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*Justice shows her work!*

**BEACON Programs**

- Academic Assistance
- Tutoring
- Arts & Recreational Clubs
- Homework Clubs
- Cultural Clubs
- Special Events
- Enrichment Classes

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!! 2009

Welcome to the New Year! As we begin 2009, a big thank you goes out to all the parents of Grand County students. As the dire news of the economy greets us, I realize how much parents have to struggle with, in order to keep their children healthy, sound and growing. We have such a wonderful community here in Moab and I see everyday what hard work families must do to raise their children. I also say thank you to all our Funders and Community Partners. As funding for programming shrinks, I see many organizations working even harder to continue all the strong programs. I see volunteers stepping up to the plate to contribute longer hours and more in-kind donations.

And a huge heart-felt thank you goes out to our wonderful teachers and staff. Everyday, I see them going the extra mile, and more, to help those who

are struggling and in jeopardy of failing.

And I say thank you to the BEACON staff who work diligently and compassionately. Daily, I am reminded through their incredible work, that it's the children that keep us all motivated to do our best! So, as we dive into a year in which the economic future is uncertain, I am certain that we will all work incredibly hard, for the children.

Stephanie Dahlstrom  
Director



*Michelle about to swing a club*



*Evan, Kayden and Wilson at snack time!*



*Harmony Singers*

## NEW WEBSITE DESIGN FOR MOABBEACON.NET

Check out our new website! Although we still have a few "bugs" to work out, we have been working hard to update the site and developed it into a tool that both students and parents can use. The Middle School page was designed to be a one-stop resource for current information, homework assignments handouts, activities, events and news-

happenings in the school and around the community. Some of the highlights include:

- Subject by subject homework calendars
- Bully Reporting system
- Homework Help Resources

- Handouts from school
- School and Community Resources

The website can be found at [www.moabbeacon.net](http://www.moabbeacon.net) or you can link from the school district website at: [www.grandschools.org](http://www.grandschools.org).

# ADVENTURES at the MIDDLE SCHOOL

Beacon's Adventure Ed at the Middle School has been in full swing! This year, the program has shifted its resources to focus mainly on academic assistance and tutoring. We have three to four tutors available on a daily basis to assist students with homework assignments, projects and class papers. However, we are always interested in using parent and community volunteers. So, if you are interested in helping out for an hour or two, please contact our program. Any help is appreciated!

Our partner, Club Red, provides supervised and professional recreational and enrichment activities for our students, including: drop-in hours, monthly Dinner and a Movie Nights and other events. Check the Middle School webpage regularly to keep updated on what events are coming up.

We have had such a great school year

*Robin, Megan, Kayla and Rylee learn to crochet from Monica Holyoak*



to date. Teachers and parents have noticed that the after school homework assistance is really helping their students! It's a treasure to be working with such incredible kids, teachers, staff and parents. Happy New Year! Mary Frothingham,

Middle School Site Coordinator



*Brian helps out Tristen*



*Tony and Brendon get ready to settle into homework assistance.*

Studies show that students who attend after school programs get better grades and stay in school instead of dropping out.

*Maddie takes part in Sports Club*



*Golf Club swingers:*

*Mack, Andy, Zach and Drake*

# AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS at HMK



*Justice, Lindsay and Kayla get ready to play in the HMK Kids Taiko Club*

The winter session of after school clubs is about to begin at HMK! Students have registered and enrolled and are waiting for January 20th, the first day of activities. This session will include new clubs such as Magic Mania, School of Rock, Pencil Pushers and Medieval History (want to learn how to live, cook and dance in a castle?). There will still be the popular Snack 'n Homework clubs, Chess Club, Harmony Singers, Craft Clubs and many others. Several of our after school clubs take place off-site, such as Kids Cuisine, held at the MARC and Lego Maniacs, at the Public Library and Kids Taiko held at the High School. There are over 200 students

participating in the after school clubs!



*Brian strategizes his next move against Ben in Chess Club*

## What's Happening at Red Rock?

With increased numbers of enrollment and more activities to offer, we've had so many exciting things going on at Red Rock! This trimester, we are fortunate to have Bruce Hucko teaching an art class. And in addition to our regular 4-H, parent, and community volunteers, we now have several high school seniors leading activities. Even the Grand County High School Art Club is getting involved! What a great opportunity for high school students to gain experience, a good work ethic, and a sense of responsibility while forming new friendships and helping the youngsters at Red Rock; that's not to mention how much fun we are all having, of course.

We've also begun teaching mini-lessons during snack time which focus on developing positive character traits such as respect for others, having good manners, and taking responsibility for oneself. Students are recognized for displaying these qualities with "Responsible Helper" and "Good Friend" certificates that are presented



Charlotte Hurley leading story time after school



before the entire group. We're seeing so many students getting excited about doing the right thing! And we're all excited about our wonderful after school program! Happy 2009

Jessica Driskell

Red Rock Site Coordinator



Jessica and Kamielle



Teddy



Ms Copeland, Israel, Tregyan and Parker



Isabel, Reagan



Neo makes a treat

## Light's On After School!

On October 22, 2008 BEACON held its 3rd Annual Lights On! Celebration at Red Rock Elementary. The event is a national day of recognition of all after school programs. BEACON's festivities began with Mayor Dave reading a proclamation declaring October 22nd as National After School Day. The HMK Taiko Kids after school club then entertained the audience with several taiko songs they learned in the club. Bruce Hucko provided the attending children with an art project and there were great munchies provided by Ekklecticafe. There were over 60 kids and adults that participated in the event.

### BEACON Statistics:

School year 2007/2008

Number of students attending:

Tutoring/homework help: 231

Arts & Recreation Clubs: 419

Total students served: 650



## Our Great BEACON Staff:

### Red Rock Elementary



Fritz Bachman, Michelle Onderko, Sue Shrewsbury, Nikole Norman, Lacey Markland, Jessica Driskell and Amanda Sargeant

### HMK Intermediate



TeCara Lawley

Julie Durfee

### Grand County Middle School



Rob Magleby, Mary Frothingham, Megan Macomber, Nancy Allemand



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**GRAND COUNTY  
SCHOOL DISTRICT**

## BEACON History

In the fall of 2005, Grand County School District received a 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center grant from the Utah State Office of Education to fund a comprehensive after school and summer program. For the past three years, BEACON has provided expanded academic enrichment opportunities outside of the school day to help students meet local and state academic standards in subjects such as English, Math, and Science. To compliment its tutoring pursuits, BEACON has provided healthy after school environments with art, recreational, and life skills activities. Improvements in GPAs and district test scores have shown that BEACON is helping struggling students succeed and grow.

## THANKS to our FUNDERS & PARTNERS WE couldn't do it without YOU!!!



**21st Century Community Learning Center**

**Dept. of Office & Family Life: Safe Passages**

**Daniels Fund**

**Rocky Mountain Power**

**Moab Arts Council**

**WabiSabi**

USU Extension 4H  
Grand County Library  
Youth Garden Project  
Moab Fitness Center  
Moab Half Marathon  
Moab Taiko Dan  
Multicultural Center  
MARC  
Club Red  
Tobacco Prevention  
GC Special Rec. Dist.

Also thank you to all the teachers, parents and community members who donate their time, energy and enthusiasm to lead after school clubs.



*Austin creating a concoction in "Weird Science"*