



LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL

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2020 Representative Sample of Local Events

Open Minds, Open Spaces Town Hall

Ten state afterschool networks have come together to hold a virtual celebration of afterschool and summer learning programs featuring champions for afterschool discussing how afterschool and summer programs have stepped up to support children, youth and families in difficult and challenging times, supporting their social and emotional well-being, academic learning, physical health and nutrition, and serving as a critical touch point for youth. Speakers will include U.S. Senators Jon Tester (MT) and Ron Wyden (OR) as well as state legislators, a lieutenant governor, mayors and others. The event will take place on October 21st from 4:00 to 5:30 MDT and has been organized by the state afterschool networks from Alaska, Arizona, Hawai'i, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah and Washington. To register and learn more go to: <https://bit.ly/OpenMindsTownHall>.

Alabama

Centre, Alabama: Greg Spoon, Centre Middle School 21st CCLC Program, 256-927-5656, gspoon@cherokeek12.org

The Centre Middle School 21st Century Community Learning Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an open house on October 22nd from 3:00 to 5:30 PM. Families are invited to visit the program to see what it offers. There will be a family workshop on social media cyber-safety, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) activities and tours of the campus for first-time visitors and families of new students. As many as 100 people will attend.

Decatur, Alabama: Konnye Long, Boys & Girls Clubs of North Alabama (Priceville), 256-566-0116, klong@bgcnal.com

The Boys & Girls Clubs of North Alabama will hold a sidewalk chalk art gallery for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will take place on October 22nd from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. All club members are invited. The program will also kick off a Food Drive for a local food pantry on that day.

Russell, Alabama: Angela Crittenden, Russellville Elementary Tiger PAWS, 256-331-2123, angela.crittenden@rcs.k12.al.us

Russellville Elementary will hold a literacy event to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. School system officials, including a superintendent, assistant superintendent, principal and school resource officers will read to students, who will also engage in a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) literacy activity. Some activities will be featured on the program's Facebook page, allowing parents to participate virtually.

Alaska

Eagle River, Alaska: Tracy Hupe, Boys & Girls Clubs - Alaska, 907-694-5437, thupe@bgcalaska.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Alaska will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a full day of activities on October 22nd. The event will begin at 9:00 AM with an Oreo stacking contest and a dance activity to get ready for the first school zoom session. After lunch, students will participate in another dance activity followed by an art project with light strings. After another round of school zoom and homework, the youth will have an afternoon snack followed by light yard darts. Everyone will win a light up ring, bracelet or prize to enjoy at home. Twenty-five students are expected to participate.

Fairbanks, Alaska: Afterschool Ambassador Courtney Havrilek, Fairbanks North Star Borough School District, 907-452-2000, courtney.havrilek@k12northstar.org

The Fairbanks North Star Borough School District will hold a drive/walk-through family event for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. The event will include the release of a collection of STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) activities in a Guidebook with supplies. There will be a to-go meal and take home *Lights On Afterschool* Activities. Community partners, 4H, University of Alaska Museum of the North, and University of Alaska Large Animal Research Station are contributing resources and activities. Some 500 people are expected.

Homer, Alaska: Karina Marette, CHILL Time, 907-235-5612, kmarette@kpbsd.k12.ak.us

For *Lights On Afterschool*, CHILL Time will hold a virtual event over Zoom on October 22nd at 4:30 PM. Students will begin with a quick activity to help them identify the “anchors” in their lives. “Anchor” is a term used in Integrative Youth Development (IYD) lessons, developed by Brightways Learning, to describe caring adults who are connected to youth. Students will then choose one of their anchors to make a light-up greeting card for. To create the cards, students will set up a circuit for an LED on a piece of cardstock. This will be the inside of the greeting card. A second piece of cardstock will then be added to cover the circuit and act as the cover of the card. The students will poke a hole on the cover, where the LED is in the circuit, so it can shine when the “on” button is pressed. They will then use their creativity to design an illustration that includes the LED for the front cover of their card. Students will write a meaningful message

on the inside of their card, thanking their anchor for what they do. They will then deliver/give their light-up cards to their anchors. Some 100 participants are expected.

Arizona

Glendale, Arizona: Vivian Bauer, Highland Lakes School, Bear's Den, 623-256-1816, vivian.bauer@dvusd.org

Day care students at Highland Lakes School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with activities during the first week of school. They will decorate printed light bulbs and paper lanterns and complete a STEM activity. Several dozen students will attend.

Phoenix, Arizona: Monica Allread, District Director of Communication, Deer Valley Unified School District, 623-445-5011

Students at Norterra Canyon Elementary School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Taking inspiration from the Brad Paisley song "Be a Light," this event will focus on social emotional learning and positive things they can contribute to the school and community during this unusual time. Students will make lanterns, create posters with words from the song, and share how they can "Be a Light" in the community.

Phoenix, Arizona: Shaya Kellen, Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence, 602-734-5434, skellen@azafterschool.org

The Arizona Center for Afterschool Excellence will take part in the virtual multi-state town hall to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Kathy Hoffman, Superintendent of Public Instruction (town hall) and U.S. Senator Kyrsten Sinema will speak. Following the town hall there will be a state event with a program panel, youth panel, and afterschool champions discussing why afterschool is important. The town hall will begin at 3:00 PM on October 22nd and the state event at 3:45 PM.

Arkansas

Rogers, Arkansas: Cody Steussy, Rogers Community School Recreation Assn., 479-295-9442, cody@rogersrecreation.com

The Rogers Activity Center will host an outdoor fall festival open to the public on October 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Guests must wear masks and will have their temperatures taken upon arrival. Families are encouraged to bring their bicycles to the event, and ride them to visit booths, which will have fun fall activities and games including bike decorating, pumpkin painting, pumpkin bowling and more. Attendees will collect tickets from the booths which they can exchange for prizes. A food truck will provide food and drinks for the families. Some 50 to 75 guests are expected.

California

American Canyon, California: Austin Peletta, Boys & Girls Clubs of Napa Valley - American Canyon Clubhouse, 707-653-4552, austin@thepositiveplace.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Napa Valley - American Canyon Clubhouse will hold an event for students with STEM and art activities to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will use batteries to test circuits and conductivity and join in art projects using the theme of lights and electricity. The event will be on October 22nd from 3:30 to 6:30 PM. As many as 75 students will participate.

Cathedral City, California: Christina Noble, Rio Vista Elementary, 442-295-6029, riovistaes.pusd@thinktogether.org

Rio Vista Elementary will hold a virtual event on October 22nd at 4:00 PM. During the event, participants will decorate pumpkins using paint, stickers, and other materials. In addition to students, parents, teachers, principals and school staff are invited.

Chino, California: April Ponce, Preserve Community Center, 909-334-3258, kmogg@cityofchino.org

Preserve Camp will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a “Light Up Your Community” event. It will take place at the Preserve Community Building on October 22nd from 3:00 to 4:30 PM. Campers will decorate light bulbs. City executives are also invited. Forty people will attend.

Cypress, California: Samantha Johnson, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Anaheim-Cypress, 714-527-2697, sjohnson@theboysandgirlsclub.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater Anaheim-Cypress will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a virtual paint night on October 22nd at 4:00 PM. Each member will receive a paint kit. A staff member will lead them through a Halloween-themed painting project via Zoom. They will also participate in a costume contest and light bulb challenge. In addition, there will be several hands-on STEM and fitness activity stations from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. More than 100 students will participate.

Delano, California: Ken Dyar, Delano Union School, 661-979-7949, kdylar@duesd.org

Delano Union School will hold a virtual showcase of its 11 expanded learning sites. Activities will include learning a dance, a cooking class, meeting staff members, and a message from the principal. The event will take place on November 19th from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. The public is invited to participate and as many as 3,500 people are expected.

Indio, California: Rosalva Campos, Indio Teen Center, 760-541-4400, rcampos@indio.org

The Indio Teen Center (ITC) will host a virtual tour of the center with videos of pre-COVID-19 activities in addition to regularly scheduled virtual programs. The event will be held on October

22nd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM and is open to all students of ITC. The public is invited to watch on Instagram, TikTok and Snapchat. The virtual tour will be shared with the local schools.

Inglewood, California: Denisha Carcamo, Arc at ICEF Inglewood ES, 310-414-7710
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Arc at ICEF Inglewood ES will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a virtual Pixar-themed event on October 22nd at 4:30 PM.

La Puente, California: Samantha Rodriguez, Giano Intermediate School,
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For *Lights On Afterschool*, Giano Intermediate School will hold a virtual event on October 21st from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. Families of the students are invited to join in on that day. There will be a “Spooky STEM” project where the students learn about bats. Then they will make a flying paper “bat” airplane.

Oakland, California: Theresa Barnes, Bay Area Community Resources, 510-514-7772,
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Bay Area Community Resources (BACR) held a virtual event to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event was held on October 15th from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. There were art projects, social and emotional learning (SEL) practice, and a community discussion. Students, families, the school community and other BACR afterschool programs were invited. One hundred people participated.

Oakland, California: Michelle Jaramillo, Piedmont Avenue Elementary School, 510-467-9429,
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On October 22nd from 3:00 to 5:00 PM, Piedmont Avenue Elementary School will host a virtual Pixar family night. There will be activities centered around Pixar and Disney characters including a virtual field trip, guided drawing, a dance party, and a game of Kahoot. All Piedmont Avenue Elementary School families are invited. As many as 35 people will participate.

Pacoima, California: Coraima Hurtado, Vaughn International Studies Academy, 818-825-5780,
vaughnhs@thinktogether.org

Vaughn International Studies Academy will host a virtual community service event for *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will write letters to the elderly, who live in nursing homes. The event will be on Zoom and all Vaughn International Studies Academy students are invited. As many as 50 people are expected.

Redding, California: Reanna McCulloch, Redding STEM Academy, 530-524-4841, rmcculloch@shastacoe.org

Redding STEM Academy will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an in-person event on October 22nd. Students will participate in marbled painting and origami as well as a STEM challenge. For the STEM challenge they will build a ramp with construction paper and design and test their own marble mazes. They will also make a healthy salad using harvested radishes and create a healthy dressing. Thirty-five students will attend.

Riverside, California: Christina Bold, HEARTS After-School Academy, 951-266-9027, cbold@riversideunified.org

HEARTS After-School Academy will hold a “Virtual Booooooook Fest!” Students will show why *Lights On Afterschool* is important, especially with Book Light. The local bookstore has donated books and class sets of books, so students will make thank you cards for them. Thirty people will participate.

Riverside, California: Esly Lopez, Sugar Hill Elementary RC Region, 951-760-3570, sugarhilles@thinktogether.org

Sugar Hill Elementary School will hold a virtual art gallery and paint-along to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. For the virtual art gallery, students will display self-portraits, along with a response to a few questions about their character traits and a description of a time they rose to an occasion. The family paint-along will be a guided paint video that families can do together or students can do individually. The event will take place from 4:00 to 5:00 PM on October 22nd. It will be via zoom and the public is invited. As many as 50 people are expected.

