 to 6:30 PM.

New Hampshire

Bedford, New Hampshire: MaryLou Beaver, New Hampshire Afterschool Network, 603-206-6800, <u>marylou@seresc.net</u>

On October 13th, the New Hampshire Afterschool Network hosted its annual fall event, "Innovating New Hampshire Afterschool for Tomorrow's Workforce," from 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM at the Holiday Inn in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The event included breakfast and opportunities for people to network and discuss afterschool programs. The breakfast also featured a variety of presentations on how to promote STEM activities in afterschool programs, the relationship between social and emotional learning and workforce development, and connecting afterschool programs and business leadership in communities. The Commissioner of Education Frank Edelbut and the Director of "Workforce Accelerator" Sara Colson, were the keynote speakers. Additionally, a panel of middle school students, business partners and certified teachers shared their experiences from a summer pilot program in Laconia.

Gorham, New Hampshire: Judy Arsenault, Project Youth Afterschool Programs, 603-466-5190, judy.arsenault@frc123.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Gorham's Project Youth Afterschool Programs will host a series of events from 3:00 to 6:00 PM on October 20th through October 30th at Edward Fenn, Hillside and Brown elementary schools and Gorham and Berlin middle schools. On October 20th, the Edward Fenn elementary school delivered the food they collected in their food drive to the Harvest Christian Fellowship Food Pantry in Berlin. On October 26th, the Hillside students will make posters and promote afterschool programs as they visit various local businesses and the Brown school will host a literacy event where volunteers will come to read to the kids. On October 30th, Gorham and Berlin middle schools will make "pumpkin people" sculptures to display though out the community. Organizers expect around 40 people to attend each event.

Manchester, New Hampshire: Samantha Richard, 21st Century, 603-624-6384,

srichard@mansd.org

On October 25th and 26th, the Manchester School District's 21st Century Community Learning Center afterschool programs will host *Lights On Afterschool* events from 6:00 to 7:30 PM. On October 25th, all eight of Manchester's elementary school sites will gather at Beech Street Elementary school for a fall festival where there will be a fall candy math challenge, a photo booth, cookie decorating and Makey Makey engineering games. Local community partners: Girls at Work, Manchester City Library, University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension, Manchester Community Music School and Manchester Community Health Group, will sponsor activities. Manchester Mayor Ted Gatsas will attend and read his proclamation during the celebration. On October 26th all four middle school sites will convene at Henry J. McLaughlin Middle School for their event. Northeast Passage, from the University of New Hampshire, will once again return for wheelchair sports as part of an assimilation awareness presentation. Other activities include craft projects and a station to make dog toys for the local animal shelter. Both events will include dinner and raffle prizes donated from local community organizations. Around 100 of Manchester's students, families, and community members are expected to attend each event.

Nashua, New Hampshire: Gail Casey, 21st Century Extended Day Program, 603-594-4471, Caseyg@Nashua.edu

Nashua's youth serving agencies organized a month-long series of events from October 1st through the 26th for *Lights On Afterschool*. City agencies, including the 21st Century Extended Day Program, the Police Athletic League, the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua, Girls Inc., and the Nashua Adult Learning Center, are providing opportunities for agency partners and influential leaders to share their experiences in afterschool programs. The United Way of Southern New Hampshire, Nashua Chamber of Commerce, Nashua Mayor, Jim Donchess, Nashua School District officials, representatives from the local fire and police departments will share why they value afterschool programs and are advocating to "Keep the Lights on Afterschool in Nashua!" Each event and activity is recorded and posted to social media using #lightsonnashua17. More than 1,000 people will participate in the social media campaign.

Seabrook, New Hampshire: Afterschool Ambassador Forrest Carter, Seabrook Adventure Zone, 603-474-3332, <u>forrest@sys-nh.org</u>

The Seabrook Adventure Zone and Seabrook Recreation Department will host a *Lights On Afterschool* Halloween carnival on October 27th from 5:30 to 8:00 PM. The event will include food, a candy corn count, a "Haunted Carn-evil," prizes, costumes, a pumpkin dessert and

pumpkin decorating contests. Around 500 to 650 students, families and community members will participate.

New Jersey

Camden, New Jersey: Hillary Jones, Kroc Center, 856-379-6908, hillary.jones@use.salvationarmy.org

More than 40 parents and students will attend an open house at the Kroc Center on October 26th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will give parents a chance to get to know program staff and see what their children get up to afterschool. Guests will make homemade ice cream and try their hand at line dancing, then the younger students will work on a literacy project while the older students face off against their parents in a game of Are You Smarter Than a Fifth Grader. The event will run from 6:00 to 7:30 PM.

Clifton, New Jersey: Debra Lesnick, Boys & Girls Club of Clifton, 973-773-2697, dlesnick@bgcclifton.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of Clifton will hold an open house for parents, board members and community members on October 26th. Students will decorate the club with lightbulbs they've colored to prepare for the event, and the club will put together a giant light display in the gym. Club members also will give a special STEM presentation on water conservation. Clifton Mayor James Ancaldi will attend, tour the club and take pictures with the students. More than 50 people may attend the open house, which will run from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Additionally, all 14 of the club's afterschool sites will host their own open houses, arts activities and more to celebrate *Lights On*.

Edison, New Jersey: Wayne Blum, Edison YMCA, 732-494-3232,

Wayne.blum@ymcaofmewsa.org

On October 26th the Edison YMCA will host an open house from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include parent and child friendly games and crafts using the C.A.T.C.H. (Coordinating Approach to Children's Health) curriculum. Guests will also be able to build their own snacks with various ingredients provided. Approximately 25 people will attend.

Edison, New Jersey: Mikey Tivey: Our Savior's Learning Center, 732-548-0523, mike.tivey@ymcaofmewsa.org

On October 26th, Our Savior's Learning Center afterschool program will host an open house from 4:30 to 6:30 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Some 50 attendees will play games, enjoy a make and take snack and read informational materials on afterschool programs. Students also will decorate lightbulbs to be hung through the hallways for the open house.

Haddonfield, New Jersey: Donna Marie Clancy, Haddonfield Child Care, 856-429-1603, <u>Director@haddonfieldchildcare.org</u>

Haddonfield Child Care's afterschool programs at Central, Elizabeth Haddon and Tatem will each host open houses and student art galleries on October 26th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students have created original art for the event meant to demonstrate what they love about their afterschool programs. The events will run from 3:30 to 6:00 PM and each will serve refreshments to the parents, school staff and community members who attend. **Monmouth Junction, New Jersey**: Sheila Barry, South Brunswick Community Education, 732-297-7800 x3197, <u>sheila.barry@sbschools.org</u>

Eight of South Brunswick Community Education's before and afterschool program sites will hold *Lights On Afterschool* celebrations this week. Monmouth Junction Elementary School, Brunswick Acres Elementary School, Indian Fields Elementary School and Constable Elementary School will hold fall festivals throughout the week. On October 25th, Crossroads North Middle School will hold an old-fashioned family dinner where students will prepare ziti and Halloween-themed snacks for their parents from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. On October 26th from 4:30 to 6:00 PM, Cambridge Elementary School will host a "Rolling into the 50s" party, where the school will be decorated like a 1950s diner and everyone will enjoy burgers and shakes and a retro dance party. On October 27th, Brooks Crossing Elementary School will invite families to paint pumpkins and work on other art projects from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, and from 4:30 to 6:00 PM Greenbrook Elementary will hold a "Rise and Shine" event, complete with breakfast food and different arts and crafts activities. Some 1500 parents and children will attend all eight events.

Morristown, New Jersey: Afterschool Ambassador David Haggerty, Morristown Neighborhood House, 315-569-0530, <u>dhaggerty@cfp-mnh.org</u>

Morristown Neighborhood House will host its first *Lights On Afterschool* Awards Show on October 26th, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at its headquarters on Flagler Street. They will honor their community partners that help us keep "the *Lights On Afterschool*" and share a commitment to out of school time learning. This year's honorees are: the Town of Morristown, Morris School District, Morristown Police Department, Morris County Chamber of Commerce, Community Foundation of NJ and Eric Leonard, aka "Magic Man." Mayor Timothy Dougherty and Morris School Superintendent Mackey Pendergrast will attend and accept the awards for the town and district. Before the awards presentation, attendees will walk the red carpet and afterschool students will hold a dance party after the awards ceremony.

Newark, New Jersey: Afterschool Ambassador Sarah Cruz, Newark Public Schools, 973-412-1910, <u>s5cruz@nps.k12.nj.us</u> and Shane Fuller, Newark Thrives!, 973-769-5169, <u>sfuller@newark-thrives.org</u>

In partnership with afterschool program providers, the Newark Arts Education Roundtable and Newark Thrives!, and the city of Newark will host a citywide *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 28th from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at The Waterfront Center. More than 40 program providers and community organizations will promote their services at the event and run hands-on learning activities and workshops for parents, students and community members. Attendees will receive free food and giveaways and enjoy the amenities of The Waterfront Center, including a climbing wall, a golf simulator and live student performances on the *Lights On!* Youth Talent Stage.

