



# **NORTHEAST BEACONS** **WINTER 2010** **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**ALL PROGRAMS LISTED IN THIS BROCHURE ARE FREE**

AFTER SCHOOL BUSES AND SNACKS PROVIDED

WINTER SESSION STARTS MONDAY,  
JANUARY 11, 2010 AND RUNS THROUGH  
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2010

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.

**Important: Please review with your child 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.

## **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 below.
- 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.

**Consequences for misbehavior are as follows: A Class 1 offense on the After School bus results in the loss of bus privileges for 5 days for a 1<sup>st</sup> violation and a total loss of bus privileges for a 2<sup>nd</sup> violation. ANY Class 2 offense will result in total loss of all bus privileges.**

**\*Your signature on the attached permission form indicates that you have read and agree to these policies.**

### **Class 1 Offenses**

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

### **Class 2 Offenses**

- 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, 1<sup>st</sup> offense. (5 days)

## 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. We will have occasional guest speakers. Express yourself in an environment where you matter, and you will be heard! With your help, we will plan some great activities!



### 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

### 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/Wednesday

### Fit Force



Do you like to play Wii, Double Dutch, Dance Dance Revolution, work out and occasionally cook? Join Fit Force where we will do all that and MORE! Learn how to keep your body healthy with the right combinations of foods and activity, all while having fun with your friends! There will be prizes for reaching your fitness goals. See you after school! LIMIT 25

### 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

### 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

### Everyday Leaders

Everyday Leaders are becoming

### Reading Heroes

After learning how to help younger kids read, we will go to Waite Park Elementary School each week and read with 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students. LIMIT 20

## *Tuesday Continued*

### *Swingin' Nighthawks Band*



Coltrane says "My favorite things are jazz, life, and playin' music with my **own** sound." Come be a part of the Jazz band!



### **Best Cars (Bridging Engineering Science and Technology)**

Students work with Honeywell Engineers to build electrical cars from scratch using materials found at home. The program culminates with a race, where everyone rides the team's electrical car for speed and endurance.

## *Tuesday/Wednesday*



### **DEBATE**

What do Brad Pitt, Oprah Winfrey, and Supreme Court Justice Sonia Sotomayor all have in common? They were on their high school debate team! You can have the opportunity to debate in middle school - and who knows where that will take you? As President Obama said in his speech to all students, "Maybe you could be a mayor or a senator or a Supreme Court justice, but you might not know that until you join student government or the debate team." Northeast Middle School is a part of the Minnesota Urban Debate League. We will compete against 5 other middle schools throughout the Twin Cities. Students will have the chance to go to 4 tournaments held throughout the year at local colleges and universities. This year students will debate the resolution: **The United States Federal Government will substantially increase social services for people living in poverty.**

## *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 help **WRITE, DIRECT** and then **ACT** in short skits that promote a positive climate here at Northeast. You will have a chance to perform your skits. All you need is a desire to make this a better world and a ton of creativity. **To be a part of Climate Theatre, you must complete the Climate Theatre Application at the back of this packet. Turn in the application along with your permission slip.**

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## 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

### Model United Nations



Become a delegate for a country. Learn how a United Nations delegate represents his country. Research will be an important part of this program as you explore this year's issue: Children's Rights. This group offers a great way to gain an international perspective.

### Young Money



Do you enjoy learning about business and making money? Do you want to find out what it takes to run your **own** business, be active in your community, and be successful at accomplishing your dreams? Come join us for games, hands-on activities, role playing, and special guests! All students are welcome.

### Nighthawks Music Studio



Learn to play keyboard and recording techniques, Podcasting, editing and mixing music using Garageband. Join Mr. Martin in the Mac Lab! Limit 15

### FIRST IN MATH TEAM

Do you like to compete against other schools? Do you like being a part of a team? Come play math games, earn stickers and help your team! You can learn to play a variety of games from addition/subtraction to learning about angles and algebra. Bring to class: Your competitive and team spirit! Limit 8



### **SPACE EXPLORATION AND ROCKETRY!**

Join the Boy Scouts to learn about, build, and launch your own rocket. Discover amazing facts about the International Space Station. Learn why we built it and what it is doing now. Create and design a base station for the Moon or Mars. Figure out how you will power it, where will the air come from, and what it will do. Come join the adventure!

## Thursday

### After School Choir

Do you love to sing? Come be a part of this upbeat and fun choir.



### 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 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.



### Computer Club

Do you enjoy using computers? Would you like to learn more about computers, but don't have one at home? Come join us as we learn about the basic parts that make a computer work. Have fun learning how to use a computer in a responsible way and how to fix problems when they occur. The class will conclude with a celebration in which each student can take a computer home with their parents to keep and use at their home. Limit 15



### After School Science Help

Would you like extra science help after school? Come and have your questions answered by Mr. Vreeland. Get help with any science work and labs. Help is available for all grades.



### Nighthawk News

**Seeking all creative writers, designers and cartoonists!** Do you like to write stories? Are you good at interviewing and talking to people? Are you an artist? The Nighthawk News is looking for talented and hard working people at Northeast Middle School to create an awesome newspaper that will tell our stories, share our events and entertain us. Bring to class: Your passion for writing! Limit 15

### Spanish Speaking Academic Help

Come and receive math and reading help taught in Spanish. This class is for students whose first language is Spanish.



## Climate Theatre Application



Name \_\_\_\_\_ ID# \_\_\_\_\_

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* \_\_\_\_\_

*Submit this application with your signed permission form.*