Sacramento, California: Ana Vasquez, MASTERS (Making After School Enriching, Rewarding and Successful), ana@cffsacramento.org

On October 22nd from 3:20 to 4:00 PM, MASTERS will hold a virtual family paint night. A staff member will lead a step-by-step tutorial on the *Lights On Afterschool* logo. Each student will be able to create and customize their own logo. The Expanded Learning team will provide supplies needed for the project. They will hold a distribution day on October 20th from 4:00 to 5:30 PM at the Smythe Academy school site. More than 100 people, including students, families, staff and school administrators, will participate.

San Francisco, California: Caitlin Stockdale, Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco, Tenderloin Clubhouse, 415-516-2320, cstockdale@kidsclub.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a YouTube video. The video will feature audio clips of youth, staff, parents and partners as well as pictures from the past year to show why the program is important and the impact it has had. The video will premiere on October 22nd at 6:00 PM. More than 100 people are expected to watch.

San Francisco, California: Olivia VanDamme, Science Action Club (SAC), 4153795274, ovandamme@calacademy.org

The Science Action Club (SAC) at the California Academy of Sciences Museum will hold a virtual event on Zoom on October 22nd from 10:00 to 10:30 AM. The SAC is celebrating the resiliency and creativity of the out-of-school time space during *Lights On Afterschool*. SAC will lead a 30-minute virtual session that highlights ways to connect to nature anytime, anywhere. Participants only need their observation skills to participate to find signs of birds in their neighborhoods. This event is open to any staff who run out-of-school time programming and want to engage youth with nature.

San Francisco, California: Ayah Mouhktar, John Muir Community School Beacon and the Buchanan YMCA, 415-828-0836, amouhktar@ymcasf.org

The John Muir Community School Beacon and the Buchanan YMCA will hold a virtual event on Zoom on October 22nd from 4:00 to 5:00 PM in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be a yoga class and demonstration for mindfulness, a showcase of art projects made during STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) activities, and clips and highlights from classes. As many as 20 families are expected to participate.

San Francisco, California: Beth Guy, Ulloa Elementary School, bguy@bacr.org

Ulloa Elementary School After School Learning Program (ASLP) will hold a virtual event for *Lights On Afterschool*. Each of the afterschool groups will talk about what they love about afterschool. Program leaders will hold discussions with their groups and will note what each student says about the program. The event will be held on Wednesday, October 21st or Thursday, October 22nd. Some 150 students are expected.

San Francisco, California: Sophia Rutkin, Mission Clubhouse - Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco, 415-400-8911, srutkin@kidsclub.org

The Mission Clubhouse of the Boys & Girls Clubs of San Francisco will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an in-person event on October 22nd from 2:00 to 4:00 PM. The event will focus on the upcoming election so the youth understand the importance of voting. They will do an activity called "If I were the President" where they brainstorm all of the things they would want to do as President. Then, they will practice their democratic right to vote by voting between a choice of activities to do with the rest of their time. Staff lead the conversation about the importance of making their voices heard, and staying true to what they believe in. In the regional elections, there are both ranked choice and winner-take-all ballots, so each group will practice voting in two different ways. Staff will then facilitate a discussion on whether there's a big difference between the types. About 60 people will participate.

Torrance, California: Jacobo Reyes, arc After School & Experiential Education, 310-671-4400, Jreyes@arc-experience.com

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, arc After School & Experiential Education will host a virtual event for Los Angeles High School on October 22nd from 3:30 to 4:30 PM. All students and faculty are invited to participate. The event will showcase a video of what afterschool programs mean to students.

Whittier, California: April Mendoza, Boys & Girls Club of Whittier / Evergreen Elementary, Aprilm@bgcw.org

The Boys & Girls Club of Whittier will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd at 3:00 PM. Members will be given plastic fillable light bulbs for a STEM activity to make them glow and light up. Members will also be given light bulb cut-outs that they can color and decorate, and they will make paper hats that say *Lights On* with the light bulb in the middle. Throughout the month, members will write letters that will be given to the senior citizens at a home in Pomona.

Colorado

Littleton, Colorado: Michael Peppel, Foothills Park and Recreation District, 303-409-2510, mpeppel@fhprd.org

The Foothills Park and Recreation District will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with events at different sites. Peiffer Elementary School will host an event on October 22nd from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. Students will participate in a 3D STEM activity at which they will make bubble wands with straws, pipe cleaners, bubble solution and a container. District-Collegiate Academy will host an event on October 22nd from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Students will participate in a Bone Bridge activity at which they will work together to design a bridge, determining length, strength and capacity.

Connecticut

Bridgeport, Connecticut: Gina Oseguenda, Wakeman Boys & Girls Club Smilow-Burroughs, 203-908-3378, gina@wakemanclub.org

Wakeman Boys & Girls Club Smilow-Burroughs will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. The event will have multiple activities including: a healthy food worksheet, fitness minute-to-win-it games and movement challenges, *Lights On STEM* Play-Doh, an Indian corn art project, a kernel guessing jar, and a writing activity. The event is open to clubhouse members. Sixty students will participate.

Delaware

Laurel, Delaware: Tasha Esham, Western Sussex Boys & Girls Clubs, 3028751200, tesham@bgclubs.org

The Western Sussex Boys & Girls Club will hold a candy toss parade on October 22nd from 6:00 to 7:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The police department will escort the members to two local communities. They will hand out pre-made bags with candy and a flier for

the Boys & Girls Club. There will be a float with Halloween decorations and a *Lights On Afterschool* sign. Some kids will be on the float while others will pass out the bags. As many as 200 people will participate.

Wilmington, Delaware: Kiara Clayton, Destined for Greatness Afterschool Program, 302-803-0916, kiara.clayton06@gmail.com

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Destined for Greatness Afterschool Program at Glasgow High School is hosting “Be A Part of The Change” on October 22nd from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. Program participants will compete in a virtual art contest and cake decorating competition, focusing on increasing voter participation. Member families will also receive care packages with voter registration information.

Florida

Boynton Beach, Florida: Afterschool Ambassador Suzette L. Harvey, Prime Time Palm Beach County, 561-732-8066, sharvey@primetimepbc.org

On October 22, 2020, Prime Time Palm Beach County, a 20-year local nonprofit that supported more than 200 afterschool programs and 30,000 children and youth in 2018-2019, joins more than 8,000 Americans who will call attention to *Lights On Afterschool*, a nationwide event, organized by the Afterschool Alliance. Through a dedicated webpage and social media awareness, Prime Time honors local afterschool professionals who are on the front line every afternoon inspiring our children to be their best and supporting them to thrive socially and academically. *Lights On Afterschool* calls attention to the importance of afterschool programs, professionals and the resources required to keep the lights on and the doors open.

Cocoa, Florida: Teresa Rider, Brevard County Schools, 321-633-3660, rider.teresa@brevardschools.org

Fifty-seven Brevard County Elementary Schools will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with “Mask” arade parties at each afterschool site on October 22nd from 2:30 to 6:00 PM. Students will design their masks and wear them worn during the event. Each school is expecting as many as 100 participants.

Hialeah, Florida: Alice Arrieta, City of Hialeah YLC, Events@hialeahfl.gov

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the City of Hialeah YLC will hold a glow zumba party for both in-person and virtual students. There will be a glow-in-the-dark slime activity and light bulb coloring. Afterward, students will be given glow sticks and the zumba instructor will begin the party. Only students enrolled in the program will be able to participate at the in-person party, but all those enrolled virtually can participate from their homes and with family members and friends. The event will be held Thursday, October 22nd at 4:00 PM. As many as 100 people will attend.

Sarasota, Florida: Kat Carver, Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County, 941-366-7940, kcarver@bgcsarasota.com

From October 22nd to October 30th, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Sarasota County is holding six events for *Lights On Afterschool*. Three will be in-person and three will be virtual. Lee Wetherington Club will be showcasing a virtual pumpkin painting contest. Photos will be shared on social media and community members can vote on their favorites. The Roy McBean Club is creating a video with members, parents and staff that highlights various programs in the club and what they mean to them. The video will be shared on social media. Newton Estates Club will host a fall festival for its registered members. There will be games, crafts, and prizes. The Louis and Gloria Flanzer Club will also host an in-house fall festival. The Robert and Joan Lee Club will share a cooking video with fall-themed recipes that families can try at home. The Gene Matthews Club will host a drive-in movie night.

Tallahassee, Florida: Laura Veliz-Palomino, Stem4Girls, laurap.stem4girls@gmail.com
Stem4Girls will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd in collaboration with the Boys & Girls Club of the Big Bend, with a virtual STEM fair from 3:30 to 6:00 PM. Brenda Williams, Executive Director of Tallahassee Housing Authority, will be the keynote speaker. She will discuss the importance of afterschool programs to student and community success. This will be a community-based experience with vendors such as SmarterByNature, FSU Biomed SGSA, the Tallahassee Police Department and Forensic Department, and MagLab from across the city set to provide age-appropriate STEM-related demonstrations. Participating vendors have submitted pre-made video activities for students to watch and have provided them with packets filled with materials to provide a hands-on experience along with the virtual demonstrations. Additionally, Brenda Williams, Shaqualyn Shedrick, and Curtis Richardson will discuss various topics designed to inspire the children. Students, parents, and community members are invited. Students without reliable Internet access are invited to attend in person.

Tampa, Florida: Aquila Smith, Graham Elementary Host Program, 813-276-5408, aquila.smith@sdhc.k12.fl.us

The Graham Elementary Host Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with its annual glow stick dance party. There will be music, crafts, dancing and virtual reading from Bess the Book Bus. The event will take place on October 22nd from 2:00 to 6:00 PM on the school campus.

Vero Beach, Florida: Curtis Webb, Gifford Youth Achievement Center (GYAC), 772-794-1005, cwebb@gyac.net

Two of GYAC's 8th grade students have organized a panel discussion with local community leaders to discuss and learn about civic engagement and racial equality for *Lights On Afterschool*. The panel will be on October 22nd from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Vero Beach News' Nick Samuel will moderate the discussion and GYAC students Jordan and Aloni will take turns asking

questions. Other panelists represent law enforcement, education and the NAACP. There will be five panelists.

Georgia

Georgia: Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network, klandes@georgiavoices.org

The Georgia Statewide Afterschool Network (GSAN) will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a Town Hall on October 19th at 3:00 PM. Participants will see virtual tours of programs in action and hear from students, families, and staff live and through pre-recorded videos about how afterschool programs support learning and why it's now more important than ever to keep the *Lights On*, both during and after school.

Blue Ridge, Georgia: Victoria Turner, Fannin County Boys & Girls Club North Ga., 706-964-2582, fannincountyclub@bgcng.org

The Club will post a virtual STEAM project to its social media platforms, for members to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd at 4:30 PM. There will also be scheduled times during the week of October 19th for members of the community to tour the facility. Club parents and families are invited, as well as local civic groups within the community. More than 40 people are expected.