Newark, New Jersey: Dorine Francis, FOCUS 21st CCLC After School Programs, 973-624-2528 x144, <u>dfrancis@focus411.org</u>

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the FOCUS 21st CCLC After School Program will host three open houses at Sussex Ave. Renew, Cleveland Elementary and Lincoln Elementary Schools from 4:30 to 6:00 PM on October 26th. Sussex Ave. Renew will allow parents to tour the facility and participate in dancing, stepping and various arts and crafts programs. At

Cleveland Elementary, students will display their painted and decorated plastic lightbulbs from the ceiling of the school's hallway for an art show. At Lincoln Elementary, students will showcase what they have learned through stepping, fencing and STEM demonstrations. As many as 50 people will attend each event.

Paterson, New Jersey: Sakena Thompson, Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Program, 973-321-0798, <u>sthompson@paterson.k12.nj.us</u>

The Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Program will host an open house on October 26th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include a short orientation for parents, a tour of the classrooms and demonstrations of the various activities the program offers. Guests will also engage in STEM activities and participate in science experiments. As many as 150 people will attend the event.

New Mexico

Albuquerque, New Mexico: Marisa Silva-Dunbar, John Adams After Hours, 505-350-7278, marisa.silva-dunbar@aps.edu

The John Adams After Hours program will host a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) event on October 26th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Several students volunteered to lead activities and have spent the past few afterschool sessions working on projects with their teachers. More than 100 students, parents and community members may attend.

Albuquerque, New Mexico: Maria Marquez, Kirtland Elementary School, 505-255-3131 x28016, <u>marquez_ma@aps.edu</u>

Kirtland Elementary School will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 26th from 3:30 to 6:00 PM for some 80 parents and students. Teachers and students will show off the different activities in the afterschool program, including art, karate, basketball, dancing, gardening and more. There will also be table games and tutoring services for students. After the showcase, there will be a family dinner in the cafeteria.

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

The Farmington Public Library will host several *Lights On Afterschool* events from Friday, October 20th through Thursday, October 26th. Each day at 3:30 PM, the library will put on Halloween puppet shows and story time, followed by STEM games in the library laboratory. Library staff will give tours of the facility and distribute *Lights On Afterschool* swag. The mayor and city council members may attend.

Las Cruces, New Mexico: Clara Graham, Young Women in Computing, 575-646-4451, <u>cwelles@nmsu.edu</u>

The Young Women in Computing program will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 26th from 4:00 to 5:30 PM at New Mexico State University's computer science department. Participants will create their own programming projects using a variety of programming tools, like coding Ozobots. Participants will also learn about the Linux programming language. As many as 50 people will attend the event.

Rio Rancho, New Mexico: Suzanne Trujillo, Navajo Boys & Girls Club, 505-506-3712, <u>strujillo@bgccnm.org</u>

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Explora Science Center & Children's Museum will visit the Navajo Boys & Girls Club afterschool program at Navajo Elementary School to work on science projects with the children. Some 70 students will learn about robotics, build things with LEGOs, and compete in Halloween-themed games like pin the bowtie on the skeleton and Halloween bingo. There will also be a cake walk and cookie decorating. The event will run from 3:00 to 6:00 PM on October 25th.

New York

Albany, New York: Andrew Katz, Albany JCC, 518-438-6651, andrewk@AlbanyJCC.org The Sidney Albert Albany JCC will host their Lights On Afterschool open house on October 26th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. In addition to the typical afterschool activities, there will also be a bounce house and craft booths. They will also collect food items the Capital District Food Pantry. As a special offering, parents will be able to register for 2018 summer camps at the 2017 rates. More than 100 youth, parents and members of the community will attend.

Buffalo, New York: JoAnna Rozier-Johnson and Alissa Venturini, After School Network of Western New York, 716-218-9784, <u>buffaloafterschool@gmail.com</u>

On October 26th, the After-School Network of Western New York will host an afterschool celebration from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the Buffalo and Erie County Central Public Library for *Lights On Afterschool*. At the event, vendors will lead large groups in fitness, STEM, animal science, arts and crafts, recreation and literacy activities. As many as 300 people may attend.

Johnson City, New York: June Mead, Expanded Learning Network, 607-772-8953, jm62@cornell.edu

On October 20th, the Expanded Learning Network, a regional chapter of the New York State Network for Youth Success, held STEAMfest 2017 at the Oakdale Mall to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Dozens of youth organizations, afterschool programs, schools, student clubs and makers came together to host dozens of interactive stations where youths could participate in hands-on (science, technology, engineering, art and math) projects. Activities included a robotbuilding station, making fidget spinners out of recycled plastic bottles, creating a flying machine using LEDs, learning about fossils, and operating a 3-D printer. Local artist Eric Maruscak created a special chalk drawing for the event, which ran from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

New York, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Esther Grant-Walker, Isaacs Center/Johnson Cornerstone Community Center, 212-360-7625, <u>egrant-walker@isaacscenter.org</u> On October 26th, the Isaacs Center/Johnson Cornerstone Community Center will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool* from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. The open house will feature hands-on afterschool work in literacy, STEM activities, reading circles, sports, refreshments and healthy snacks. Assemblyman Robert Rodriquez will attend, along with as many as 150 community members.

New York, New York: Gisselle Pagan, Children's Aid Society, 212-569-2880, <u>gpagan@childrensaidsocietyt.org</u>

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Children's Aid Society will host a rally on October 26th from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. Students will advocate for afterschool programs in their community with a ten-block march around their afterschool program location. Tables will be set up on site to display the various programs offered afterschool. After the march, the students will take a group picture in the shape of a lightbulb. As many as 200 people will attend the rally.

New York, New York: Andrea Scott, Vanderbilt YMCA, 917-575-4021, <u>ascott@ymcanyc.org</u> The Vanderbilt YMCA will host a carnival for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 26th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The event will include a Zumba class, a healthy snack station, face painting, games and arts and crafts. As many as 200 people may attend.

Peekskill, New York: Jody Sitts, Field Library, 914-737-0847, jsitts@wlsmail.org On October 26th, the Field Library will host a celebration in honor of *Lights On Afterschool* from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the Children's Room. The event will include games, crafts, refreshments and a free book for students who participate.

Rockaway, New York: Jill Moore, Police Athletic League, 718-634-4305, <u>imoore@palnyc.org</u> On October 26th, the Police Athletic League's Goldie Maple Beacon afterschool program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at the Becaon's location at 365 Beach 57th Street. This year's celebration will recognize NYPD Officer Lamont Anderson and his contribution to the PAL Junior Police program, which aspires to develop a productive relationship the police and the youth. Afterschool students in the program exemplify PAL pride, respect, courage, sportsmanship, citizenship, and appreciation for the NYPD.

North Carolina

Charlotte, North Carolina: Ella Booker, Winding Springs Elementary Afterschool Enrichment Program, 980-343-5140, <u>Ella.booker@cms.k12.nc.us</u>

On October 26th, the Winding Springs Elementary School's Afterschool Enrichment Program will host a family talent show, from 5:30 to 6:30 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be musical, dance, karate, guitar and aerobics performances by the afterschool students. The program will be judged by two parent volunteers and Sam's Club will donate food for the event.

Charlotte, North Carolina: Brittany Fewell, Mallard Creek Afterschool Enrichment Program, 980-343-3980, <u>brittanyy.fewell@cms.k12.nc.us</u>

On October 18th, the Mallard Creek Afterschool Enrichment Program hosted a fall art gallery from 5:00 to 6:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool* at Mallard Elementary School. Student artwork was displayed throughout the cafeteria for the more than 30 attendees to peruse. Guests also took part in a group corn maze activity and enjoyed a free snack.

Charlotte, North Carolina: Pamela Washington, Morehead STEM Academy Afterschool Enrichment Program, 980-343-5775, <u>pamela.washington@cms.k12.nc.us</u>

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Morehead STEM Academy Afterschool Enrichment Program will host a carnival on October 26th from 5:00 to 6:45 PM. The carnival will feature a cake walk, a literacy program with parent volunteers, a lightbulb decorating station, a slideshow, to-go snack bags and games like mancala, Jenga, tic-tac-toe, connect four, musical chairs, a ring toss, a water cup toss. As many as 200 people may attend.

Durham, North Carolina: Brian M. Bryant, BUMP: The Triangle, 919-667-0386, <u>info@bumpthetriangle.org</u>

Dr. Bass String Instruments will partner with BUMP: The Triangle on a Lights On Afterschool open house on October 26 at 6:30 PM at the Dr. Bass String Instruments location on Broad Street. It will showcase the Ubuntu Music Academy program, the Bull City Youth Orchestra and an instrument petting zoo. There will also be a musical instrument donation drive.

