



# BEACON Afterschool Program



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## Welcome Back to Afterschool!

### BEACON Receives programming grant!

The BEACON Afterschool Program was awarded a 5-year grant from the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers (21st CCLC) beginning with the 2011/2012 school year! Having this grant allows our programs to keep running! Even though BEACON was not awarded the full grant request, we are still able, with our other funding streams and by fundraising, to offer full programming at the three school sites. The focus of the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grant is on academics. This means there will be more tutors available at HMK and at the Middle School. More afterschool clubs and



Afterschool Volcanoes WOW!!

activities will be tied to the school day curriculum and a new position of a 'Family Liaison' will be added. This position will help bridge the gap between afterschool and home and will assist families with life skills and family management practices. Also included in the 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC grant is to provide services to students at the Moab Charter School (MCS). BEACON will expand its programming at MCS by adding more afterschool clubs and tutors. For more information on BEACON, call 259-2767.

### BEACON AT THE MOAB CHARTER SCHOOL

Afterschool programming at the Moab Charter School was already in place when BEACON joined as a partner in January, 2011. However, Joe Heywood, Principal of MCS, welcomed BEACON and since then has been able to expand programming offerings for students at the school. The MCS BEACON program currently serves 80 students K-6 offering the following Clubs: Baking, Gardening, Taiko K-2, Taiko 3-6, Pottery K-2, Pottery 3-6, and Canyonlands Field Institute afterschool activities. In addition, it provides tutoring for students in four after-school sessions. "The MCS students and parents are grateful for the offer to become part of the BEACON program", stated MCS Director, Dr. Joe Heywood. "I believe this is the best afterschool program I have seen in the six different districts I have worked with over the years. This is truly a unique program for a rural school district, and it provides so many exceptional opportunities to extend our kids' learning in Moab."

Parents are always welcome to visit our programs, meet our staff, and see us at work! BEACON welcomes parent involvement and encourages parents to volunteer. Information about BEACON can be found at our website: [www.moabbeacon.net](http://www.moabbeacon.net) or by calling BEACON at 435-259-2767.

Our wonderful funders  
and donors for the  
2011/2012 school year!

- ❖ 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Centers
- ❖ Department of Workforce Services: Safe Passages & Youth Connections
- ❖ Daniels Fund
- ❖ WabiSabi
- ❖ Grand Education Foundation
- ❖ Grand County Special Service Recreation District
- ❖ Synergy Company
- ❖ Rocky Mountain Power
- ❖ Moab Arts Council
- ❖ Donations from parents and teachers!
- ❖ Wonderful community partners and volunteers!

## BEACON at Helen M. Knight Elementary School



### Arts and Recreational Clubs at HMK

Yahoo! This year, BEACON will be serving students in Kindergarten as well as in grades 1-6. We are excited to offer some fun new clubs this fall such as bowling, robotics, natural wonders, cooking and more. We welcome our new afterschool staff: Ariel Atkins, Nicole Shumway and Kristen Millis who, along with Karen Peterson, will shape our afterschool arts and recreational clubs. We also welcome our new 'snack' cook, Dana Sutton who will be providing fun, healthy snacks! And as always we thank our wonderful community partners who contribute so much. Thanks! Amber DeWitt, Arts & Rec. Site Coordinator 435-260-0720

### BEACON ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE at HMK

We have five great tutors and new academic clubs to help your student succeed this year! Two new tutors will be joining us: Lynda Diem who has worked in Title I at HMK for two years and Toni George who has taught for six years in the Duchesne County School District. Three of our tutors from last year, Sue Shrewsbury, Beth Hood and Margy Moreau will be returning again. They have all been working hard to become familiar with the school curriculum and preparing lesson plans. They are ready and eager to encourage your student to excel.

In addition to our small group tutoring, we will be offering homework clubs and a study skills class. The tutoring will be mostly by teacher referral and used to help students improve specific academic needs. Homework clubs are a safe, quiet place students can complete homework and receive help if needed. The study skills class will teach time management, organizational skills and good note taking and study habits. We are looking forward to a great year! Call me with any questions. Thanks! Michele Onderko, Academic Site Coordinator 435-260-2914.

### COMMUNITY PARTNERS (Fall Session 2011)

USU-4H	Youth Garden Project	Moab Teen Center
Moab Taiko	G.C. Public Library	Dan O'Laurie Museum
WabiSabi	Tobacco Prevention	Multicultural Center

## BEACON at Grand County Middle School

Adventure Ed offers many exciting enrichment opportunities for middle school students. We provide daily homework assistance with professional tutors as well as after school clubs that provide enjoyable learning and social activities appealing to diverse student interests. Adventure Ed meets Monday through Friday after school in the middle school library where students can work on school assignments or join activity clubs. This fall we'll offer several outdoor recreation clubs (Climbing, Golf and Hiking), arts clubs (Drama, Ceramics, jewelry making), and other fun activities like Taiko Drumming, River Club, and Club 9 to 5 (career exploration). There will be more clubs offered as the year develops!

Our program also has the use of an additional classroom that we've named "Club Fun." This is a safe and fun place where students can relax, play computer and video games, create art projects and lots of other stimulating activities. Adventure Ed homework assistance and most clubs end at 5:00pm daily. Certain outdoor recreation clubs (Climbing, Golf, Hiking) may last until 6:00pm. Thanks, Gentry Medrano, Site Coordinator 260-9439



Rock Climbing Club at Middle School!!