Camilla, Georgia: Anna Alexander, Teen Center, 229-336-1896, aalexander@camillaga.net

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the Teen Center will hold an open house on October 22nd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. NFL player Grover Stewart will be the virtual guest speaker. Teen Center and Twenty Teens are invited to attend.

Decatur, Georgia: Eve Helms, Decatur Housing Authority STAR Afterschool Program, 1-404-895-5679, ehe@decaturha.org

The Decatur Housing Authority STAR Afterschool Program will hold an in-person event for a small group of students, and virtual activities for everyone else to join. Students will make Chinese paper lanterns to light on October 22nd, with a sign dedicating the lanterns. Parents, community leaders and politicians are all invited.

Ellijay, Georgia: Crystal Bates, Boys & Girls Club of Gilmer Co., 706-276-2582, cbates@bgcng.org

On Wednesday, October 21st and Thursday October 22nd, the Boys & Girls Club of Gilmer County is holding a two-day Unity Day Community Challenge. This event will combine *Lights On Afterschool* and National Bullying Prevention Month. Participants are asked to wear and share the color orange to prevent bullying and promote kindness, acceptance and inclusion. The entire community is invited to participate in the virtual event, including law enforcement, fire & EMS, the county commissioner, school superintendents, and all schools. More than 100 people are expected to attend.

Pelham, Georgia: Anna Alexander, Boys & Girls Clubs of Mitchell County, 229-294-2002, aalexander@camillaga.net

The Pelham Unit of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Mitchell County will hold an “Artpalooza” event on October 22nd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be art stations throughout the Club with games, painting, recyclable art and sculpting. The event is open to Club members, family and friends. The mayor is also invited. 35 people will participate.

Rochelle, Georgia: Julie Bloodworth, Wilcox county PASS program, 2293139084, bloodworthj@wilcoxcountyschools.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, Wilcox County Schools will partner with the Wilcox County Health Department to offer parents and students a drive-thru flu shot. Participants will receive afterschool materials while registering. Then they will drive to the next stop for their shot from the Health Department, and will be directed to the next stop where they will be given a survey and a treat (a light bulb filled with lemon drops) and a pamphlet about *Lights On Afterschool* including pictures of student activities at the program. The event will be held at the school, on the bus ramp, from 4:30 - 6:30 on October 22nd. Students will also discuss *Lights On Afterschool* in their classes and focus on health during the week of October 22nd.

Warner Robins, Georgia: Tiffany Fant, Robins AFB School Age Care, 478-327-6834, tiffany.fant@us.af.mil

Robins AFB School Age Care program will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 22nd from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. Activities will take place around the outside of the center. Each family who attends will receive a BINGO card to utilize as navigation to each area. The staff will check off each box once an individual has visited that area. Students have been developing a plant and vegetable garden on the grounds, and families will plant and take home a vegetable. Parents are asked to post images of the plants on the Facebook page as they grow and then return them once they sprout along with a stone to place nearby with the family’s name. A BINGO game will promote the Health and Wellness program. Participants will create chalk murals on the outdoor basketball court and join line-dancing with staff members. Students will take home paint kits (canvas, watercolor paint and brush set). Families from the base community are invited. The base’s fire department will provide families with information on being fire safe. The on-base equestrian club will bring horses and provide information on how students can utilize their club.

Hawai’i

Ewa Beach, Hawai’i: Oscar Harris, Hale Pono Boys and Girls Clubhouse Hawai’i, oharris@bgch.com

The Hale Pono Boys and Girls Clubhouse will hold an in-person *Lights On Afterschool* fair on October 22nd from 2:00 to 3:00 PM. Staff will give an overview of *Lights On Afterschool*, then both staff and youth will share testimonials about the program. Students will participate in a few

large group activities facilitated by staff. They will rotate to each staff member's area and engage in activities developed by staff that align with *Lights On Afterschool* themes.

Hawai'i: Jennifer Masutani, Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance, 808-956-6515

The Hawai'i Afterschool Alliance will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with activities, a dance challenge, and a Town Hall. On Wednesday, October 21st from 12:00 to 1:30 PM the Alliance will join in the 10-state virtual "Open Minds, Open Spaces Town Hall and State Rally" to kick off *Lights On Afterschool*. Participants will hear from afterschool champions from the 10 states, including Hawai'i Senate Vice President Michelle Kidani and a student from Nānākuli High. The Town Hall will be followed by a Hawai'i State Rally, where participants will celebrate all that afterschool has done for children and youth. Participants will call for expanding afterschool opportunities so that every child who needs a program has access to one, and discuss the benefits of afterschool, including supporting students' distance learning, supporting their social and emotional well-being, and providing peace of mind to working families by keeping children safe in the hours when juvenile crime peaks. At the event, youth will interview their state legislators to learn more about how they are supporting afterschool programs. On October 22nd, students and parents are invited to post a photo on social media using #LightsOnAfterschool, #LightbulbChallenge and #LightsOnHI. They are encouraged to pose as a light bulb or use the *Lights On Zoom* background. Students are also invited to participate in a Dance Challenge to the song "Light it Up - Remix" by Major Lazer. In addition, on October 21st and 22nd, the Sheraton Waikiki Hotel will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by lighting up the building in celebration.

Kahului, Hawai'i: Brian Kawamoto, Maui Family YMCA, 808-242-9007,

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The Maui Family YMCA will light up a landmark on October 22nd in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Children enrolled in the Distance Learning Program will participate by coloring light bulbs, and the program will send a template home so parents can participate as well. The light bulbs will be displayed around the facility for viewing. Interested participants are invited to create a TikTok dance to share. The Distance Learning schedules are diverse, so children will complete their project during the breaks. The program begins at 7:30 AM and ends at 5:30 PM. At 3:30 PM the bulbs will start being displayed. As many as 80 children will participate.

Kaneohe Bay, Hawai'i: Randy Shiraishi, Kūlia School-Age Care, Marine Corps Base Hawai'i-Kāne'ōhe Bay, 808-257-2030, randy.shiraishi@gmail.com

Kūlia School-Age Care at the Marine Corps Base Hawai'i-Kāne'ōhe Bay held a fall festival on October 8th from 12:30 to 2:00 PM. This was an in-person event open only to the children. There were activities including horse shoes, corn hole, ring toss, ball toss, lacrosse toss, cookie face challenge, face painting and a photo booth. 30 kids attended. On October 22nd from 3:00 to 6:00 PM there will be an art show open to parents. The children's artwork will be on display in

one of the classrooms. There will also be a virtual art show for parents who cannot attend in person. As many as 40 parents are expected to participate.

Idaho

Parma, Idaho: Dalila Martinez-Roberts, Parma School District, 208-779-4069, droboters@parmaschools.org

The Parma School District will hold a parent night on October 22nd from 4:30 to 6:30 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. 4-H Eat Smart Idaho will partner with the afterschool program and provide classes to groups, and parents are invited to attend and join their child. The event will be held at the Parma Middle School West Wing. 60 students and their families will attend.

Illinois

Bethalto, Illinois: Kylee Short, Boys & Girls Club of Bethalto, 618-377-6030, Keveans6@gmail.com

From October 26th to 30th, the Boys & Girls Club of Bethalto will hold a fall festival for *Lights On Afterschool*. Small groups of members will come to the club each day of the festival. There will be Halloween themed projects like arts and crafts, STEM, and spooky stories.

Chicago, Illinois: Lynn Mitsui, Far Northwest Chicago Young Rembrandts, 773-594-9687, lynn.mitsui@youngrembrandts.com

Young Rembrandts will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an on-demand virtual drawing lesson. More than 2000 parents, park district administrators, principals and administrative staff will be able to participate in the lesson during the week of *Lights On Afterschool*. A *Lights On* Young Rembrandts lesson will also be taught live via Zoom, by the Young Rembrandts CEO and Founder, Bette Fetter on October 21st at 5:00 PM.

Chicago, Illinois: Mayra Tellez, Bryant Park Neighborhood Council (BPNC) After School Program, 312-487-1068, mtellez@bpncchicago.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Bryant Park Neighborhood Council After School Program will hold a “Craft Up Your Light Bulb” virtual workshop on October 30th at 3:30 PM. The program will provide students and families with arts and crafts materials to work on their afterschool poster. Families will receive a light bulb cut out to decorate and will write about why afterschool programs are important and how afterschool programs have impacted them. As many as 75 people are expected to participate.

East St. Louis, Illinois: Alexandra Graham, Griffin Center, 618-874-0637, agraham@catholicurbanprograms.org

Griffin Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd with a virtual event that will be uploaded on their Facebook page. All Griffin Center afterschool program sites will participate: DeShield/Robinson, Orr Weathers, Roosevelt, Forest Village, and the original Griffin

Center. The programs will celebrate by making their own DIY hand sanitizer and face masks to keep everyone safe.

North Chicago, Illinois: Amanda Schumacher, Boys & Girls Club of Lake County, 224-577-8049, aschumacher@bgclc.com

The Boys & Girls Club of Lake County will hold a virtual poster contest to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. From October 15th to October 21st, students will design posters highlighting why their afterschool program is important to them and what they like about the program. The winner, who will receive a gift card, will be announced on October 22nd during the virtual program.

South Elgin, Illinois: Marybeth Markwell, Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois, 844-476-4463, mmarkwell@girlscoutsni.org

Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 22nd from 3:30 to 4:00 PM. The event will be a virtual animal dance party to introduce girls and their families to all Girl Scouts has to offer through the Girl Scout Leadership Experience. The girls will create their favorite animal faces using paper plates and their own imagination. Families and girls will celebrate their creativity by dancing just like their animals to express themselves. There will be five other virtual SnapShot activities available on the Girl Scouts of Northern Illinois website. GSNI's Recruitment Specialists will host the event. school administrators, mayors, and other community partners in the area are also invited. More than 50 people are expected to participate.

Indiana

Carmel, Indiana: Joseph Castillo, Prairie Trace Extended School Enrichment, 317-698-0816, jcastillo@carmelclayparks.com

For *Lights On Afterschool*, the Prairie Trace Extended School Enrichment will host a Halloween Party on October 22 from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. Students will participate in a variety of holiday crafts and a dance party and end the day with a Halloween movie.

Iowa

Iowa: Emilee Harris, Iowa Afterschool Alliance, eharris@sppg.com

The Iowa Afterschool Alliance will hold a week of activities to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. On Monday, October 19th at 10:00 AM there will be a webinar on supporting youth voices in afterschool programs. It is intended to teach program providers how they can encourage and engage their youth to participate in advocacy for afterschool and other issues. On Tuesday, October 20th everyone is invited to submit stories and photos that illustrate how their programs light up the community. These stories and photos will be posted on the Iowa Afterschool Alliance's Facebook and Twitter pages. On Wednesday, October 21st the Iowa Afterschool Alliance will host two virtual events: at 9:00 AM a webinar hosted with the Active Learning Community Partners titled "Reimagine Engineering with Girls Leading the Way" and at 4:00

PM a live stream STEM activity provided by LaunchPAD. On Thursday, October 22nd there will be a Legislative Roundtable conversation with policymakers, program providers, schools, businesses, families, youth and other stakeholders to discuss how afterschool programs from across the state have stepped up to serve not only their youth, but their communities.