Durham, North Carolina: Brenda Murphy-Burrow, George Watts – School Age Care, 919-287-5697, <u>Brenda.murphy@dpsnc.net</u>

The George Watts – School Age Care program will host a celebration for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 26th from 3:00 to 5:30 PM. The event will include student dance performances, pumpkin carving, organized games like go fish and dinner. Some 100 people will attend.

Fayetteville, North Carolina: Melody Cole, Fayetteville State University, 910-672-2285, <u>mcole4@uncfsu.edu</u>

The 21st Century Community Learning Centers program based out of Fayetteville State University hosted an open house at Douglas Byrd Middle School on October 18th, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. At the event, parents, students and local board of education members toured the program, received materials on community resources and listened to presentations from Douglas Byrd Middle School principal, Meshonda Williams, the Early College program representatives, the school guidance counselor and the "Check & Connect" mentoring program youth development coordinator. A light dinner from Jason's Deli was served. Approximately 80 people attended the event.

Mooresville, North Carolina: Marvet Spencer, Selma World Afterschool, 704-499-4035, <u>mspencer@ci.mooresville.nc.us</u>

The Selma Burke Community Center, War Memorial Center and the Winnie Hooper Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at Liberty Park on October 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The event will be a fall festival and open house, with the fire truck, storytelling, DJ, Mobile Rec with a number of games such as Connect Four, Corn Hole, Basketball Toss, etc. Additionally, we will provide information about each program and serve hot dogs chips, and drink. The Mooresville Commissioners, Mayor Miles Atkins, and the Director of the Recreation Department, Pam Reidy will attend, along with around 200 community members.

Raleigh, North Carolina: Durrell Petway, Raleigh Boys Club, 919-834-6281,

dpetway@wakebgc.org

On October 26th, the Raleigh Boys Club will host a *Lights On Afterschool* event from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. Students will display posters they have made showcasing the club's various programs, highlighting the character and leadership, academic success, healthy lifestyles, technology and coding, mentoring, education, sports and recreation and arts activities offered at the club. There will also be a ceremony for the middle school boys graduating from the Boys & Girls Clubs' Smart Moves program. As many as 50 people will attend.

Raleigh, North Carolina: Emma Benadyk, Washington Elementary Boys & Girls Club, 919-518-9609, <u>ebenedyk@wakebgc.org</u>

The Washington Elementary Boys & Girls Club will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 26th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The club will host an open house showcasing its homework activity group, coding club, yoga club, drumming club, photography club and the US Soccer Foundation's partnership with the soccer club. Approximately 30 people will attend the event.

Raleigh, North Carolina: Afterschool Ambassador Betsey McFarland, WELL, 919-856-9233 x101, <u>bmcfarland@Wade.org</u>

The Wade Edwards Foundation will host two champions tours of its programs to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 26th at 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM. During the champions tour, participants will meet students and learn more about the WELL's tutoring and career counseling offerings. Up to 50 people will attend.

Winston-Salem, North Carolina: Afterschool Ambassador Bill McClain, GIDE, 336-602-0565, bill.tcewp@gmail.com

GIDE will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a tour of the program's new facility – the 14th Street Recreation Center – on October 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The tour will feature a presentation from GIDE community partner KIDZ XTREME, a STEM exhibition and a read-a-thon highlighting GIDE's tutors. More than 150 students and parents will join special guest and former GIDE student La Tonya Le Monte, head women's basketball coach at Winston-Salem State University.

North Dakota

Fargo, North Dakota: Afterschool Ambassador Robin Nelson and Alicia Waldoch, Boys & Girls Club, 701-235-2147, <u>robin@bgcrrv.org</u> and <u>communications@bgcrrv.org</u> On October 26th, the Boys & Girls Club in Fargo will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at the club's site from 3:00 to 5:15 PM. Youth will decorate lightbulbs that will be sent to elected officials as an expression of gratitude for their support for afterschool funding. Teen Club members will coordinate a talent show (held from 4:15 to 5:15 PM) for parents and family members.

Mandan, North Dakota: Becky Mueller, North Dakota Afterschool Network, 701-446-3195, becky.mueller@k12.nd.us

On October 26th, the North Dakota Afterschool Network will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the State Capitol Mall in Bismarck. The event will include pizza, touch-a-truck, a lighting ceremony and a reading of Governor Doug Burgum proclamation on afterschool by a representative from his office. Approximately 100 people will attend the event.

<u>Ohio</u>

Ashtabula, Ohio: Rebecca Stowell, After School Discovery, 440-993-1060, rstowell@afterschooldiscovery.com

After School Discovery will hold a STEM-themed evening on October 24th at Michigan Primary School to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. To start the event, a representative from State Rep. John Patterson's office will read a proclamation. Then students from Michigan Primary, Huron Primary and Ontario Primary, along with parents and community members, will participate in

science activities, including building towers that can hold up a hardboiled egg using newspaper and masking tape, playing with tangram blocks to explore symmetry and using a coffee filter and a permanent marker to explore the colors that appear when the marker's ink is mixed with water. Everyone at the event will create a part of a collaborative art project modeled on Chihuly glass sculptures – participants will use markers to color repurposed water bottles, which will be melted together to form a large mural that will rotate between the three schools that participate in After School Discovery. Several children also will perform a Reader's Theater play. The event will feature healthy snacks and a photo booth at which families can take pictures together with science props. The event will run from 4:30 to 6:30 PM and as many as 85 people may attend, including After School Discovery board member David Thomas.

Bloomdale, Ohio: Brandon Paulus, STARS, 419-308-9028, bpaulus@wcesc.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, STARS will host a science night at Elmwood Community Center on November 1st from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. Some 30 students and their families will make their own slime, build mini bubbling lava lamps to explore the viscosity of oil and water and enjoy fizzy lemonade. Students and parents also will face off in a static electricity race, where they will rub balloons on their heads and see how far they can make it without the balloons falling off.

Cleveland, Ohio: Lee DeAngelis, Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association, 216-298-4440 x16, <u>ldeangelis@gcnca.org</u>

The Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association will sponsor a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration at the Cleveland Museum of Natural History on October 26th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Students from Cleveland-area afterschool programs will have free access to the museum's exhibits and additional interactive activities put together by community organizations. The Conservancy for Cuyahoga Valley National Park will bring in some animal skulls and skins for the students to identify, the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste Management Department will run a recycling activity and College Now will play a game with the youths to guess which of their favorite celebrities went to college. Some 100 youth and staff from afterschool organizations will attend.

Cleveland, Ohio: Hana Mohammed, Horizon, 216-314-1453, <u>hmohammad@horizonohio.org</u> On October 26th, the Horizon afterschool program at Wilbur Wright School will partner with the Red Cross for a *Lights On Afterschool* event focused on emergency preparedness. The event is part of Red Cross's Pillowcase Project, which aims to give students coping skills for stressful situations and teach them about fire safety, tornado safety and how to prepare for other emergencies. Students will also use Oreos, vanilla frosting, M&Ms and pretzel sticks to make snacks in the shape of spiders. Parents will be asked to fill out a survey about the new afterschool program site. More than 50 students and parents will attend the event, which will run from 4:30 to 5:30 PM.

Columbus, Ohio: Brenda Fields, Capital Kids, 614-645-5587, bjfields@columbus.gov

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Capital Kids will hold a family night/open house at Sullivant Gardens from 4:30 to 6:30 PM on October 26th. The event will give parents a chance to see a day in the life at the afterschool program and allow them to spend time coloring and talking to their children. Several of the students will speak about why they enjoy the Capital Kids program,

and everyone will enjoy a family meal together. Some 60 people are expected to attend, including Sullivant Elementary School principal Lisa Stamos.

Oklahoma

Miami, Oklahoma: Jennifer Spence, Boys & Girls Club of Ottawa County, 918-542-6325, jspence@bgcottawacounty.org

The Miami Unit of the Boys & Girls Club of Ottawa County will invite students and parents from the Fairland and Commerce units to a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 26th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Police officers will visit the club to discuss community safety and what it takes to pursue a career in law enforcement. Students will work on a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) activity, building a circuit that looks like a spider with glowing eyes. Club members will also work on a community service project to help beautify the community park surrounding the club by cleaning up trash, harvesting vegetables from the community garden and working in the pumpkin patch. As many as 80 people may attend.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: Afterschool Ambassador Kim Templeman, Crooked Oak Public Schools, 405-677-5211, <u>kimtempleman@crookedoak.org</u>

On October 26th, Crooked Oak Schools will hold a fall festival from 4:30 to 6:30 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will advertise the event by passing out buttons, bracelets and stickers and placing decorated lightbulbs around town. The fall festival will include carnival games like donut bobbing, duck pond and sucker pull. Students will receive prizes and books for participating and dinner will be provided. As many as 300 people may attend.

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: Teva Thomas, PEAK: Perfecting Education and Academics for Kids, 405-424-5243, <u>tevathomas@urbanleagueok.org</u>

The PEAK: Perfecting Education and Academics for Kids afterschool program will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 26th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at Centennial Mid-High School. The open house will feature hands-on STEM and art activities, student dance performances and a college fair. Approximately 75 people, including Advisory Board member Chris Harrison, Oklahoma State Department of Education representative Anika Wilson, Oklahoma City Public School Board member Charles Henry and rap artist Jacobi Isham, will attend the event.

