



LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL

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The Greater Houston Lights On Alliance invites you to share in the celebration of **Lights On AfterSchool** on October 25, 2018. *Lights On* is an event observed nationwide to call attention to the importance of out-of-school time programs for America’s children, families and communities.

Lights On Afterschool 2018 Kickoff Activities

Please join us in this vital effort to “**Turn the Lights On After-School!**” by hosting an awareness event at your program leading up to and on October 25th. Use this time to reach out to your community and showcase why afterschool 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 1– October 5: Get Moving & Get Healthy!

- Have a Zumba, hip-hop, or yoga instructor host a class for the students.
- Invite a local chef or culinary students to demonstrate a healthy meal with families.
- Create an healthy snack obstacle course in the shape of a light bulb for your students.
- Host a Throwback Thursday event by playing classic games like Double Dutch, Capture the Flag, Four Square, or Hopscotch.

Week 2: October 8-October 12: It’s all about TECHNOLOGY!

- Make a YouTube or Instagram video about the afterschool program.
- Try coding! Visit www.code.org for ideas.
- Ask students to build a drone, then host a competition.
- Explore electrical engineering by asking students to make BrushBots or potato light bulbs.

Week 3: October 15-October 19: Youth Voice for Afterschool!

- Print out light bulb templates and color and create a unique display.
- Have your students create a “Top Ten Reasons Why My Afterschool Program Rocks” list that explains why out-school-time programming is important. Display this list to bring awareness.
- Host a Facebook live interview with the school principal or nonprofit board members.
- Have your students write letters to local or state elected officials about the importance of afterschool programs and investments.

Week 4: Host a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 25, 2018

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