Kansas

Ottawa, Kansas: Jamie Keiter, Reach For the Stars (RFTS) Afterschool Program, 785-229-8136, keiterj@usd290.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Reach For the Stars will do STEM challenges during the month of October. Students K-5 will be grouped together to work on projects in their classrooms. The challenges will be sent home in kits for families to do together. Kits include directions, pictures and videos of students doing the same project, and all materials needed for the project AND information/statistics why afterschool is so important. Activities/challenges/kits will be sent home for three weeks. Families have until the following week to do the challenge, send in pictures/videos, and return a worksheet regarding the challenge and what they learned. Kits will also be sent to community partners and representatives as a way to get the community involved.

Pittsburg, Kansas: Natalie Vanderbeck, George Nettels Elementary, Dragon Academy Program, 620-235-3160, nvanderbeck@usd250.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Dragon Academy will hold a virtual event on October 22nd from 3:30 to 5:00 PM. Guest speakers will speak to students via Zoom about college and career readiness.

Kentucky

Cold Spring, Kentucky: Annie Shafer, 21st Century Community Learning Center, Crossroads Elm. School, 859-991-0510, annie.shafer@campbell.kyschools.us

Crossroads Elm. School will hold a three-day family scavenger hunt across the school's boundary zone. This will start on October 17th at 11:00 AM and last until October 19th at 7:00 PM. Families will take pictures during the scavenger hunt and submit them to be used in a movie, which will be sent to legislators, the Afterschool Alliance, the Kentucky Out-of-School Alliance and families. Additionally, throughout the month students will participate in "Light up your yard," a sign and flyer decorating event. Pictures of the signs and flyers will also be used in the movie.

Taylorsville, Kentucky: Annette King, TES Tigers Beyond the Bell-21st CCLC, 502-643-1540, annette.king@spencer.kyschools.us

Taylorsville Elementary School Tigers Beyond the Bell - 21st Century Community Learning Center will hold an event on October 22nd to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. On October 19th Spencer County Fiscal Court will announce the event and sign a Proclamation for the event. Business owners on Main Street will showcase the students' artistic rendering of the *Lights On Afterschool* light bulb logo in their windows and keep their lights on to light up the historic

downtown area. Students will use sidewalk chalk to decorate and design the school's sidewalks. Parents and students will participate in a parade from the school to downtown to see the artwork and support from the businesses.

Louisiana

New Orleans, Louisiana: Branna Elenz, Community Works, 641-229-5913,
branna@communityworks.org

On October 22nd, Community Works is hosting a *Lights On Afterschool* Zoom meeting for students from five program sites. Students from Homer Plessy, Kenner Discovery, the International School of Louisiana's (ISL's) Camp Street Campus, ISL's Dixon Campus, and ISL's Olivier Campus will share their favorite part of afterschool. Participants are encouraged to present art pieces, songs, plays or dances.

Maine

Bath, Maine: Rose McDonnell, Midcoast Community Alliance/Bath Skate Park,
rose@mcmaine.org

The Midcoast Community Alliance/Bath Skate Park will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* event outside of its facility on October 22nd. The local forestry staff will string white lights in front of the center, providing a new lit space for basketball players. Food will be served and craft bags including pumpkins, paints and brushes will be given to students to bring home.

Maryland

Maryland: MOST Network, Ellie Mitchell, emitchell@mostnetwork.org

MOST will host two *Lights On Afterschool* events, one on Monday, October 19th at 11:00 AM and one on Friday, October 23rd at 11:00 AM. Monday's event will highlight *Lights On* events happening throughout Maryland as well as ways to participate in national *Lights On* events and social media. Jennifer Rinehart from Afterschool Alliance will speak. Friday's event will be a Zoom party with highlights of the events from the week.

Columbia, Maryland: Rene Buckmon, Columbia Association, 240-893-9090,
rene.buckmon@columbiaassociation.org

Columbia Art Center and the Youth and Teen Center will hold "*Lights On @ Oakland Mills*" for *Lights On Afterschool*. This will be an in-person art event on October 22nd from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. Students will select pre-painted rocks of various colors on which they will write messages of hope, kindness, inspiration, and encouragement. This will give participants the opportunity to share their feelings and lift up both themselves and others through positive messages. The rocks will then be gifted to loved ones or placed in the community for someone to discover. Fun grab-and-go Fall Slime kits will also be available. This is a STEM activity and a way to engage youth with their parents at home.

Silver Spring, Maryland: Afterschool Ambassador Lynn Sobolov, Long Branch Collective Action for Youth, 304-291-3091, lsobolov@gmail.com

The Long Branch Collective Action for Youth will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a virtual event on October 20th from 7:00 to 8:00 PM. Ethiopian celebrity singer and cultural ambassador Munit Mesfin and Hip Hop Artist and Educator Bomani Armah will lead the event. First through fifth graders are invited to join Munit for a playful, interactive, musical journey as they explore the world and sing songs about who they are and who they can be in this world. There will be call-and-response, spontaneous improvisation, and it will end with a song co-created with those present in the Zoom. Renowned hip hop artist Baba Bomani's program uses rhythm and rhyme to have fun rapping the alphabet backwards. Sixth through 12th graders are invited to participate in writing a "get out the vote" song with Munit. The event will take students on a fun, multimedia trip through the world of creative writing. They will rap along to original, professionally-released music created by local celebrity Bomani.

Massachusetts

Chicopee, Massachusetts: Karly Dunn, Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicopee, 413-206-4106, karlyd@bgcchicopee.org

On October 23rd, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Chicopee will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a balloon release ceremony in memory of loved ones who have passed and to honor the afterschool program's accomplishments and support. During the day, members of the community will pick up dove shaped balloons with attached glow sticks from the club. At 7:30 PM community members will release their dove balloons from their homes and capture the event, "Lighting A Path to Greatness: A Celebration of Life," on Facebook Live.

Michigan

Battle Creek, Michigan: Larvenda Williams, Ann J Kellogg Elementary/Battle Creek Public Schools, 269-209-6975, lwilliams1@battle-creek.k12.mi.us

Ann J Kellogg Elementary will hold an outdoor event with social distancing to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students, families, and building staff are invited to participate. Students will make posters and signs to hold as well as decorate the inside of the building with flyers and pictures. Families will receive yard signs to put in their front yards at home and students will decorate the sidewalk in front of the school with positive words to describe their experience at the 21st Century Community Learning Centers program. The event will take place on October 22nd from 5:00 to 6:00 PM outside the school.

Dearborn, Michigan: Marwah Ayache, ACCESS 21st Century Community Learning Center, 313-421-2243 mayache@accesscommunity.org

ACCESS 21st Century Community Learning Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a virtual rally. Throughout the month of October, students will be asked what their favorite aspect

of afterschool programming is. Their quotes will be used in a PowerPoint presentation which will be presented virtually on October 30th.

Detroit, Michigan: Samantha Edwards, Rising Up at Priest. 734-787-6555, sedwards@accesscommunity.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Rising Up at Priest will hold a virtual event on Zoom on October 20th from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. Students will play a game of Jeopardy with questions about aspects of the program and physical fitness. Students will also share a project or performance related to one of their interests or hobbies. They will showcase their skills and talk about why this interest or hobby is important to them and how it makes them who they are.

Detroit, Michigan: Thanh Tran, Accelerate4KIDS, 313-405-9457, thanh@accelerate4kids.org
On October 22nd from 3:00 to 4:00 PM, fourth through eighth graders can participate in an hour of coding with Accelerate4KIDS™ to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Students will have fun learning how to code with JavaScript programming language. The event is virtual.

Grand Rapids, Michigan: Nikee Pipoly, Cesar E. Chavez Elementary - LOOP, 231-670-2461, chavezloop@grps.org

Cesar E. Chavez Elementary School will hold a virtual *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 22nd from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. The event will include STEM challenges, social and emotional learning conversations, and a talent show. The public is invited to attend.

Warren, Michigan: Abby Basner, Wayne State University C2 Pipeline-Fitzgerald HS, 248-390-1535, gv3016@wayne.edu

Wayne State University C2 Pipeline-Fitzgerald High School will hold a virtual wellness event on October 20th from 2:30 to 5:00 PM in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. Students and parents are invited to participate in the event where they will do mindful exercises and yoga as well as cook a healthy dish.

Minnesota

Duluth, Minnesota: Leslie Bucar, 218-336-8965 ex. 3904, lbucar@duluthymca.org

During the week of October 19th, Laura MacArthur Elementary School and Stowe Elementary School will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a "light up a landmark" event. The kids will paint canning jars with glass paint and affix them to a solid black outline of the Aerial Lift Bridge. Then, they will light the jars from the inside using flicker lights. The event will be hosted at Laura MacArthur Elementary School on October 19th and 22nd and at Stowe Elementary School on October 20th and 23rd.

Minneapolis, Minnesota: Zong Vang, Ignite Afterschool, 612-715-9013,
zong@igniteafterschool.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, Ignite Afterschool will light up the 35W bridge as soon as the sun goes down, around 6:00 PM on October 22nd. An announcement will be sent out in a newsletter and posted on social media.

Mississippi

Collins, Mississippi: Peggy Weary, Covington County Boys & Girls Club, 601-765-6300,
peggyweary@hotmail.com

On October 23rd, the town's central park, V.O. Smith Courtyard, will be lit up in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*. Students from Covington County Boys & Girls Club will join the celebration with homemade posters.

Columbus, Mississippi: Latasha Jones Swoope, Columbus Air Force Base Youth Programs, 662-424-2504, latasha.jones_swoope@us.af.mil

The Columbus Air Force Base Youth Programs will host their annual *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 21st from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. This year's theme is focused on careers and honoring the military personnel who have been essential workers throughout the pandemic. Program parents will discuss various aspects of their professions with participants. Students are encouraged to dress up as who they want to be when they grow up.

Lexington, Mississippi: Kawanna Horton, Boys & Girls Club of the Mississippi Delta, 662-739-1938, khorton@bgcmsdelta.org

The Boys & Girls Club of the Mississippi Delta in Lexington will host a virtual *Lights On Afterschool* dance party on October 22nd starting at 5:00 PM. Program participants from The After Hours of Virtual Learning and their families will celebrate their accomplishments and enjoy dancing together virtually.