Stratford, Oklahoma: Afterschool Ambassador Laticia Vacca, Stratford Public Schools, 580-759-2383 x60, <u>lvacca@stratford.k12.ok.us</u>

The Stratford C3 afterschool program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with three different events this October. During parent and teacher conferences on October 17th, the afterschool program set up a table with afterschool flyers and promotional items like stickers, pencils, water bottles and flashy lights. The program also had a station set up to share a video created by high school aged afterschool students addressing their afterschool needs survey. On October 27th at the school's last home football game, afterschool students in the elementary vocal group will sing the national anthem. At different points during the game, cheerleaders will throw *Lights On Afterschool* water bottles, with flyers about the program inserted into them, into the crowd. This year's culminating *Lights On* event will be a fall carnival on November 2nd that will showcase some afterschool projects students created.

Tulsa, Oklahoma: Afterschool Ambassador Danielle Hovenga, University of Tulsa's True Blue Neighbors Initiative, 918-631-3303, <u>Danielle-hovenga@utulsa.edu</u>

All five of Tulsa's 21st Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) afterschool sites will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 27th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM at Kendall-Whittier Elementary School. Each site will showcase an aspect of its program via a combination of program videos and slideshows, student demonstrations of afterschool activities like bicycling club, debate team and community gardening and parent and student testimonials. Oklahoma's State Superintendent of Public Instruction Joy Hofmeister, State 21st CCLC Director Sonia Johnson, Tulsa Public Schools Dr. Ebony Johnson of and School Board member Amy Shelton will attend. Afterschool partners including the Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma, Cox Communications, Tulsa Bike Club, Fab Lab Tulsa, Kendall-Whittier, Inc., Community Garden will host display booths. Tulsa University's Panhellenic sororities will host lightbulb face painting, a helium balloon station and lightbulb crafts. Students are creating displays of lightbulb art, in advance, to be displayed at the event.

Oregon

Keizer, Oregon: Monica Smith, Keizer Boys & Girls Club, 408-416-6816, <u>msmith@bgc-salem.org</u>

The Keizer Boys & Girls Clubs will host a rally and community clean-up in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool* on October 26th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM at the club's main site on the Kennedy Elementary School campus. The rally will feature an indoor field day in the gym in honor of Nickelodeon's Worldwide Day of Play and a *Lights On* art installation with individual light bulb drawings displayed on a large light bulb poster. As many as 100 people may attend.

Newport, Oregon: Afterschool Ambassador Debra Jones, 21st Century Programs – Youth Development Coalition, 541-265-5326, <u>djones@halc.info</u>

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the Youth Development Coalition will host several open houses at local housing sites and 21st Century Programs on October 26th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. At the events, students will color in pictures of lightbulbs, showcase their literacy progress, play games with families, participate in a jelly bean estimation competition, engage in STEM activities, enjoy light snacks and more. Approximately 25 people will attend each event.

Portland, Oregon: Amanda Lybarger, Club K Afterschool Zone, 503-643-9059, <u>fieldmanager02@clubkafterschool.com</u>

On October 27th, the Club K Afterschool Zone program will host open houses at its 12 different sites from 4:00 to 5:30 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The events will include fall-themed activities, pumpkin projects, family games, arts and crafts and more. As many as 100 will attend each open house.

Portland, Oregon: Ashley Kersey, Vermont Hills Family Life Center, 503-452-8633, <u>ashleyk@vhflc.com</u>

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Vermont Hills Family Life Center will host events at its 23 afterschool sites in the Portland metro area on October 26th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. The events will include demonstrations of various science, technology, engineering, art and math activities, which will include: American Sign Language, finger print explorations, water transfer

experiments, DIY marble mazes and LEGO challenges. There will also be organic, vegetarian snacks provided. More than 1000 people will participate in the events.

Salem, Oregon: Misha Lind, Boys & Girls Club of Salem, Marion & Polk Counties West Salem Branch, 503-428-0285, <u>mlind@bgc-salem.org</u>

The Boys & Girls Club of Salem, Marion & Polk Counties West Salem Branch will partner with the Salem Keizer Education Foundation, the Salem Dream Center and other afterschool programs and community organizations in the neighborhood for a "walking cruise" on October 24th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. Participants will start at the club site and then will distribute buckets of reflectors to local businesses to promote safety on Halloween. At the end of the walk, refreshments will be provided and the organizations will talk about their programs. As many as 50 people may attend.

Pennsylvania

Allentown, Pennsylvania: Joanne Garcia, South Mountain Middle School, 484-765-4309, garciaj@allentownsd.org

On October 26th, the South Mountain Middle School will host an involvement fair and showcase from 5:00 to 6:30 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be information tables describing school events and available afterschool programs and resources, like the 21st Century Community Learning Centers' programs, the "Mission Possible" fundraising and homework club, the Girls on the Run program and the LEGO and games club. The dance, step and cheerleading team and guitar club will perform. Afterschool students in the video production crew will show the video they created and directed, which describes why afterschool programming is important. There will also be a raffle for families to participate in and snacks will be provided. Up to 100 youth and families will attend.

Lancaster, Pennsylvania: Deb Young, ENVISIONS, 717-569-0796, <u>envisions@mtwp.net</u> In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the seven ENVISIONS program sites will host a variety of events on October 26th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Event activities will include cooking and snack preparation, family games, open houses, concerts and art shows. Each Lights On Afterschool event will be hosted at the program sites at Brecht Elementary, Bucher Elementary, Landis Run Intermediate School, Neff Elementary, Nitrauer Elementary, Reidenbaugh Elementary and Schaeffer Elementary. Around 25 to 50 people will attend each event.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Zachary Mackey, EducationWorks @ Cleveland Mastery, 267-521-8891, <u>zacharymackey@educationworks.org</u>

On October 26th, EducationWorks @ Cleveland Mastery will host an open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. At the event there will be rooms dedicated to arts and crafts, dance, games, refreshments and a slideshow featuring photos from the past year that students and parents can tour. Organizers expect 100 to 150 people to attend. EducationWorks staff will be on hand to film this year's *Lights On* celebration for the organization's video blog.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Aliya Hill, Episcopal Community Services-Finletter, 215-688-8377, <u>Aliyah@ECSphilly.org</u>

Episcopal Community Services-Finletter will host an open house on October 26th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM at Finletter Elementary School in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will

include minute to win it games, activities stations, a craft table, a petition for parents to sign in support of afterschool programs and refreshments. Nearly 40 people are expected to attend.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Hannah Sauder, Assemble, 412-661-6111,

Hannah@assemblepgh.org

The Assemble afterschool program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 28th from 1:00 to 3:00 PM with a special "Saturday Crafternoon" event for the community to learn new science, technology, engineering, art and math skills and fun experiments. Special guest Linda McNair will teach students and parents about metal smithing and will help them design rings, bracelets or key chains. Pizza and snacks will be provided. Children and families will also have the opportunity to sign up for Assemble's afterschool offerings, meet the teachers and other community members. Around 25 to 50 people will attend the event.

York, Pennsylvania: Leslie Harrison, Jackson K-8 Afterschool Program, 717-849-1223, harriles@ycs.k12.pa.us

The Jackson K-8 Afterschool Program will host a "Night of Music" on October 30th from 5:00 to 6:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. At the event, there will be music performances from Shine Foundation pianist, Peter Battros, York School District teacher and violinist, Don Cairn, the Jackson Afterschool chorus, and afterschool program employee, Shaiquana Bailey. Cookies and juice will be provided at a reception following the performance.

Rhode Island

Cranston, Rhode Island: Afterschool Ambassador Ayana Crichton, Cranston Public Schools, 401-270-8017, <u>acrichton@cpsed.net</u>

The Kidventure, Bain+2, and Camp XL Afterschool and Summer Learning Programs will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with the third annual Cranston Cancer Survivors Walk on October 26th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. This year, the walk will have an "Amazing Race" theme, where students and families will have the chance to learn about careers, higher education and topics around curing Cancer. The walk will also celebrate career and college readiness with a "Wall of Careers" that will showcase students and their families. Aramark, the school's food service department, will provide food for the event, in addition to students at the Career and Technical School in Cranston. District Administrator Joseph Rotz and a representative from U.S. Rep. Jim Langevin's office will attend this year's *Lights On* celebration, along with more than 200 other participants.

