



# BEACON After School Program



Jill Kulander leads the "Bee Brighter" After School club at HMK - fun with words and spelling!



Adventure Ed Tutors help students during Homework Club.

HAPPY FALL!

## LIGHTS ON! NATIONAL CELEBRATION

On October 22, the BEACON Afterschool Program and Club Red joined with the Utah Afterschool Network and the Afterschool Alliance in this year's National Lights On! Afterschool celebration recognizing the importance of afterschool programs.

To mark the occasion, over 60 students, teachers and parents gathered at the Grand County Middle School Cafeteria for the Lights On event held from 5:00-7:00pm.

Club Red, the BEACON Afterschool Program and the Tobacco Prevention Program joined with the Afterschool Alliance in this year's *Lights On! Afterschool*, a nationwide series of events in support of afterschool programming. To mark the occasion supporters came together for a night of great food, crafts, games, raffles and music.

Special guests included Mayor Dave Sakrison and several afterschool program participants. Afterschool programs currently serve over 600 youth in Moab, providing them a safe place to go after the school day ends along with homework help and fun, recreational and arts a.

Afterschool programs keep kids safe, help working families and inspire learning. According to data from the Afterschool Alliance, 14.3 million children are without adult supervision in the afternoon hours.



Mayor Dave Sakrison proclaims October 22<sup>nd</sup> as Lights On! Day for Grand County



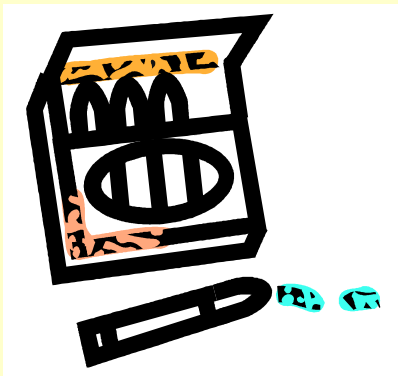
The Middle School Taiko Kids perform for an appreciative audience

## Red Rock Elementary

### NEW GRANT FOR RED ROCK!!

BEACON was awarded a 3-year grant from the Department of Work and Family Life. The Youth Connections grant will expand the after school program by funding two prevention components. Jessica Driskell, Site Coordinator for Red Rock states,

“This is so exciting! We now have program activities that focus on healthy lifestyles and healthy relationships. All the after school students will be able to participate in the programming. Currently, Red Rock is serving between 65 and 75 students each day after school.



*BEACON serves over 650 students each year*



Getting ready for Halloween?

## Helen M. Knight Intermediate

There are 25 after school clubs at HMK for the Fall Session. Some of the same popular clubs are back such as Kung Fu Self Defense, Chess and Animals Big and Small. And this session we also have new clubs such as Freaks of Nature, Altered Books and Dance, Dance Revolution. We have

partnered with the Grand County Library, USU Extension-4-H, Youth Garden Project and many more individuals, businesses and organizations to be able to provide a wide variety of fun and interesting clubs. Interested in helping out? Please call and we'll get you set up with your own club!

## Middle School

### ADVENTURE ED BEGINS NEW YEAR!

Big changes came to the middle school this year as the program welcomed a new Site Coordinator and several new tutors.

These new staff members will join returning tutors during Homework Club. In addition, students can enjoy weekly

activities including Climbing, Intermediate Taiko and Native American clubs and drop-in hours at Club Red. Also, various programming opportunities exist. Interested parents can lead new clubs that both inspire students and encourage them to learn. For info, please call 260-9439.

## THANKS TO OUR FUNDERS and PARTNERS!!

21st Century Community Learning Center  
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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

### BEACON Program Sites

#### Red Rock Elementary

Site Coordinator: Jessica Driskell  
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#### Helen M. Knight Intermediate

Site Coordinator: Stephanie Dahlstrom  
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#### Middle School

Site Coordinator: Gentry Medrano  
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