Missouri

Kansas City, Missouri: Imani Mehta, Stems on the Vines Kansas City Creators Clubs (SOTV KCCC), 816-835-0874, imanimehta@sotvcreatorscollective.org

Stems on the Vines Kansas City Creators Clubs (SOTV KCCC) will hold a virtual open house to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The open house will last from October 22nd to 30th. Events will include a coding hackathon competition, robotic football games, career exploration Zoom calls, Science SuperStars, a CAD/3D printing demo, virtual field trips, math games and a drone airshow. Students must register prior to the event. More than 100 students are expected to participate.

St. Louis, Missouri: Delah Jones, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis, 314-633-7900, delah@bgcstl.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis will hold an outdoor family movie night on October 22nd at 4:30 PM. The event will also feature snacks and virtual speakers, including opening remarks from the Club's CEO. Members of the program's leadership club will present a check to the Salvation Army with the funds they have raised.

St. Louis, Missouri: Angel Jackson, Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis, 314-629-5489, angel@bgcstl.org

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater St. Louis will hold a fall health and wellness fair at the Herbert Hoover Club on October 22nd from 4:30 to 6:00 PM. This in-person event will give the members an opportunity to learn and discuss many important topics including self-care, mental wellness, self-therapy, road safety, addiction prevention, and bullying prevention. These topics will be paired with fun games and activities. The event will feature guest speakers, including a physical trainer and child physician. Approximately 100 people will attend.

St. Peters, Missouri: Marni Morales, Francis Howell School District Vacation Station, 636-851-5909, marni.morales@fhsdschools.org

The Francis Howell School District Vacation Station will hold a Facebook campaign to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* the evening of October 22nd. Families and staff will hold signs, take pictures to be featured on the site's Facebook page. As many as 200 people are expected to participate.

Montana

Lewistown, Montana: Laura Tucek, Boys & Girls Clubs of Lewistown, 406-535-2257, education@bgclublewistown.com

Due to an increase in COVID cases in Lewistown, the Boys & Girls Clubs has quickly switched gears from an in-person event to a virtual *Lights On Afterschool* celebration. On October 22nd, the program will host Moonlight, Music and Mentors starting at 5:15 PM. Families will pick up packaged dinners from the Boys & Girls Club and return home to participate in a virtual talent show. Photos of arts and crafts will be displayed throughout the program.

Nebraska

Kearney, Nebraska: Allison Morris, Kearney Community Learning Center, 308-698-8053, allmorris@kearneycats.com

The Kearney Community Learning Center will hold a fall Halloween carnival in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. The carnival will take place on October 22nd from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Students will play fall-themed games to win prizes.

Omaha, Nebraska: Trenda Titsworth, Girls Inc. of Omaha, 402-457-4676,
elcenterdir@girlsincomaha.org

Girls Inc. of Omaha at the Emma Lozier Center will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a “Chalk the Walk” event on October 22nd from 3:00 to 4:00 PM. Participants will use chalk to write messages about why Girls Inc. programming is important to them on the sidewalk outside the center.

Nevada

Las Vegas, Nevada: Janet Perez, Rex Bell Elementary School, 702-799-5910,
michej@nv.ccsd.net

The Rex Bell Elementary School Coyote Club will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a virtual event on October 22nd from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. Parents will participate in students' online academic and enrichment classes. Teachers in each grade level will plan fun and engaging activities for students and their families.

New Hampshire

Bridgewater, New Hampshire: Michelle Sharp, Project Promise - Bridgewater-Hebron Village School (BHVS), 603-744-6969, msharp1@sau4.org

Project Promise - Bridgewater-Hebron Village School (BHVS) will hold a *Lights On* event for students on October 22nd from 3:00 to 5:30 PM. The event will be STEM-themed and will engage families with an egg drop contest. Families will work on an egg drop challenge at home, and students will bring their designs to the event. Students will also design and create catapults that will launch candy pumpkins and measure distance, as well as participate in a candy corn/toothpick tower STEM challenge.

Nashua, New Hampshire: Eric McCambly, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua, 603-883-0523, emccambly@gmail.com

The Boys & Girls Club of Greater Nashua will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd from 1:30 to 4:30 PM. The event will include *Lights On Afterschool* light bulb coloring pages and other arts and crafts. The Kids Club unit (grades K-3) will make yard sale signs with “Keep the Lights On Afterschool” messages, and they will place them outside and around the facility to share with parents. The Clubhouse Unit (grades 4-6) will make light bulbs and “galaxy jars” and will also create a *Lights On Afterschool* sign out of glow sticks. 75 students and staff will participate.

New Jersey

New Jersey: Lee Schaefer, NJSACC: The Statewide Network for New Jersey's Afterschool Communities, 908-400-9413, lee@njsacc.org

NJSACC, the statewide network for New Jersey's afterschool communities, will light up the Thomas Edison Center during the week of October 19th for *Lights On Afterschool*. The lighting of this landmark will be promoted on social media.

New Mexico

New Mexico: Afterschool Ambassador Flo Trujillo, 505-320-0615, flotrujillonm@gmail.com

The New Mexico Out-of-School Time Network will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a virtual conference from October 20th to 22nd. The conference will feature a virtual youth storytelling showcase. New Mexico Lt. Governor Howie Morales will participate in the Open Minds Open Spaces Town Hall in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*.

New York

Brooklyn, New York: Taj Bey, LEAP, 914-310-1746, taj@leapnyc.org

LEAP is celebrating *Lights On Afterschool* with Art Day in the Park at South Oxford Park in Brooklyn on October 13th from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. The event will feature hands-on art activities, spoken word poetry, petition signing, and light bulb mask designing. Local artists, youth, parents, executive and LEAP brother/sister sites are invited. More than 60 people are expected to attend.

Brooklyn, New York: Shalina Akoko, Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation, 718-647-2800, Shalinaa@cypresshills.org

Cypress Hills Local Development Corporation After School Programs will hold "*Lights On Afterschool 2020 - A Virtual Experience*" on October 22nd from 6:30 to 7:30 PM. This event will include a variety of activities including painting self-portraits, a cooking demo, salsa dancing, and a STEM challenge. The public is invited to attend but must register prior to the event. As many as 300 people are expected to participate.

Glen Oaks, New York: Alyssa Bahadur, Beacon at MS 172, 718-347-0597, abahadur@commonpointqueens.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, students in the Beacon program at MS 172 will film video testimonials and record the song "Rise Up" by Andra Day which will be shared virtually with families and the community. Students and families will also celebrate with a canvas painting event on October 22nd.

Manhattan, New York: Jessica Stasi, Snapology of Manhattan, 803-537-0375, JessicaStasi@Snapology.com

Snapology of Manhattan will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* Virtual STEM Series on October 22nd. Discounted Virtual LEGO-based STEM classes will be offered to bring awareness to the effectiveness of virtually learning STEM. In the Discovering Dinosaurs class, students will learn the word “paleontology” to begin to understand that scientists use fossils to learn about plants and animals of the past. In the Design Around Your Environment class, students will be challenged to consider how architects and engineers can use the landscape without destroying it. They will be challenged to design an environment and then build a sound structure around that environment. In the Science of Superpowers (Transform the Hulk) class, students will explore the importance of DNA and how a slight change in your DNA can change everything about how you interact with the world.

Manhattan, New York: Tanell Lewis, Police Athletic League, 212-265-7933,
tlewis@palnyc.org

The Police Athletic League will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an outdoor art gallery on October 21st and 22nd. Students will showcase what they have created in afterschool programs. The work will be up from 1:00 to 6:00 PM on both days. Books, balloons and snacks will also be given out to attendees. Local police officers may attend.

Rochester, New York: Carla Stough-Huffman, Greater Rochester After-School & Summer Alliance (GRASSA), 585-747-8715, cstough-huffman@racf.org

The Greater Rochester After-School & Summer Alliance will hold multiple events across the city to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Buildings are invited to light up in blue and gold on October 22nd. Rochester was selected by America’s Promise to host a convening around Youth Voice and hold a youth-planned, youth-led virtual event that evening with Dr. Dena Simmons of the Yale Center for Emotional Intelligence from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. This event is open to the first 500 people who register. The Rochester community, elected officials, and the Chamber of Commerce may attend.

Rochester, New York: Wanda Cooper, Hillside Work Scholarship Connection, 585-208-0539,
wcooper@hillside.com

On October 22nd at 3:30 PM, Hillside Work Scholarship Connection will hold an event titled *Lights On Afterschool: The Health and Wellness Edition*. Attendees will rotate through different health and wellness activities (jump rope, yoga, journaling, etc.). There will be a group of 30 participants in person at the Danforth Community Center. It will also be live streamed for the public to attend. The Mayor’s office will give a proclamation.

Troy, New York: Jessica Case, Hope 7 Community Center, 518-272-8029,
hope7.jessica@gmail.com

The Hope 7 Community Center will light up their Hope 7 building and hold a virtual event to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Starting at 3:00 PM, students will carve pumpkins. Those

pumpkins will be lit up with candles that evening as the way of lighting up the landmark. Students will also decorate *Lights On* light bulbs to send to local legislatures. The virtual event will invite families to post a picture of a candle burning on social media on the evening of October 22nd with a message about why the Hope 7 program is important to them. Hope 7 will also debut a video of collected videos from staff, parents and children about why afterschool is important to them.

White Plains, New York: Afterschool Ambassador Byron Smalls, City of White Plains Youth Bureau, 914-422-1378, bsmall@whiteplainsny.gov and Catherine Backes, cbackes@whiteplainsny.gov

The After School Connection Program will host the annual *Lights On Afterschool* event the week of October 19th starting with discussions about why after school programs are important to students, their families and community. Children will create art projects and posters supporting *Lights On*, followed by lighting of the downtown fountain on October 22nd. White Plains Mayor Thomas Roach, a long-time supporter of *Lights On Afterschool*, is having the fountain and downtown parking lots illuminated in yellow to support *Lights On Afterschool*. After the lighting ceremony, students will gather at their program.

North Carolina

Cameron, North Carolina and Fort Bragg, North Carolina: Annette Bennett, Chay Youth Center, 910-908-5012, annette.h.bennett.naf@mail.mil and Louise Brown, Tolson Youth Center, 910-396-5437, louise.brown1.naf@mail.mil

Chay Youth Center (Linden Oaks) and Tolson Youth Center (Fort Bragg) will hold a virtual event for *Lights On Afterschool*. It will take place on October 22nd from 4:30 to 6:30 PM. During the event attendees will virtually tour the facilities, ask questions about the programs, and learn about the activities that are offered.

Statesville, North Carolina: Shikela Mauney, Boys & Girls Club of the Piedmont, 704-397-2429, Smauney@piedmontbgc.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of the Piedmont will hold an in-person 2K walk for students on October 22nd. Students will participate in healthy habits activities as well throughout the day. That evening at 6:00 PM there will be a virtual portion for families at home. 160 people will participate.