Middletown, Rhode Island: Abby Dunn, Middletown Child Opportunity Zone (MCOZ), 401-261-6773, <u>abdunn@mpsri.net</u> and Anne Schultz, Newport County YMCA, 401-847-9200 x130, <u>annes@newportymca.org</u>

The Middletown Child Opportunity Zone (MCOZ) and Newport County YMCA will hold a joint *Lights On Afterschool* event at Aquidneck School on October 26th from 3:30 to 4:30 PM for children, parents, school board members and program administrators. MCOZ students will participate in their daily afterschool activities, which on Thursday will include yoga and painting a mural as part of a larger project with the Newport Art Museum. Parents and other guests will have the chance to tour the facility, see the afterschool program in action and get more information about MCOZ and the YMCA. YMCA students have been collaborating with 4-H on

a STEM curriculum and will present some of their work at the event. Staff will also run stations showing off the different afterschool activities available to students in science, art and more. As many as 100 people may attend.

Warwick, Rhode Island: Elana Rosenberg, United Way of Rhode Island, 401-444-0600, <u>elana.rosenberg@uwri.org</u>

United Way of Rhode Island's Afterschool Leadership Circle will host its 15th annual *Lights On Afterschool* Conference on October 27 at the Sheraton Providence Airport Hotel from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. This year's conference will feature a variety of workshops that focus on the importance of advocacy in support of afterschool and summer learning programs: Creating Change Agents: Engaging Youth in Service Learning; A Conversation with RI Legislators; Advocating for Change Through Partnerships; and Telling Your Story: Using Program Data to Strengthen the Case for Afterschool and Summer Programs. Afterschool Alliance Board Chair Terry Peterson will be the keynote speaker.

South Carolina

Aiken, South Carolina: Virginia Walker, East Aiken School of the Arts, 803-634-0398, <u>qz65@thequestzone.com</u>

The East Aiken School of the Arts will host its *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 25th from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. The open house will feature a guest from the local ecology lab that will bring in animals for a show and tell demonstration. As many as 60 people will attend.

Columbia, South Carolina: Robin McCants, EdVenture Children's Museum, 803-400-1154, <u>Rmccants@edventure.org</u>

The EdVenture Children's Museum will community members to visit all 11 of its afterschool sites between October 24th and October 26th to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students at each program will work on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) projects that demonstrate what Club EdVenture means to them. They'll be able to choose how to express themselves, whether that be through writing, painting, drawing, building or more. Different community leaders will attend the events as "celebrity readers," where they'll read books or participate in the creative projects with the students. As many as 900 students, parents and other guests will attend across all 11 schools, which include A.C. Moore, Bradley, Caughman Road, Gadsden, Lewis Green, H.B. Rhame, Horrell Hill, Hyatt Park, Pine Grove, Rosewood and Sandal. The programs will be open from 3:00 to 6:00 PM for visitors each night.

North Charleston, South Carolina: Richmond Brown, A.C. Corcoran Kaleidoscope Expanded Learning, 843-518-1691, <u>albert_brown@charleston.k12.sc.us</u>

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the A.C. Corcoran Kaleidoscope Expanded Learning program hosted a glow party for its nearly 100 students on October 19th. Students colored and decorated lightbulbs with messages about why they enjoy afterschool, which they then used to take pictures in a photo booth along with other props. The children also each stood up to share their favorite parts of the afterschool program and participated in some recreational games. The party lasted from 3:00 to 6:00 PM.

Rock Hill, South Carolina: Ronna Treuer, Boys & Girls Clubs of York County, 803-324-7920, rtreuer@bgcyc.org

Each of the Boys & Girls Clubs of York County's four afterschool sites planned their own Lights On Afterschool open houses this year. The Fort Mill Club held its event on October 19th. Students in the club have been working on the "Magic Wheelchair Project," in which they design Halloween costumes for children in wheelchairs. They have been working with a local artist to design the costumes, which will be revealed at the club's community Halloween fall festival this week. At the Lights On event, students showed off the progress they'd made so far on the costumes to parents and community members, including local businessman Jim Harper, whose donations have helped fund the project. America's Best Contacts was also on hand to give out free vision screenings. Some 50 people attended and the event was covered by the Fort Mill Times. The Northside club will hold an open house on October 26th from 4:00 to 5:30 where members will give personal testimonies about the afterschool program, guide some 60 parents and community members on tours of the club and show off their artwork. The Rock Hill Teen Center will hold its open house on October 26th from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, which will feature an open mic night for the youths and food for the approximately 30 families in attendance. Finally, the Clover Teen Center will host its open house on October 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM for some 25 parents.

South Dakota

Hill City, South Dakota: Veronia Prautzsch, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Black Hills, 605-574-2010, Roni@bgcblackhills.org

On October 27th, the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Black Hills will host a Halloween carnival from 4:30 to 7:30 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The carnival will feature duck hunting games, a ring toss, a haunted house, a cake walk and a bean bag toss for guests to play. Each prize won by a students will come with a tag with a fact about afterschool programs attached to it. The *Hill City Prevailer* will cover the event and approximately 100 people will attend.

Rapid City, South Dakota: Sheila White, Rapid City YMCA, 605-718-9622,

Sheila@rcymca.org

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Rapid City YMCA Jerry Smith Center will host a fall festival on October 26th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. The event will include face painting and other art projects using paint, as well as activities with K'Nex Rollercoaster Building Sets. Students will bake cupcakes for the event and staff will distribute information about the afterschool program to the parents in attendance

Sioux Falls, South Dakota: Carl Fellbaum, Washington Pavilion Action Arts and Science Afterschool Program, 605-367-7397, <u>cfellbaum@washingtonpavilion.org</u>

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Washington Pavilion Action Arts and Science Afterschool Program will host an "Action Arts and Science Program Family Night" from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on October 27th. Participants will be invited to explore the Washington Pavilion Kirby Science Discovery Center, participate in hands-on activities and interact with engineering students and professional engineers. Staff will distribute flyers about afterschool programming and everyone will enjoy a pizza dinner. As many as 150 people will attend.

Sioux Falls, South Dakota: Billy Mawhiney and Caitlin Hoffman, Boys & Girls Club of the Sioux Empire, 605-306-5094, <u>bmawhiney@bgcsiouxempire.org</u> and <u>choffman@bgcsiouxempire.org</u>

On October 26th, the Boys & Girls Club of the Sioux Empire will host family nights at its seven locations in Sioux Falls, Brandon and Harrisburg from 4:00 to 6:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool.* The event will include activities such as a glow ring toss, a glow-in-the-dark firefly art project, empowerment book readings, a bingo game and gross-motor games. Community leaders will be featured as special guests at each location and local celebrities will participate in the events as well, such as local TV anchor Don Jorgenson, local journalist Jill Meier, representatives from the Sioux Falls Police Department, Fred Assam Elementary School principal Sue Foster and resident of the Brandon South Dakota Chamber Kim Serwick. The 150 attendees at each event will also get to decorate cookies and enjoy free snacks.

Watertown, South Dakota: Kyle Thyen, Boys & Girls Club of Watertown, 605-886-6666, <u>thyenk@bgcofwatertown.com</u>

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of Watertown will host a week-long fitness competition from October 23rd to the 27th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM to promote afterschool programs and healthy habits. Each day, students will participate in different activities such as obstacle courses, long jumps, 40-yard dashes and other track and field events to encourage them to be active and healthy. Students will also receive healthy snacks each day. Around 100 students will attend competitions.

Yankton, South Dakota: Jill Paulson, Boys & Girls Club of Yankton, 605-668-9710, jpaulson@greatfuturessd.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Yankton will host a "Halloween Family Fun Night" on October 26th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include a variety of Halloween-themed games, activities and stations such as art projects, trivia, bingo, relay races, gym games, bingo, spooky story corner and more! There will also be concessions provided at the event. Around 100 to 150 people are expected to attend.

Tennessee

Kingsport, Tennessee: Rebecca Murphy, Great Kingsport YMCA Afterschool, 423-765-9756, <u>rmurphy@ymcakpt.org</u>

On October 26th, Spooner Afterschool Program will host an open house from 4:00 to 6:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. Celebrations will take place at ten YMCA different sites. The elementary school sites will include physical activities in celebration of Nickelodeon's Worldwide Day of Play, STEM activities and demonstrations and healthy snacks. The middle school events will feature STEM activities as well as a 4-H National Youth Science Day challenge and demonstration. Up to 50 parents and community members are expected to attend at each site.

Manchester, Tennessee: Jimmy St. John, Excellence at East, 931-723-4579,

stjohnj@k12coffee.net

Excellence at East will host an open house for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 26th from 3:15 to 6:15 PM at East Coffee Elementary. The open house will include interactive games run by University of Tennessee Space Institute graduate students and the director of the Hands on Science Center of Tullahoma, Deb Wimberley. There will also be an anti-smoking demonstration, STEAM activities, the launch of a weather balloon, archery, coding, electricity demonstration and refreshments from a local vendor. The City Police Chief, Mark Yother,

Superintendant Dr. Ladonna McFall, the Director of Extended Learning Programs, Dr. Janelle Wood and Coffee County Reigstrar Donna Tony will attend. As many as 200 people may attend the event.

