



NORTHEAST BEACONS **FALL 2009** **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

ALL PROGRAMS LISTED IN THIS BROCHURE ARE FREE

AFTER SCHOOL BUSES AND SNACKS PROVIDED

FALL SESSION STARTS MONDAY,
OCTOBER 5, 2009 and RUNS THROUGH THURSDAY,
DECEMBER 10, 2009

CLASS TIMES ARE MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY,
FROM 4:00PM – 5:30PM

NON PROGRAM DAYS: We follow the Minneapolis Public Schools calendar year and do not have programming on non-school days or over holiday breaks.

PLEASE TURN YOUR PERMISSION SLIP IN AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO RESERVE A SPOT IN THE CLASSES THAT YOU WANT. MANY OF THE CLASSES FILL VERY QUICKLY!



Minneapolis Community Education exists to support the learning and participation of adults and children so they can improve their lives and their communities.

For more information please call (612)668-1515.

***Please read the Beacons Program Policies
and keep for your records.***

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Attendance will be taken each day for each CE Beacons class. If a student is absent from a Beacons class that they are registered for, a call will be made home to inform the parent that the student did not attend. This is to ensure the safety and well being of all our students. If a parent knows that the student will need to miss, we would appreciate a call at (612)668-1515.

If a student misses a class three consecutive times without notifying our office, he/she will be withdrawn from the class. Since many of our classes are in demand and often have waiting lists, we will fill the place with another student.

BEHAVIOR POLICY

Northeast Community Education Beacons Program is an opportunity open to all Minneapolis Public School students. All programs conform to the established behavior policies of Northeast Middle School and the City Wide Discipline Policy of Minneapolis Public Schools. Please refer to the following Northeast Community Ed Beacons Program Rules.

Students are expected to behave appropriately during the program. A student may be removed from programming if he/she is misbehaving or acting inappropriately.

If the problem is severe or persistent, a phone call will be made to the student's parent/guardian. In addition to that, a note will be sent home with the student, informing the parent of the nature of the problem.

If a student is suspended from school, they will not be allowed to participate in Community Education programs during his/her suspension.

NE COMMUNITY ED BEACONS PROGRAM RULES

- Students should not leave the building and come back in for the Beacons program.
- Students should go to their lockers right after school and then go directly to the lunchroom.
- After checking in and getting their snack, students should remain seated at the assigned table.
- Food and beverages should not be taken out of the lunchroom.
- Wandering around the halls is not permitted.
- Running is not permitted in the lunchroom, hallways or classrooms.
- Use of electronic devices, including cell phones, Ipods, etc is not permitted.
- Students must have a pass to use the restroom.
- Students must show respect to Beacons staff and instructors at all times. This includes listening and following instructions.
- Play fighting is not permitted.
- Students are not to demonstrate any form of physical aggression toward others. Fighting will result in being removed from the Beacons program as well as a three-day school suspension.
- Swearing, putdowns, racial and ethnic slurs and name-calling are not allowed. Yelling is not permitted.
- Students must pick up their trash in the lunchroom, halls and classrooms. Teacher's computers and desks must be left alone.

LATE ACTIVITY BUS POLICY AND INFORMATION

- Monday through Thursday, the After School Program busses leave at **5:30 pm**.
- Students can lose bus privileges for violating the bus rules. Please review the bus behavior guidelines on the back side of the permission slip.
- Although we like for the students to be dropped off close to home, district policy allows for middle school students to walk up to **six blocks**. Special Ed students with an IEP will be dropped off at the nearest corner, not at their home address.
- If a student walks to and from school during the school day, they must walk home from the after school program. They may NOT get on the late activity bus.
- Students who are not transported by bus during the regular school day because they live outside of the attendance area, but were granted a waiver to attend the school, are not eligible for late activity busses.
- Students not registered for the Beacons Program, may not stay after school. If they try to stay after and miss the school bus, they will be required to take the city bus home at their own expense.
- If it is late and your child is not home yet and they stayed for an after school program, please call Transportation at (612)668-2300.

Monday



The Girl's Group

Do you want a place where you can just be real? In The Girl's Group, we will talk about relationships, respect for yourself and others, self-awareness and acceptance. Express yourself in an environment where you matter, and you will be heard!