Winterville, North Carolina: Emily Mead, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Plain, 252-355-2345 ext. 8110, emead@bgccp.com

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Coastal Plain will host an in-person STEM learning event for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd from 3:00 to 6:00 PM. Using the Mizzen by Mott app, students will participate in the “Cotton Catapults” activity. Students will make their own catapults which they will use to compete against each other in different tasks, including

launching cotton balls the highest, the farthest, and aiming cotton balls for specific targets. 25 students will participate.

Winton, North Carolina: Tomeka Rhoulac, Hertford County Public Library, 252-358-7855, troulhac@arln.org

On October 22nd, Hertford County Public Library will hold a virtual event to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Children, families and community members will print coloring pages and share their completed drawings on social media.

North Dakota

Fargo, North Dakota: Amber Carlsrud, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Red River Valley, 701-478-4066, ambercarlsrud@bgcrrv.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the youth of the Boys & Girls Clubs of the Red River Valley will color light bulb artwork, which will be collected and mailed to the local congressional district office. Students will also participate in the light bulb challenge and post their work on social media. This event will take place on October 21st at 3:00 PM.

Ohio

Cleveland, Ohio: Lee DeAngelis, Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association, 216-298-4440 x16, ledeangelis@gcnca.org

The Greater Cleveland Neighborhood Centers Association will host a live event at St. Paul AME Church on October 22nd from 3:00 to 5:30 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be STEM-related activities for students from two 21st Century Community Learning Centers in the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. Twenty-seven students will participate.

Delaware, Ohio: Pamela Steurer, Delaware City Schools School-Age Child Care (SACC), 740-833-1853, steurepa@delawarecityschools.net

Delaware City School SACC will hold three different types of virtual events for *Lights On Afterschool*. The first is the creation and distribution of a video with contributions from each of the program sites. In the video, students share what they love most about SACC and interview key people, such as the principals, custodians, and SACC staff, asking how SACC is rising to the current challenges. The video will be emailed to parents and posted on social media on October 22nd. The second event is the lighting up downtown, starting on the 22nd and lasting through the weekend. The Mayor has committed to lighting up city hall and is working with many of the businesses in the downtown area to ask them to light up as well. Finally, each program location will host a celebration at their own program sites. Many are finding innovative ways to involve parents as well, such as having parents take pictures of their children and their light bulb drawings, and planning Kahoot challenges with the parents. The individual program celebrations will be repeated during the week to ensure that students from both hybrid groups are able to participate.

Massillon, Ohio: Jennifer Durr, YMCA of Western Stark County, jdurr@weststarky.org
The YMCA of Western Stark County will have a “Pizza and Paint” virtual *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Each of the school sites will have the supplies families need to paint a sunflower. The supplies include paint, brushes and canvas. The family will also get pizza when they arrive to pick up their supplies. Once they pick up their supplies, they will head home to enjoy pizza with the family and engage in some creative artwork. The families will then have the opportunity to join a Zoom call with other participating families to share their paintings. As many as 30 families will participate.

Riverside, Ohio: Andreana Jordan, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, 937-656-4700, andreana.jordan.pyc@gmail.com

The Wright-Patterson Air Force Base will compile a video of youth talking about what they enjoy about their afterschool programs and the activities offered at their facility. The event will take place in person at the Wright Care Child Development Center on October 22nd at 3:00 PM. Fifty students will participate.

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma: Afterschool Ambassador Kim Templeman, Central Oak Elementary School, (405) 677-5211, kimtempleman@crookedoak.org

The Crooked Oak STREAM 21st CCLC program is hosting a *Lights On Afterschool* event on Thursday, October 22nd from 4:30-6:30. The in-person event will feature “pack and go” chili dinners that participants will take out to the school grounds for an outdoor movie night. Also on offer will be s’mores and popcorn. Students are making *Lights On* art projects to display, and the entire community has been invited.

Shawnee, Oklahoma: Tammy Keller, Horace Mann Elementary, 405-273-1806, tkeller@shawnee.k12.ok.us

Horace Mann Elementary School students will participate in activities in celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*. First and second graders will do a STEM project. Third graders will go to Legacy Parenting to sort diapers, disinfect toys, sweep, vacuum, and clean up the yard. Fourth graders will go to Community Market to sort food and tear down boxes for people in Shawnee who need food. Fifth graders will go to Community Renewal to help carry in boxes, unpack boxes, sweep, vacuum, dust, and clean up the yard for the new Leadership House in Shawnee opening later this month. Pictures and videos will be taken for social media. Approximately 100 students will participate.

Tulsa, Oklahoma: Grace Mellado, Youth at Heart, gmelladoyouthatheart@gmail.com
Youth at Heart will hold a virtual arts and crafts event for parents and students on October 22nd. The librarian, principal, vice principal, CEO and director of operations will also be invited. The

event will end with taking a picture on Zoom with participants forming a light bulb with their arms in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*.

Oregon

Moro, Oregon: Cindy Brown, Oregon State University Extension Service, 541-565-3230, Cindy.brown@oregonstate.edu

In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, the Oregon State University's Extension Afterschool is hosting a four-week Mission to Mars exploration in conjunction with the National 4-H STEM Challenge. Each week in October, the afterschool program will explore Mars. On October 20 and 22 from 3:30 to 5:00 PM, students will learn about natural resources, environmental science and biology, and play a card game to learn what would be needed to grow crops in an artificial environment similar to Mars.

Pennsylvania

Downington, Pennsylvania: Michelle Reed, Chester County Program Coordinator, 484-757-2314, michellere@cciu.org

The Oxford Area and Avon Grove School District's 21st Century *Lights On Afterschool* Celebration is tentatively set for November 5 or 11 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. The event is a collaboration with Walgreens and will be hosted outside one of their stores. Flu shots will be available for guests aged three and up. Books and school supplies will be given to families along with donations from the Chester County Food Bank. Winter coats and masks will be distributed to those who need them. Additionally, technology assistance will be available to families. All families from Chester County are invited. Between 75 and 125 people are expected to attend.

Honesdale, Pennsylvania: Pantea Shademani, Wayne Pike Workforce Alliance, 570-229-5763, pshademani@wpworkforce.org

The Wayne Pike Workforce Alliance will light up multiple landmarks for *Lights On Afterschool*, including stadiums from each of three school districts, the Honesdale Courthouse and the Poconos visitor center. The Wayne County Commissioners will also issue a proclamation on October 22nd. There will be social media campaigns to bring awareness and to promote the the #lightbulbchallenge. Kids will complete light bulb artwork to send to the district office. Pictures and videos will be taken of the kids talking about what afterschool programs mean to them

Lewistown, Pennsylvania: Sarah Shawver, The LUMINA Center, 717-994-9831, sarah.luminacenter@gmail.com

On October 22, 2020, The LUMINA Center will hold an activity night as part of *Lights On Afterschool*, promising fun for children of all ages. The event will be on the sidewalk in front of the LUMINA Center, from 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Children will have the opportunity to decorate their own luminaire, which will then be displayed in front of the LUMINA Center. There will also be other small activities for the children. All community members are invited to attend.

Malvern, Pennsylvania: Cristina Hartley, Young Rembrandts Chester County PA, 610-864-0018, cristina.hartley@youngrembrandts.com

Young Rembrandts Chester County is holding a virtual Zoom cartooning class on October 22nd from 5:00 to 6:00 PM to mark *Lights On Afterschool*. Parents must register their children in advance to receive the Zoom link. More than 50 children are expected to participate.

Mifflinburg, Pennsylvania: Ray DeSmit, Summit Early Learning, 570-966-2845, ray.desmit@summitel.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, Summit Early Learning will host a semi-virtual rally on October 22nd at 3:30 PM. The program will coordinate with several of the company's other afterschool sites to host a dance event. There will be media postings of statistics, and a video of the students and parents talking about why the program has been important to them. The event will also include trivia, crafts, and a STEM light activity. Up to 50 are expected to attend.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: Gulcan Tokluoglu, Center That CARES, 412-621-9612, gtokluoglu@centerthatcares.org

The Jeron X. Grayson Community Center and the Wesley Center A.M.E. Zion Church will both celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* in person on October 22nd from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. There will be open houses for guests to see a representation of the educational and enrichment activities available to students all year round. The theme is "*Lights On the C.A.R.E.S.*" There will be Halloween-related activities including Halloween Bingo, Coffee Filter Bat, Painting Rocks, Paper Cut Ghost, and Popsicle Stick Halloween Characters. Additionally, one of the program's enrichment providers, Level Up, will offer a dance show with students. Students, instructors, enrichment providers, parents and family and community members are invited to attend. Fifty people are expected to participate.

Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania: LaShawna McHenry, Provident Charter School, 412-514-6099, lmchenry@providentcharterschool.org

Provident Charter School will make a small replica of its school to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Kids from each grade will make their own piece of the replica. Each piece will have lights and together they will spell "*Lights On* at PCS." The event will take place on October 22nd from 3:30 to 6:30 PM. Thirty students are expected to participate.

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania: Karen Medina, After-School All-Stars Philadelphia & Camden, 215-479-4522, karen.medina@as-as.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, After-School All-Stars Philadelphia & Camden is holding a virtual event throughout the week of October 19th to October 22nd. The theme of the event is "Let's Bridge the Gap Together," in honor of students bridging the gap into this new virtual world. As part of the lessons during the week, students will learn about bridges, their history, how they are constructed, and their importance. They will participate in their own bridge-

building activity, and at the end of the event they will have the opportunity to present their bridge in front of engineers. Additionally, landmarks throughout the Philadelphia and Camden area will light up in blue to share their support.

Reedsville, Pennsylvania: Kristal Mann, IVES Center of School Development, 717-250-4055, kristal.mann@summitel.org

The IVES Center of School Development will hold a virtual rally for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd. The children will work on a commercial that will be posted on Instagram and Facebook. The public is invited to watch. As many as 30 people will participate.

Rhode Island

Rhode Island: Afterschool Ambassador Ayana Melvan, United Way of Rhode Island/Rhode Island Afterschool Network, 401-444-0626, ayana.melvan@uwri.org

On October 22nd from 5:30 to 7:30 PM, United Way of Rhode Island and the Rhode Island Afterschool Network (RIAN) will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a virtual event that will focus on youth and their accomplishments during this challenging year. There will be youth performances, exhibits of their work, and Afterschool Alliance Youth Ambassador Deborah Adekunle will speak. Guests are invited to participate in two contests: Wear your favorite *Lights On Afterschool* outfit for the Light It Up contest; and display a fun background for the best background contest.

South Carolina

Lynchburg, South Carolina: D Naomi Edwards, Shiloh Project, 803-453-5016, shilohprojectlift@gmail.com

The Shiloh Project Lift will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration on October 31st from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The event will be at Mr. C's Ball Field. The community is invited, as are council and school board members. Activities at the event will include cornhole toss, balloon popping contest, dodgeball, track/walk run, party truck with video games, historical costumes - "Who Am I?" contest and free food. A *Lights On* display will be posted from October 21st through 31st. Approximately 45 people are expected to attend.