Murfreesboro, Tennessee: Anna Miller, John Pittard Extended School Program, 615-396-0245, <u>anna.miller@cityschools.net</u>

The John Pittard Extended School Program will host its *Lights On Afterschool* event from 5:30 to 6:30 PM on October 26th at John Pittard Elementary School. The event's theme is "Trunk-or-Treat" and will include face painting, crafts and decorated tables. As many as 100 people may attend.

Nashville, Tennessee: Melissa Smith, Buena Vista Boys & Girls Club, 423-503-6976, <u>msmith@bgcmt.org</u>

On October 19th, the Buena Vista Boys & Girls Club hosted a *Lights On Afterschool* festival from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. The first half of the event featured carnival games, sidewalk chalk, a bubble blowing station, athletic games, ping pong, three - legged races, tug-of war and more. The second half of the event incorporated a community activity where families were able to make fall themed snack goodie-bags, arts and crafts and recipe cards. Around 45 to 50 people attended the event.

Nashville, Tennessee: Melanie Floyd, Lincoln Elementary After School Program, 920-492-2675, <u>mlfloyd@gbaps.org</u>

Lincoln Elementary After School Program will host an open house on October 30th from 5:30 to 6:15 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Children will dress up as their favorite storybook character or comic hero for the event, which will include a book reading and cookies. As many as 100 people may attend.

Nashville, Tennessee: Morgan Campey, Extended Learning Programs, 615-259-3282 x858308, morgan.campey@mnps.org

On October 27th, Extended Learning Programs will host a series of open houses at JE Moss Elementary School, Cole Elementary School, Hull Jackson Elementary School, Fall Hamilton Elementary School, Cambridge ELC, Casa Azafran ELC, Ross ELC and Ivanetta Davis ELC in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. The events will include pumpkin painting, trail mix making, music and movement, art shows, fine motor activities and food from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. Approximately 60 guests will attend each event.

Oakridge, Tennessee: Afterschool Ambassador Jennifer Pettyjohn, Boys & Girls Club of the Clinch Valley, 865-244-6073, <u>Jpettyjohn@bgccv.org</u>

The Boys & Girls Club of the Clinch Valley's Oakridge site will host a *Lights On Afterschool* open house on October 26th from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. The club is focusing on safety and members of the local police and fire departments will attend and talk to the students. Club members will lead tours, including featuring four of the site's recently renovated rooms and showcase lights bulb art displays. There will also be corn hole and basketball games. Cotton candy and popcorn will be provided through a partnership with the United Cancer Support Foundation.

<u>Texas</u>

Austin, Texas: Jayme Johnson, Boys & Girls Club of the Austin Area, 512-665-7366, jayme.johnson@bgcaustin.org

The Boys & Girls Club of the Austin Area will host an open house showcasing the daily activities it offers on October 26th from 4:30 to 6:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The club will run stations highlighting its sports, arts, STEM and Power Hour programs. Each station will offer activities for the 25 expected guests, like science experiments, art projects, coding programs and games. Snacks will also be provided as well.

Corpus Christi, Texas: Veronica Blanco and Lizette Tovar, Boys & Girls Club of the Coastal Bend, 361-387-2983, <u>vblanco@bgccb.org</u> and <u>ltovar@bgccb.org</u>

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Bend will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 25th with a fall festival and rally at its Robstown location. This year's celebration will feature music from DJ Ryan Cantu, a talent showcase from the local school cheer and dance team, a costume and dance contest and presentations of the *Lights On Afterschool* proclamation.

Dallas, Texas: Christina Hanger, Dallas Afterschool Network, 214-306-8400, <u>changer@dallasafterschool.org</u>

On October 24th, the Dallas Afterschool Network will host a special reception and pre-release of their Afterschool Access Map from 5:00 to 7:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. George Bush Institute Director of Leadership Programs & Education Reform Ann Wick will be the distinguished guest. The reception will be held at the George W. Bush Library and Café 43 and as many as 100 people may attend.

Dallas, Texas: Kendall Pidgeon, Big Thought – Thriving Minds, 972-955-6871, kendall.pidgeon@bigthought.org

On October 26th, the Big Thought Thriving Minds program will host a musical performance and technology information session from 5:30 to 7:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool* at the Nathan Adams Auditorium and Cafeteria/Library. Students will perform songs they have been practicing with music teaching artist Quelan Portley, and then they will introduce the coding programs they have been learning led by a partner from the University of Texas-Dallas. Some 25 people will attend.

El Paso, Texas: Ana Coleman, Armed Services YMCA, 915-562-8461, <u>aymca6@elp.rr.com</u> On October 26th, the Armed Services YMCA will host an open house from 4:00 to 6:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents will have a chance to tour the facility and work with their children on a variety of arts and crafts projects with yarn, paper dolls, coloring pages and puzzles. Dinner will be provided. Approximately 80 people will attend the event.

Ft. Worth, Texas: Afterschool Ambassador Miguel Garcia, Fort Worth After School, 817-871-3192, <u>Miguel.Garcia@fwisd.org</u>

Eighty Fort Worth After School program sites will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with open houses, rallies and family fun nights on October 26th. Activities at the different programs will include 3D drone demonstrations created by students, performing arts, chess club challenges, fine art performances, student-built soap box car challenges, one-act plays and more. More than 2,000 children and families across Fort Worth will participate.

Houston, Texas: Quentessa Pool, Garrett Elementary, 281-727-4271, <u>quentessapool@sheldonisd.com</u>

Garrett Elementary and Null Middle School will host a family Zumba night on October 26th from 6:30 to 7:30 PM at Null Middle School in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include a glow in the dark Zumba for families and a balloon release. Approximately 200 people may attend the event.

Houston, Texas: Britney Harris, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston, 713-400-2945, bharris@bgcgh.org

The 14 Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Houston locations will host *Lights On Afterschool* events from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on October 26th. The events will include STEM activities and demonstrations with gadgets like an interactive air blaster, lightbulb coloring stations and parent orientations. The Allen Parkway location will host a Halloween-inspired celebration on October 31st. Each event will have approximately 40 attendees.

Houston, Texas: Greater Houston Lights On Alliance, Trina Finley, 713-696-1331, tfinley@hcde-texas.org

On October 26th, the Greater Houston Lights On Alliance will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at the Children's Museum of Houston from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Students will enjoy a tour of the museum and participate in fun, interactive STEM activities, and area out of school time providers will be able to collect literacy and numeracy materials from the event to use in their programs. Participants will join elected officials in highlighting the work of the afterschool community, especially in the wake of Hurricane Harvey. Some 200 people may attend.

Houston, Texas: Stephanie Chetlin, ACE Afterschool – Drew Academy, 281-878-0360, <u>salexander-chetlin@aldineisd.org</u>

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the ACE Afterschool program at Drew Academy will host an "emoji" themed event on October 26th from 2:30 to 6:30 PM. The program will showcase the Mentoring Young Ladies Inspiring for Empowerment (M.Y.L.I.F.E) group and the GENTS boys mentoring group. There will also be line dancing, pumpkin decorating, a DJ and more. As many as 200 guests may attend.

<u>Utah</u>

Kaysville, Utah: Erin Florisbello, Francis Peak View Apartments Community Center, 801-390-6793, <u>eflorisbello@mercyhousing.org</u>

On October 27th, the Francis Peak View Apartments Community Center will host a fall festival from 4:00 to 6:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include fall-themed activities such as, apple bobbing, pumpkin carving, fishing for prizes, a Halloween STEM activity and a costume contest. About 25 people will attend the event.

Ogden, Utah: Ben Trentelman, Utah Afterschool Network, 801-359-2722, <u>bent@utahafterschool.org</u>

Eight of the region's afterschool providers and youth serving organizations, along with several other community partners and Weber State University, will host a Halloween themed *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 28th from noon to 2:00 PM. Partners and providers will be in costume giving out candy and leading demonstrations of afterschool activities with young

people. Other activities will include a photo booth, climbing wall and robotics. After *Lights On*, adult and child participants will receive free tickets to attend the Weber State football game. In addition to Weber State, partners include: Boy Scouts of America, Youth Futures, Boys & Girls Clubs of Weber-Davis, the Y, Utah State University 4-H Extension, Weber Morgan Health Department and the Utah Afterschool Network.

West Valley City, Utah: Afterschool Ambassador Margaret Peterson, Community Education Partnership, 801-949-9812, <u>cep4kids@comcast.net</u>

Afterschool programs in West Valley city will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* at 20 sites during the last two weeks of October. Activities will include art contests, STEM demonstrations, an afterschool dance at Kennedy Jr. High and a "Honk and Waive," where afterschool students will hold signs reading "honk if you support afterschool." Students will waive at the cars that honk as they drive by, which often causes a happy and fun traffic jam.

Vermont

Rochester, Vermont: Jolanta Labejsza, One Planet, 802-767-3161, <u>jlabejsza@wrvsu.org</u> On October 26th from 3:00 to 5:30 PM the One Planet afterschool program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by showing off the recent remodel of their program's classroom and hosting a Halloween carnival at the Rochester School. Afterschool students created the decorations that will be displayed in the hallways outside the updated classroom, which will have different stations, like a tree house, dress up or relaxation, set up for parents to see the room's new setup. The carnival will feature classic games and afterschool teachers will lead students in song and dance. Vermont State Rep. Sandy Haas may attend.

