



LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL

A PROJECT OF THE AFTERSCHOOL ALLIANCE

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The Greater Houston Lights On Alliance invites you to share in the celebration of **Lights On AfterSchool (LOAS)** on October 26, 2017. LOAS is an event observed nationwide to call attention to the importance of after-school programs for America’s children, families and communities.

Lights On! Afterschool 2017 Kickoff Activities

Please join us in this vital effort to “**Turn the Lights On After-School!**” by hosting an awareness event at your campus leading up to and on October 26th. Use this time to reach out to your community and showcase why after-school programs are essential to the success of Houston’s youth and families. On the big day, roll out the red carpet and invite your parents, community partners to visit the stars of the program – our YOUTH!

Week 1: October 2– October 6: Get Healthy!

- Introduce nutrition and healthy choices to your students and provide a fun healthy food project for snack.
- Create your own America Ninja Warrior course.
- Invite a local chef or culinary students to demonstrate a healthy meal with families.
- Have a Zumba, hip-hop, or yoga instructor host a class for the students.

Week 2: October 9-October 13: It’s all about STEAM!

- Make a Musically video about the afterschool program.
- Try coding! Visit coding.org for ideas.
- Print out light bulb templates and color and create a unique display.
- Go to nasa.gov and download a lesson.

Week 3: October 16-October 20: Youth Voice for After School!

- Have your students create a “Top Ten Reasons Why My After-School Program Rocks” list that explains why after-school is important. Display this list to bring awareness.
- Create Snapchat video highlighting the need for after-school programs.
- Create a bulletin board that highlights all your afterschool program acting.
- Have your students write letters to the future president about the importance of afterschool programs and investments.

Week 4: Host a **Lights On Afterschool event on October 26, 2017**

Programs are encouraged to register their event and download free resources at www.afterschoolalliance.org.

We encourage programs to share their Lights On celebrations via social media using **#LightsOnHOU**.

For more information email: lightsonafterschool@hcde-texas.org