CHESS CLUB

All skill levels welcome. Greatly improve your problem solving skills, learn about the 3 aspects of the game: beginning the game, middle game & end game. Participate in tournaments. LIMIT 20

Everyday Leaders

Be involved in making your school and community a better place. There will be opportunities to do fun and interesting service projects. Last year's group raised money for Feed My Starving Children, did a recycling project and studied Nobel Peace Prize winners. Develop your leadership skills! Service Learning hours are available. LIMIT 25

Design Technology



Are you interested in woodworking? Come learn what it takes to make great furniture, clocks or whatever creative idea you have. Many projects made by Northeast Middle School students have been displayed and have even won awards at the State Fair! .

***Important: only students able to come every week should apply.** LIMIT 10.

Yearbook Club-

Help document our school year by creating the yearbook. You will take digital pictures, upload the pictures, and work with graphics to create spectacular layouts. **Important! Attention to detail and willingness to work hard at tedious tasks are necessary.**

LIMIT 15

Monday/Tuesday

DEBATE

Do you have opinions that you like to stand up for? Learn how to form your "argument" into debate form. In debate, you will be introduced to the Lincoln/Douglas debate style which is used in state and national tournaments. You will learn how to research your debate topic, find information to support your argument and write speeches. You will participate in debate competitions as well as visit and participate in a local state debate tournament. LIMIT 20

Monday/Wednesday

GISE(Guys in Science and Engineering)

GISE is loud, interactive, explosive - and safe!



Fitness Club



COME TO THE CLUB! Join Mr. Schutz in the fitness center to learn about nutrition, good health and proper exercise. Find out the right way to get in shape and stay that way! You will discover muscles you never knew you had. LIMIT 20

B.A.S.E. Camp (Believe, Achieve, Support, Educate)

Join us a B.A.S.E. Camp! B.A.S.E. Camp is a math enrichment program filled with fun, quality games and hands-on activities! The focus is to help you understand algebra in a very open and active environment. Students will participate in hands-on experiences that make math fun.

Monday through Thursday

Team AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

This is the after school extension of the AVID elective program. Students will engage in hands on problem solving as well as developing strong reading and writing skills. Open to current AVID students only.

Tuesday

ARTS AND CRAFTS

Have fun being creative and making a variety of arts and crafts. You will be surprised at how great your projects will turn out! LIMIT 15

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Tuesday/Thursday

CLIMATE THEATRE PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Systems)



You can be a change agent in your own school. Don't just tell other students how they can succeed...show them! You will have the opportunity to **WRITE, DIRECT** and **ACT** in short skits that promote a positive climate here at Northeast. You will be performing your skits, in the auditorium, for the school and possibly for parent groups. All you need is a desire to make this a better world, a ton of creativity and the ability to project your voice from the stage. *To be a part of Climate Theatre, you must complete the Climate Theatre Application at the back of this packet and have it signed by Mr. Lundeen. Turn in the application along with your permission slip.* Limit 15

Mathmedics



Are you ready to "ACE" math??? We can help you become the one that your friends turn to for help! This class is designed to help you to better understand the math concepts you are learning. We will work on whatever concepts that you need help with, including your math homework! Limit 20

Wednesday



Cooking Around the World

From the familiar to the exotic, prepare entrees and snacks that you can recreate at home. We will create favorite dishes, as well as stretch your taste buds with cooking from around the world! You **must** sign up for this class and turn in your slips **quickly** to get a place! This class fills within the first 2 days. LIMIT 36

Jr. Historian's Club

This is the place to be! Get the real scoop on historical issues. For instance, do you know why John Adams called his wife "Saucy"? Find out how you can win a trip to Washington D.C. by creating a National History Day project! Go on V.I.P. field trips to Jr. Historian's Forums sponsored by the gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Available to 6th, 7th and 8th graders.

Thursday

First Nations Culture Club

This class is open to everyone who is interested in learning about and celebrating Native American history and culture. Along with learning about cultural beliefs, students will create several cultural artifacts. Come and join us for the fun!