Rutland, Vermont: Margaret O'Neill, Tapestry, 802-786-1967, <u>margaret.oneill@rcpsvt.org</u> All six Tapestry afterschool sites opened their doors to the community and celebrated *Lights On Afterschool* on October 18th. State Sen. Brian Collamore attended the open house at the Rutland Town School where young people played bowling games with empty paper cups. In Rutland Northwest Primary School students played with balloons, twisted glow tubes into necklaces or bracelets and used glow-in-the-dark clay to create fun shapes.

Springfield, Vermont: Tamara Stagner and Kelly Burton, All-4-One, 802-885-2531, tstagner@ssdvt.org and down2onepeekapoo@yahoo.com

On October 27th, All-4-One will organize a Halloween themed *Lights On Afterschool* event. The celebration will include story time, an exotic animal showing, a haunted house and trunk-or-treating for the participants. The event will take place at Riverside Middle School and will run from 5:00 to 7:30 PM. As many as 2,000 people may attend, including school board members and town dignitaries.

<u>Virginia</u>

Alexandria, Virginia: Mac Slover, Alexandria Department of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Activities, 703-746-5407, <u>mac.slover@alexandriava.gov</u>

On October 26th, each of the nine Alexandria Department of Recreation and Cultural Activities recreation centers – Charles Barrett, Charles Houston, Cora Kelly, John Adams, Douglas MacArthur, Mt. Vernon, Nannie J. Lee, Patrick Henry and William Ramsay – will host events

for *Lights On Afterschool* from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. The events, inspired by the 4-H program, will emphasize the importance of the four Hs in the human body (heart, health, head and hands). At each event there will be a discussion, arts and crafts projects and bullying awareness activities based on the four Hs and on Alexandria Mayor Allison Silberberg's Campaign to End Bullying as part of National Bullying Awareness Month. One of the projects will include tracing students' bodies on paper so they can label their four Hs in a creative way. As many as 150 students will attend each event.

Harrisonburg, Virginia: Brent Holsinger, Harrisonburg Out-of-School Learning Coalition, 540-360-1123, <u>brent@ontheroadcollaborative.com</u>

On October 26th, the, comprised of more than ten youth serving programs and organizations, will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a variety of youth demonstrations, performances and remarks from community leaders about the importance of out-of-school learning. Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments will be provided. The Harrisonburg OSL Coalition is comprised of: Big Brothers Big Sisters, Boys & Girls Clubs, Girl Scouts, Harrisonburg City Schools, JMU's Office on Children and Youth, JMU's Outreach & Engagement, JMU's Valley Scholars, Massanutten Regional Library, On the Road Collaborative, Second Home, Scholars Latino Initiative and The First Tee. It will be held at Bluestone Elementary School from 5:15 to 6:30 PM.

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

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Lynchburg will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* party on October 26th from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Students will partake in a Power Hour Extravaganza from 5:00 to 6:00, where they'll be rewarded for doing will on their report cards, finishing their homework and excelling at the afterschool activities. At the party, youths will play corn hole, relay games and compete in a jump rope challenge. Staff will read a proclamation from Lynchburg Mayor Michael Gillette celebrating *Lights On*.

Newport News, Virginia: Deborah Pope-Johnson, Newport News Public Schools, 757-746-4233, <u>Deborah.popejohnson@nn.k12.va.us</u>

Several Newport News Public Schools will hold special *Lights On Afterschool* events on October 26th. Jenkins Elementary School's STEM family night will give 100 students and their parents a chance to build flashlights together. At McIntosh Elementary School, students will build their own lightbulbs and discuss African-American history, including those who were involved in inventing the lightbulb and other scientific developments. The Parks and Recreation Department will provide physical fitness activities for the 100 students and parents in attendance. Each event will run from 4:30 to 5:30 PM.

Richmond, Virginia: Marci Goode, Glen Lea Elementary School, 804-513-3459, <u>magoode@henrico.k12.va.us</u>

Glen Lea Elementary School will host a fall festival and open house celebrating *Lights On Afterschool* on October 25th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The 200 guests will have a chance to explore the classrooms and see what happens on an average day in the afterschool program, then everyone will head outside for a festival complete with a petting zoo, a pumpkin patch, a cake walk, musical chairs, a photo booth and apple cider. Students from nearby Godwin High School will attend to give a robotics demonstration. There will be a book giveaway, and a number of

community organizations will set up booths to give parents information about different community resources available to them.

Virginia Beach, Virginia: Anna Hobbs, JEB Little Creek Youth Programs, 757-462-8718, anna.hobbs@navy.mil

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, JEB Little Creek Youth Programs at Fort Story will highlight its program's involvement with the Boys & Girls Club by showcasing some of the activities that youths partake in at the afterschool program. Parents and students will explore healthy habits by mixing their own Chex Mix, work on oil and pastel paintings and carve pumpkins. Some 85 parents and students may attend the event, which will run from 3:30 to 6:00 PM on October 26th.

Washington

Longview, Washington: Kim Hogue, Youth & Family Link After-School Programs, 360-423-6741, <u>khogue@linkprogram.org</u> or <u>link@linkprogram.org</u>

On October 26th, the Youth & Family Link After-School Programs will host a magic show and showcase from 6:30 to 8:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Presto the Magician will open the event with a 50-minute magic presentation, followed by a showcase of afterschool activities. The Longview Parks and Recreation Program, the YMCA of Southwest Washington, the Cowlitz County Prevention Squad, the Youth & Family Link's Open Gym Program and the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program will provide information about their offerings and staff from each agency will lead activities for youth and their families. *Lights On* bracelets and blinking light bulbs will be distributed to the students as well. Policymakers, community members, school officials and board members, in addition to 200 students and families will attend.

Seattle, Washington: Kelly Martin, YMCA of Greater Seattle, 206-382-5000,

kellymartin@seattleymca.org

On October 26th, the YMCA of Greater Seattle will host *Lights On Afterschool* events from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at more than 50 of its sites. At the events, participants will work on a STEM activity involving electricity and lightbulbs. The programs will also share the activity and links about afterschool programs over social media. Some 50 people will attend each event.

Spokane Valley, Washington: Heather Irmer, Spokane Valley YMCA School Age Programs, 509-777-9622, <u>hirmer@ymcaspokane.org</u>

The Spokane Valley YMCA School Age Program hosted a haunted house and trick-or-treat event designed by the staff and "haunted" by middle school student volunteers on October 21st from 6:00 to 8:30 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The festivities included a bouncy slide, face painting, free popcorn, a photo booth and tables set up by community organizations. More than 600 people attended.

Tacoma, Washington: Ashley Garcia, Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound, 253-502-4640, <u>garciaa@bgcsps.org</u>

On October 26th, the D.A. Gonyea Branch of the Boys & Girls Clubs of South Puget Sound will host an open house from 4:30 to 6:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The 150 people in attendance will enjoy a tour of the gym program, computer lab, learning center and games room.

Students will have the chance to participate in team building games and decorate lightbulbs to display throughout the club.

Toppenish, Washington: Afterschool Ambassador Beth Monfils, Northwest Community Action Center, 509-865-7630, <u>BethW@yvfwc.org</u>

Toppenish's Northwest Community Action Center afterschool programs will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a family walk and food drive on November 4 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at Toppenish Pioneer Park. Participants will receive a free *Lights On Afterschool* glow stick for every donated non-perishable food item. All donations will be sent to the Toppenish Food Bank. The Yakima Diabetes Center will have a booth with information on how to stay fit and healthy during the holiday season.

Tulalip, Washington: Diane Prouty, Tulalip Boys & Girls Club, 360-716-3400, <u>dprouty@bgcsc.org</u>

The Tulalip Boys & Girls Club will host a harvest party on October 26th from 2:00 to 5:00 PM in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. The harvest party will feature bouncy houses, apple bobbing activities, mummy wrap games, lightbulb decorating, a photo booth, relay races, musical chairs and more. The club will give out *Lights On* blinky lights and books as prizes. Local tribal groups will distribute smoothies and guests will enjoy pizzas in the shape of pumpkins. As many as 200 people may attend.

Walla Walla, Washington: Afterschool Ambassador Brent Cummings, Walla Walla Public Schools, <u>509-526-1929</u>, <u>bcummings@wwps.org</u>

Students in the 21st Century Community Learning Centers afterschool program will use high resolution imaging cameras and equipment to create virtual reality environments that students, parents, educators, policymakers and other stakeholders can access online to remotely tour the programs and get a detailed look into Walla Walla Public Schools' various activity and club offerings for *Lights On Afterschool*. Featured materials, activities, and resources in the virtual environment will include: drones, 3D printing, robotics, digital music production, film makers and vlog studio, and more. The afterschool VR world will be created on October 26th from 3:00 to 5:30 PM, and will be ready for sharing on November. 1st. The program will share the final VR product with local and state-level stakeholders and policy makers, as well as U.S. Rep. Cathy McMorris Rogers and Sens. Patty Murray and Maria Cantwell.