Waterloo, South Carolina: Cynthia Coker, GoalPOST After School Program, 864-380-5426, cokerc@apps.anderson1.org

The GoalPOST After School Program will host a car parade for *Lights On Afterschool*. It will begin at the pick-up lane outside the front office of the school. The parents are asked to have headlights on and horns blowing to show their support for the program. Students will create posters to hold up along the sidewalk during the parade, displaying pictures and text about the positive effects of the afterschool program. The parade begins at 4:15 PM. Family, friends, teachers, staff, school administration, district administration, the mayor and community members are all invited.

South Dakota

Brookings, South Dakota: Haley Schild, Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Plains, 605-692-3333 ext.104, hschild@greatfuturessd.org

The Boys & Girls Club of the Northern Plains preschool and elementary clubs will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd from 3:30 to 7:00 PM, while the teen center will celebrate on October 21st from 2:30 to 7:00 PM. The separate events will have “fall-o-ween”-themed activities, supplementing their daily programs. There will be a media celebration that will include social media posts throughout the day with parent, staff and child testimonials about the impact the club has had on them and the community. Approximately 250 people are expected to participate. The week before the events, the Mayor will come to the club to issue a proclamation designating October 22nd as *Lights On Afterschool* Day in Brookings.

Rapid City, South Dakota: Carri Redmond, The Boys Club, 605-343-3500, carrir@theclubforboys.org

On October 22nd at 6:30 PM, The Boys Club of Rapid City will be doing a live virtual tour of the newly remodeled facility. They will also share information on how to join The Club for Boys

Watertown, South Dakota: Matthew Steiner, Boys & Girls Club of Watertown, 605-886-6666, steinermatt@bgcofwatertown.com

The Boys & Girls Club of Watertown will hold an event on October 22nd at 4:30 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The kids will participate in activities including stress ball making, creating sensory paths, making light bulb leadership cutouts, lego building and gaga ball. 100 kids will participate.

Tennessee

Knoxville, Tennessee: Beth Travis, SHADES of Development at Ft Sanders Educational Developmental Center School, 865-312-4564, brtravis46@yahoo.com

The SHADES of Development program at Ft. Sanders Educational Developmental Center School will hold a drive-by art show for *Lights On Afterschool*. As parents pick up their children on October 22nd from 3:30 to 5:30 PM, artwork will be displayed outside.

Knoxville, Tennessee: Jamila Burroughs, SHADES of Development, 865-312-2954, jamila@shadesofdevelopment.org

SHADES of Development is holding two events to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The first is an organization-wide activity beginning October 9th and lasting until October 22nd. Families are encouraged to download the free Goose Chase App onto their phones, then complete the task provided on the scavenger hunt app and take pictures using a SHADES light bulb.

Approximately 100 people are expected to participate. The second event will be held on October 22nd at the Fair Garden Community Center. The week of the 22nd the kids will take on different

art projects, including creating pictures, and coloring pages. The finished products will be hung outside for the parents to see during curbside pick-up beginning at 4:30 PM. Forty children will participate in this event.

Knoxville, Tennessee: Kara Finger, Wesley House Community Center, 865-524-5494, Kara@wesleyhouse.com

Wesley House Community Center will hold a *Lights On Afterschool* event the evening of October 22nd. To light up a landmark, the Center plans to paint The Rock at the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, a well-known, and frequently repainted, university and town landmark. It has also asked county officials to light up a bridge. In addition, a local theater will use its marquee space to promote *Lights On*. There will also be an outdoor dinner for families from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on the 22nd. The dinner will feature a pumpkin decorating contest, a costume contest and a Hope Banner that will ask kids and parents to write down things they are hopeful for. Fifty people are expected to attend.

Lobelville, Tennessee: Kristy Rhodes, Linden Elementary After School Program, 615-418-2081, krhodes@perrycountyschools.us

The Linden Elementary After School Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* during the week of October 19th. The week started with a visit from state Representative Kirk Haston who read to the students. At dismissal time students who ride the bus were taken to the courthouse, which is lit up, for a picture. On Tuesday, October 20th the Mayor will speak to the students and read a book.

Oak Ridge, Tennessee: Alanna Kosier, Girls Inc. Tennessee Valley, 865-243-0129, akosier@girlsinctnv.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, Girls Inc. Tennessee Valley will hold a small in-person event for the girls who attend the afterschool program. There will be treats for the girls and information to go home with parents about why afterschool programs are so important. Forty-five girls will attend.

Strawberry Plains, Tennessee: Cheryl Fehl, Boys & Girls Clubs of Dumplin Valley-Strawberry Plains, 423-748-3726, cfehl@dumplinvalley.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Dumplin Valley-Strawberry Plains will hold a virtual science fair to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event is on October 20 from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. At the Strawberry Plains Five Boys & Girls Club, stations will be set up with science experiments that will each last for ten minutes. The event is virtual and will be live on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter at Boys & Girls Clubs of Dumplin Valley. More than 20 students are expected to participate.

Texas

Texas ACE: Shawn Petty, shawnpetty@westat.com

Texas ACE will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with events throughout the state. ACE chapters are encouraged to hold virtual events to draw attention to the many ways afterschool programs support students by offering them opportunities to learn new things, such as science, community service, robotics, Tae Kwon Do and poetry, and discover new skills. The events send a powerful message that millions more kids need quality afterschool programs.

Austin, Texas: Jose Preciado, LBJ High School Boys & Girls Club, 512-981-9101, jose.preciado@bgcaustin.org

The LBJ High School Boys & Girls Club will hold a live/virtual glow in the dark Teen Night for *Lights On Afterschool*. There will be fun games with prizes and an art competition. The event will take place on October 22nd in the mid afternoon. A dozen students will participate in person and more students will participate virtually.

Austin, Texas: Paul-Anthony Turner, Boys & Girls Clubs of the Austin Area, 512-640-6998, paul.turner@bgcaustin.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of the Austin Area will host a “grab-n-go” raffle for the families that they serve that mimics the Club-on-the-Go initiative. The event will be from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on October 21st at the Home Club. Prior to the event, the Home Club will stuff bags filled with treats and food to be handed out to the community. A raffle ticket will be placed in each bag and the winning family will receive a \$50 gift card. As many as 50 families will be served.

Dallas, Texas: Diana Clark, Youth Conflict Resolution Center, 214-790-9408, dianaclark50@yahoo.com

The Youth Conflict Resolution Center will hold a drive-through book and candy giveaway. The event will be at the Larry Johnson Recreation Center on October 22nd from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. Families will drive up and stay in their cars to receive the giveaways.

Denton, Texas: Rachel Rodriguez, Communities in Schools of North Texas ACE, 940-369-2655, rrodriguez_cis@dentonisd.org

For *Lights On Afterschool*, Evers Park Elementary School will send students home with supplies to carve pumpkins, make slime, and roast pumpkin seeds. Once they receive the supplies, the kids will have until the end of October to complete the projects. Parents are asked to send in photos of their child with the carved pumpkin. The photos will be compiled and shown to the students. Twenty students are expected to participate.

El Paso, Texas: Enrique Garcia, BOOST Network, 915-603-1867,
egarcia@unitedwayelpaso.org

BOOST Network's *Lights On Afterschool* event will be on October 22nd. Activity kits will be created for out-of-school time (OST) organizations to distribute to program participants. The kits will have instructions for participants to post and share their creations. There will also be an "online social" to celebrate the culmination of the project on a Zoom meeting with out-of-school-time leaders, local personalities and families. Twelve organizations and 400 people will participate.

Fort Worth, Texas: Tandranika Johnson, Andrew Doc Session Community Center, 817-392-6585, tandranika.johnson@fortworthtexas.gov

The Andrew Doc Session Community Center will host an event on October 22nd from 3:00 to 4:30 PM to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. Volunteers of America will coordinate youth activities. Students will learn how to be a disc jockey, join in a presentation titled, titled "My Government and Me," and participate in a paper towel planting activity. There will be a live Facebook *Lights On* highlighting the city of Fort Worth, Neighborhood Service Department Afterschool program.

Houston, Texas: Natalie Perez, Northshore Elementary School, 832-386-4660,
naperez@galenaparkisd.com

On October 22nd from 3:15 to 6:00 PM, students at North Shore Elementary School will decorate yard signs for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will be both in-person and virtual. Students, campus administrators, community partners and parents are invited. Ninety-five students are expected to participate.

Katy, Texas: Ronnique Smoot, Monty Ballard YMCA at Cinco Ranch & Mark A. Chapman, 281-644-3845, ronnique.smoot@ymcahouston.org

The Monty Ballard YMCA will hold a week of activities for *Lights On Afterschool*. The activities will start at 4:00 PM each day. On Monday, October 19th, students will make DIY paper lanterns. On Tuesday, October 20th, they will use a light bulb template to create and decorate. On Wednesday, October 21st, they will make emotional color wheels. On Thursday, October 22nd, there will be a cosmic yoga party. Finally, on Friday, October 23rd, students will write letters to local and state representatives urging support for afterschool programs in the community. There will also be a glow-in-the-dark bowling activity. Approximately 450 students across 33 elementary schools are expected to participate.

Lubbock, Texas: Amy Cox, Wilson Boys & Girls Club, 806-792-2889, acox@lubbockbgc.org

The Lubbock Boys & Girls Club John Wilson Branch will host a fall festival for *Lights On Afterschool* on October 22nd from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. There will be a variety of games and activities for club members, including face painting, light bulb coloring pages, minute-to-win-it

games, a cake walk, a photo prop area and a chance to win prizes throughout the event. In addition to members, administrative staff and board members are also invited. Sixty people are expected to attend.

Lubbock, Texas: April Benavidez, 21st Century CCLC - Cycle 10 Levelland, 806-438-5711, april.benavidez@cissouthplains.org

The six campuses in Levelland will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* during the month of October. Students will receive packets with *Lights On* projects and activities to do with their families. When they finish their packets, students will send in pictures to be posted on social media. From each school, 30 kids and their families are expected to participate.

Rockport, Texas: Rhea Martinez, Odyssey After School Enrichment Program, 361-790-2320, odysseyrhea@yahoo.com

Odyssey After School will hold a “Color Fun Run” to celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will feature an obstacle course, and runners will have colored powder thrown at them at various points on the course, so that they’ll be full of color by the end. The local Sonic Drive-In will set up a tent and pass out water bottles.

San Benito, Texas: Michelle Ruelas, San Benito ACE After School Program, 956-361-5450, mruelas@sbcisd.net

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the ACE After School Program is hosting a socially distanced drive-by “Tent or Treat” event on October 24th from 6:00 to 7:00 PM at the Bobby Morrow Stadium. Families are invited to wear costumes and decorate their cars. ACE materials, craft kits, and treats will be handed out to students. Community business will set up tents and hand out giveaways to participants. As many as 500 people are expected to attend.