After School Choir

Do you love to sing? Are you willing to try out to be a part of this upbeat and fun musical experience? Everyone who signs up to join this choir will try out for Ms. Priessler the first week of Beacons.



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For Office Use Only Registered _____ Confirmation sent _____
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MPLS COMMUNITY EDUCATION BEACONS PERMISSION SLIP

Student Information:

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Student ID #: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ E-mail Address: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Emergency Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Does your student have any condition that may result in a medical emergency: YES NO

If YES, please describe: _____

Students may be signed up for one I class per day. Most classes require a minimum of 15 students and may be cancelled if there are not enough students registered. **A signed permission slip must be turned in before a student may stay after for an activity.**

*** Please indicate class wanted in the space provided below:

Monday _____ Wednesday _____

Tuesday _____ Thursday _____

Please indicate your second choices in case classes have filled: _____

Please indicate how your child will get home:

- _____ My child will walk home, (students must walk home from the Community Education Beacons program if they are walkers during the regular school day).
- _____ I will pick up my child after the activity.
- _____ My child will take the after school bus home.

The above named student has my consent to attend activities after school at Northeast Middle School. I will not hold Minneapolis Public Schools or participating agencies responsible for accidents, injuries, or personal

property loss. I understand that this is not a day care program and it is my son or daughter's responsibility to attend on days activities are held. I also understand that activities may be canceled without direct notice to parents due to staff illness, weather, etc. I give permission for my child to attend the activities listed above.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____

**Please turn in the Permission Slip with both sides signed to Room 105
or to the box in the Main Office labeled "Community Education Beacons Forms"**

Photo/Video Release Form

We photograph our students during after school classes and activities for the yearbook, promotional reasons and for other functions. We can not use photographs or videos including your child without your permission. Please indicate your permission below. If you do not want your child included in photographs or videos, this may exclude him/her from participating in some activities.

I give my permission for the Community Education Beacons Program to use photographs of my child to promote Community Education to other families.

_____Yes _____No

I give my consent for my child to participate in evaluations, surveys, interviews and focus groups for Community Education and Beacons Programs.

_____Yes _____No

Bus Behavior Guidelines And Consequences:

Class 1 Offenses

- Spitting
- Excessive noise
- Horseplay/mischief
- Eating/drinking/littering on the bus

Class 2 Offenses

- Leaving seat/standing without permission from the driver
- Use of liquid containers in any form
- Profanity, verbal abuse, harassment,

obscene gestures or possession of unacceptable material

- False identification
- Riding unassigned bus or using unassigned bus stop
- Opening window past safety line
- Riding or attempting to ride any bus during a bus suspension
- Disobedient to the driver
- Other offenses as reported by the driver/aide or principal
- Throwing/shooting of any object
- Physical aggression/bullying against any person
- Profanity/threats directed toward bus driver/aide
- Possession/use of tobacco or any controlled substance
- Vandalism to bus (restitution will be made)
- Holding onto or attempting to hold onto any

portion of the exterior of the bus or any "Danger Zone" infringement

- Lighting of matches, lighters or any flammable object or substance
- Unauthorized entering or leaving bus through emergency door/tampering with equipment
- Possession or threat of weapons/explosives/flammables
- Other offenses as reported by the driver, aide or principal
- Possession/use of laser pens or pointers
- Any time a manager responds to a bus incident or any offense committed on any bus outside of regular transportation to and from school (activity, field trip, shuttles, etc.) will carry a minimum penalty of a Class 2 1st offense. (5 days)

***1st Class Offenses, on busses used for after school programs, result in loss of bus privileges for 5 days for the 1st infraction and total loss of bus privileges for the session for a 2nd infraction. ANY Class 2 Offense will result in total loss of all privileges for the session.**

I have read, understand and agree to follow the above photo release and bus policies.

Student's Name _____

Student Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____ Date _____

Please call or email if you have any questions, comments or concerns.

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Climate Theatre Application

Name _____ ID# _____

Advisory Teacher _____

Grade _____

What does being a leader mean to you?

Describe a time you took on a leadership role:

What are your interests?

Why do you want to be a part of Climate Theatre?

Student signature _____

Parent signature _____