



# Afterschool Alliance

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## Lights On Afterschool to Kick Off in Oakland Tomorrow

*4 pm Event at MLK Jr. Elementary School Will Kick Off National Rally for Afterschool.  
Come Out and Play the Afterschool Program Way!*

At the *Lights On Afterschool* kick-off event tomorrow, students and families will engage in many types of sports activities, including soccer with pro Amobi Okugo, rapping with Paris Night, and stepping with Kappa Alpha Psi, plus performances and exhibitions by Destiny Arts African DANCE, Girls Leading Girls Soccer, Scientific Adventure for Girls, Prescott clowns, Elmerhurst, West Oakland, Cheer, and much more.

Those and other activities that will take place at MLK Jr. Elementary School tomorrow, Thursday, October 13 beginning at 4 pm. The *Lights On Afterschool* national kick-off event will also feature remarks from L.K. Monroe, Alameda County Superintendent of Schools; Michael Funk, Director, California Department of Education, Expanded Learning Division; Assembly Member Mia Bonta; Jodi Grant, Executive Director, Afterschool Alliance; and other luminaries.

The Oakland event will be:

**When:** Thursday, October 13, 4 – 6 pm  
**Where:** MLK Jr. Elementary School, 960 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Oakland, CA 94607  
**What:** National Kick-Off for *Lights On Afterschool*  
**With:** Bay Area Community Resource, OUSD expanded Learning, Afterschool Alliance  
**Why:** *Lights On Afterschool* will include thousands of events across this country this Month. MLK Unity of Dream afterschool program will lead this rally for the afterschool programs across the nation making sure that all programs keep kids safe, inspire them to learn, lead and succeed and give working families peace of mind.

Organized by the Afterschool Alliance, *Lights On Afterschool* is the only national rally for afterschool. Thousands of events around the country this year will showcase the many ways afterschool programs support student well-being, build their life skills and workforce readiness, amplify their voices, provide them with opportunities for hands-on STEM (science, technology,

engineering and math) learning, and help them forge successful futures as the pandemic continues. The Afterschool Alliance organizes *Lights On Afterschool* to underscore the need to invest in afterschool programs, which provide fun, hands-on learning opportunities.

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