Wenatchee, Washington: Tessa Makximenko, Wenatchee Valley YMCA, 509-662-2109,

tessa@wenymca.org

On October 26th, Wenatchee Valley YMCA will host an open house from 4:00 to 6:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include adults versus children volleyball, celebrity reader with the Wenatchee Chief of Police Steve Crown, healthy snack creations and coding crafts. As many as 70 people may attend.

West Virginia

Burnsville, West Virginia: Beth Anderson, Hands On Reading Afterschool Programs, 304-853-2338, <u>beth.anderson@clark.lib.wv.us</u>

On October 26th, the Hands On Reading Afterschool Programs at the Burnsville Public Library will host an open house from 3:30 to 4:45 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. Participants will see

how afterschool activities impact children during the event. The open house will display materials children have made during afterschool. As many as 20 people may attend.

Clarksburg, West Virginia: Chrisanne Diaz, Project Isaac, 304-326-7620, <u>cdiaz@k12.wv.us</u> Project Isaac will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 24th from 3:30 to 8:00 PM at the Mountaineer Middle School cafeteria. The event will feature Project Isaac brochures, photos of activities and a student showcase. As many as 100 people may attend.

Fairmont, West Virginia: Paul Richmond, Marion County Boys & Girls Club, 304-376-2627, paul.richmond@k12.wv.us

On October 26th, Marion County Boys & Girls Club will host an open house carnival from 5:00 to 8:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool* at Valley Worlds of Fun. The event will include a canned food drive, door prizes, two STEM exhibits and an informational session for parents. Approximately 200 people may attend.

Morgantown, West Virginia: Andrew Reabe, Mountaineer Boys & Girls Club Woodburn, 304-292-751, <u>areabe@mix.wvu.edu</u>

On October 25th, Mountaineer Boys & Girls Club Woodburn will host an open house from 4:30 to 6:30 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include games, art and STEM activities. Approximately 200 people may attend. Seven other Mountaineer Boys & Girls Club Woodburn sites are also participating and hosting events at their Clubs for *Lights On Afterschool*.

Morgantown, West Virginia: Jenica Schoolcraft, Mountaineer Boys & Girls Club at UHS, 304-292-7510, <u>jschoolc.mbgc@gmail.com</u>

On October 26th, Mountaineer Boys & Girls Club at UHS will host a carnival from 3:00 to 5:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool* at University High School. The event will include a guest speaker from the Center of Civics and Service Learning at West Virginia University, high school club tabling, games and food. As many as 100 people may participate.

Rock County, West Virginia: Lisa Peternel, Mountaineer Boys & Girls Club at UHS, 304-292-7510, <u>jschoolc.mbgc@gmail.com</u>

The Mountaineer Boys & Girls Club at UHS will host a carnival from 3:00 to 5:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool* at University High School on October 19th. The event will include a guest speaker from the Center of Civics and Service Learning at West Virginia University, high school club tabling, games and food. Approximately 100 people are expected.

Wisconsin

Berlin, Wisconsin: Mindy Collado, Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area, 920-361-2717, mcollado@bgctric.org

The Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area will host an open house on October 30th from 4:00 to 5:30 PM at Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area parking lot for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include tours of the Sparks Club, a student showcase and "trunk or treating" from local vendors. Up to 250 people may attend.

Green Bay, Wisconsin: Afterschool Ambassador Eric Vanden Heuvel, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay, 920-494-7090, <u>evandenheuvel@bgcgb.org</u>

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Green Bay will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by hosting a fall family night on October 26th from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at both the Nagel and Lutsey Club locations. It will feature Halloween-themed S.T.E.A.M. activities and will include: building pumpkin towers using only basic building materials like toothpicks, cotton swabs, tape, etc.; invisible ink messages, with members learning different ways to write and view them; a presentation developed by youth on the aeroponic gardens they have been working during the summer; bike building, with Club members and their families working together to assemble bicycles; pumpkin carving, digital scavenger hunts and more. Dinner will be served and the Club's brand-new College and Career Center will be open for tours.

Madison, Wisconsin: Angela Tortorice, Goodman Community Center, 608-241-1574, angela@goodmancenter.org

The Goodman Community Center will host a family night on October 26th from 5:30 to 7:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The theme will be "After School in Madison." The celebration will include dinner, and guests will have the chance to partake in activities like cooking, riding a bike blender, identifying birds, working with bubbler maker kits, button making, creating poems and exploring informational tables. Up to 200 people are expected. Before the family night begins, Goodman Community Center will host a *Lights On Afterschool* festival from 3:00 to 5:00 PM at Darbo-Worthington Neighborhood Park, where there will be pumpkin carving, apple press cider creations, face painting, various youth-led activities, smores, a hot dog roasting station, a nail salon, a basketball tournament and yard games. As many as 150 people are expected.

Necedah, Wisconsin: Linda Lowery, Cardinal After-School, 608-565-2256,

llowery@necedahschools.org

On October 19th, Cardinal After-School hosted a festival from 5:15 to 7:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool* at Necedah School. The event included a variety of family reading and math games, resource discovery, student led presentations, demonstrations about the afterschool program, community resource booths and food. Approximately 300 people attended, including State Representative Ed Brooks.

Spooner, Wisconsin: Amber LaRue, Spooner Afterschool Program, 715-635-2171 x1121, <u>beth.anderson@clark.lib.wv.us</u>

On October 26th, Spooner Afterschool Program will host an open house from 4:00 to 5:15 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will include a presentation at the Spooner Elementary School Library, tours of elementary and middle schools, and a questions and answers session. Snacks will be provided by the Cooking Club and AmeriCorps Farm. Up to 50 people are expected.

Wyoming

Cheyenne, Wyoming: Cameron Karajanis, Boys & Girls Club of Cheyenne, 307-778-6674, <u>ckarajanis@bgcchey.org</u>

The Boys & Girls Club of Cheyenne will host an active night at the club to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Teachers will also organize flag football and a group dodgeball games, and competitions in pool, foosball and air hockey. Participants will also work on lightbulb-themed art

projects. Some 250 students, parents and community members will attend the event, which will run from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on October 26th.

Cody, Wyoming: Maggie Gayman, Youth Clubs of Park County, 307-527-7871, codyclubdirector@gmail.com

On October 26th, the Youth Clubs of Park County will host a *Lights On Afterschool* STEM celebration from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at its facility. Some 70 parents, students and community members will rotate through stations where they will build towers, boats and bridges out of art supplies and household items like tinfoil, toothpicks, craft sticks, straws, plastic tubes and tape. Regular afterschool programming will occur, so students will have the chance to give their parents a tour, introduce them to the staff and show them what types of activities happen after school in the computer room, the gym, the games room and more. Staff will promote the event that morning on local radio station *KODI*'s Speak Your Peace morning show.

Rock Springs, Wyoming: Lisa Plant, Sweetwater #1 Community Connections, 307-352-3474, plantl@sw1.k12.wy.us

Sweetwater #1 Community Connections held a science-themed family night for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 11th at Rock Springs Junior High School. Carla Hester-Croft, a professor at the local community college's technology department, gave a special drone demonstration where she taught students and parents how to steer a drone through an obstacle course. The event included a virtual reality station and a technology board game, and families took home their own drones afterward. Staff read Governor Matt Mead's proclamation in support of *Lights On Afterschool* and the nearly 70 attendees enjoyed pizza donated by Domino's.

Thermopolis, Wyoming: Elisa Daniels, Hot Springs, 307-921-1211, <u>edaniels@hotsprings1.org</u> On October 19th, the Hot Springs afterschool program held a *Lights On Afterschool* event with pumpkin-themed science, technology, engineering, art and math activities from 6:00 to 7:30 PM at Thermopolis Middle School. Students made baking soda and vinegar volcanoes inside pumpkins and used the pumpkin guts to make slime with glue and starch. Students connected Makey Makey circuits to pumpkins and explored how they could program a computer to use those electrical connections to make different sounds. Groups of students competed in an engineering challenge to see who could build the tallest tower out of toothpicks and mini candy pumpkins. As an art project, families used paint and melted crayons to decorate their own mini pumpkins to take home. And finally, students worked on color-coded math worksheets with their parents and cut up paper plates shaped liked pumpkin pies to explore the concept of fractions. Some 175 parents and students attended the event.

International

U.S. Army Garrison, Japan: Tara Paprzycki, Child and Youth Services School Age Care, tara.e.paprzycki.naf@mail.mil

On October 26th, the Child and Youth Services School Age Care program will host a festival from 4:00 to 6:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The festival will include face painting, dancing, refreshments, crafts, carnival games, and an informational session about afterschool for parents. As many as 70 people will attend.