Utah

Bountiful, Utah: Megan Tolman, Meadowbrook Elementary Before/After-School Program, 801-867-3142, metolman@dsdmail.net

The Meadowbrook Elementary Before/After-School Program will hold a family night on October 29th from 6:00 to 7:00 PM for *Lights On Afterschool*. The event will be held at the school for parents and their students. There will be tables set up for crafts, games and a service project. More than 20 people will attend.

Layton, Utah: Elizabeth Tuttle, King Elementary School, 801-402-3300, elibean@dsdmail.net

In celebration of *Lights On Afterschool*, students at King Elementary School will participate in a Flat Stanley project. They will each draw their own Flat Stanley, a character from a 1960s children’s book. Once finished, the Flat Stanleys will be mailed to 15 states and 20 countries, and recipients will be asked to photograph themselves with the drawings and share a story about Flat Stanley’s adventure. When the Flat Stanleys return, the students will learn about the places

that were visited. Following up on the event, in March of 2021, King Elementary School will hold a “Culture Night” for kids and their families to learn about different countries. The school atrium will be turned into a culture garden that the afterschool program will maintain. Students, families, the community council, the city council and the PTA will be invited.

Price, Utah: Tiffany Furner, Creekview Rising Raptors Program, 435-630-4321, furnert@carbonschools.org

The Creekview Elementary Rising Raptors Program will hold an in person family night celebration for afterschool students and their families on October 22nd from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. There will be 15-minute rotation stations that will allow parents to see what a typical afterschool day looks like. The stations include: arts and crafts, language arts, Halloween cornhole, a “Where's My Mummy” reading and Ghost Oobleck. Twenty students and their families are expected to attend.

Tooele, Utah: Darlene Dixon, Tooele Boys & Girls Club, 435-224-9300, ddixon@gsclclubs.org
The Tooele Boys & Girls Club will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a Haunted Walk Thru at a local train museum that will run from October 23rd to 30th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM. 15 local agencies will create the haunted scenes. Families will pre-register and be assigned a specific time to attend the event. Two late nights for teens are scheduled on October 23rd and 30th between 6:00 to 8:00 PM. More than 1,000 people are expected to attend over the course of the week, including guests from Tooele City Parks and Recreation, Tooele County Health Department, Tooele City Police, Tooele County Boys Scouts, Communities that Care, Children's Justice Center, Create Better Health with 4-H and many more.

West Valley City, Utah: Connie McCullough, American Preparatory Academy, West Valley 1, 801-839-3613, cmccullough@apamail.org

American Preparatory Academy, West Valley 1 will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a virtual event on October 22nd at 6:30 PM. Short activities will be pre-recorded along with messages from the program’s community partners. Activities will include a dance demonstration and a video of students and teachers dancing in the final performance so everyone at home can dance along. There will be *Lights On* Packets with craft supplies and fliers from community partners with information about available resources. The crafts are easy, and most supplies are items that can be found around the home, so that if someone does not have a packet they will still be able to participate. The mayor is expected to join with a brief message. The event is open to the community and as many as 600 people are expected to participate.

Vermont

Rutland, Vermont: Lori McNeil, Tapestry Program, 802-779-6102, lori.mcneil@grcsu.org

The Tapestry Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with an in-person event at the school on October 22nd from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Students will decorate light bulbs and hang them up

around the school. There will be relay races outside. Thirty students are expected to attend. Pictures of the event will be posted in the school newsletter with an article about the events and its highlights.

Virginia

Elliston, Virginia: Cassie Whitlow, Boys and Girls Club of Southwest Virginia (SWVA), 540-986-6355, cwhitlow@bgcswva.org

The Boys and Girls Club of SWVA will hold a pumpkin painting event alongside a Halloween movie and mental health talk. The high school, middle school, and elementary school will join together for the event. Students will paint pumpkins and watch *Hotel Transylvania*. A local group called New River Valley Community Services will come to talk about mental health. The event will be on October 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. It is open to all the Boys and Girls Club SWVA members. 50 people are expected to participate.

Fort Eustis, Virginia: Brandylynn Bolinsky, Fort Eustis School Age Care, 757-878-3794, brandylynnbolinsky@gmail.com

For *Lights On Afterschool* Fort Eustis School Age Care will light up the sidewalk with 4H luminaries made with paper bags, stencils, and battery-operated lights. Children will also create their own light bulbs and share what they like about School Age Care. The staff have created a game called imposter based on the game “Among Us.” The game will require the children to move about the building and complete tasks. The staff have created tasks on a scavenger hunt that require them to visit many rooms, work together, complete tasks before they are caught by the imposter.

Hampton, Virginia: Michelle Simpson, Alternatives, Inc., 757-838-2330 msimpson@altinc.org
On October 22nd from 6:00 to 7:00 PM, Alternatives’ Youth Ambassadors Leadership Team will hold a “Zoomed Out of Virtual Learning” webinar for *Lights On Afterschool*. Middle and high schoolers will share their perspectives, concerns, and solutions on virtual learning during the pandemic. The City of Hampton Vice Mayor, City Council members, School Board Members, Students, Parents, Teachers and Principals are invited.

Hampton, Virginia: Charles Robinson, Alternatives, Inc., crobinson@altinc.org

Alternatives, Inc. will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a virtual information session. The event will be on October 22nd from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. The event will begin with a one minute creative introduction followed by a welcome. The staff will be introduced and then show they create a safe environment for the students to learn and develop. A promo video will be shown and then everyone is invited to take a pledge. School board members, Delegate Jeion Ward and Blair Denson and Christine Jones-Monaccio from VPOST will attend. 25 people total are expected.

Washington

Cowiche, Washington: Luann Anderson, Marcus Whitman-21st Century, 509-678-8908, landerson@highland.wednet.edu

Since March, the Marcus Whitman Cowiche Lil' Scotties program has provided books and needed materials to students to assist with virtual programming. In honor of *Lights On Afterschool*, Lil's Scotties is posting pictures from the ongoing book drive on its Facebook page.

Monroe, Washington: Jennifer Farlow, Monroe/Sky Valley Family YMCA, 360-804-2176, jfarlow@ymca-snoco.org

On October 22, the Monroe/Sky Valley Family YMCA will host a *Lights On Afterschool* celebration for program participants from 3:30 to 5:30 PM. Activities will include arts and crafts and STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts and math) challenges. Due to COVID restrictions, visitors will not be able to attend but photographs will be posted on the program's Facebook page.

West Virginia

Kenova, West Virginia: Courtney Long, Kenova Playmates Childcare, 304-453-4858, courtneypaige_2008@yahoo.com

On October 22, the Kenova Playmates Childcare will host Kenova's Got Talent from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. Program participants will perform solo acts as well as group acts in honor of *Lights On Afterschool*.

Charleston, West Virginia: Cassidy Bailey, Step By Step, Inc., 304-414-4452, cbailey@stepbystepwv.org

On October 27th, Step By Step, Inc. will host live cooking classes on FaceBook throughout the day. The *Lights On Afterschool* celebration will include healthy recipes and cooking instructions from local dignitaries. At 4:00 PM, Charleston Mayor Amy Goodwin will lead a cooking class of her favorite dinner. Grocery lists will be provided in advance so participants can enjoy cooking along with the guest chefs. The first 30 guests to sign up will receive cooking supplies. The cooking lessons will be live on Step By Step's Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/events/3022325814538450>) beginning at 10:00 AM for breakfast, 1:00 PM for lunch, 4:00 PM for dinner and 6:00 PM for dessert.

Wisconsin

Milwaukee, Wisconsin: Rose Aliota, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee, 414-213-7566, Rose.Aliota@bgcmilwaukee.org

To celebrate *Lights On Afterschool*, the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Milwaukee is holding an event called "Take & Make Families in the Kitchen" on Thursday, October 23rd, from 4:00 to 5:30 PM. Each participating family will receive a box of supplies that will consist of food items to be used in creating a healthy family-friendly recipe. The box will also contain tips on food

safety, how to read labels, how to incorporate math into cooking and much more. The families will take pictures of what they create and share them via email and text. Students will write the recipe and bring it in to share. Club staff will vote on the best ideas, and award prizes. Finally, all the recipes will be compiled into a cookbook that will be given to families and perhaps also used as a fundraising item.

Necedah, Wisconsin: Linda Lowery, Cardinal After-School Program, 608-565-2256 ext. 105, lhowery@necedahschools.org

The Cardinal After-School Program will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a virtual event on October 22nd from 5:00 to 6:30 PM. Families will receive dinner deliveries while learning about what the Cardinal After-School Program has to offer through student-led presentations and discussion with project/partner the Upham Woods Outdoor Learning Center. There will be a discussion about de-stressing tips and tricks from the Juneau County Human Services department. Additionally, Cardinal After-School Program families will have a home project they are encouraged to do together to wrap up the event.

Reedsburg, Wisconsin: Allyson Cummings, Reedsburg CLC, 608-415-7559, acummings@rsd.k12.wi.us

The Reedsburg Community Learning Center will hold a virtual family Halloween party on October 27th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. It will include STEM activities, crafts, origami, bingo, and a costume show-and-tell. Children will receive activity bags to open during the event and do virtually. Kids and their families are invited.

Rice Lake, Wisconsin: Alex Schwark, Boys & Girls Clubs of Barron County, 715-828-7935, alex@bgcbarroncounty.org

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Barron County will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a virtual event on October 22nd from 3:20 to 6:00 PM. The event will be an art show with a focus on mental health including: healthy coping habits in dealing with stress, and building a positive self-concept and relationships. One of the featured projects will involve learning the history and therapeutic benefits of mandalas, geometric configurations of symbols. Attendees will then create their own. They will also build houses out of art supplies to represent themselves. This idea is based around having a solid foundation of who they are as individuals. There will also be printed and decorated shoes displayed on a bulletin board labeled “No one stands alone.”

Siren, Wisconsin: Bret Iverson, Siren School District, 715-566-0048, biverson@siren.k12.wi.us

On October 8th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, the Siren School District held a concert in the park with physical activity games and snacks. Musicians performed, and participants enjoyed more than ten game stations. Fifteen parents, 35 students and six teachers attended. On October 22nd from 4:00 to 5:30 PM, participants will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* with a virtual event. There will be pumpkin-carving, pumpkin-seed snacking, as well as various crafts. At 5:00 PM there

will be a Live Town Hall Event with other students from across the country. Fifty people are expected to attend.

Wyoming

Thermopolis, Wyoming: Julia Scott, Hot Springs County School District #1, 856-655-8612, jscott@hotsprings1.org

Hot Springs County School District #1 will celebrate *Lights On Afterschool* by lighting up a local state park on October 22nd from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Families are invited to participate in the “Pumpkin Patch Family Night” which will include pumpkin carving, pumpkin coloring and painting and “light up afterschool” sign creations. Food will also be provided. As many as 30 families are expected to attend.