

NORTHEAST BEACONS **FALL 2010** **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

**ALL PROGRAMS LISTED IN THIS BROCHURE ARE FREE,
EXCEPT FOR THE THEATRE CLASS.**

AFTER SCHOOL BUSES AND SNACKS PROVIDED

SPRING SESSION STARTS MONDAY,
OCTOBER 4, 2010 AND RUNS THROUGH
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 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 1st violation and a total loss of bus privileges for a 2nd 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, 1st offense. (5 days)

Monday



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



Soccer

Are you an avid soccer fan? Do you love to play? Come join us for a great time playing the most popular sport in the world. LIMIT 20



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 20



Drumming!

Students will learn ethnic beats from Africa, the Caribbean, South America, the Middle East and from Europe. Students will get the opportunity to create their own beats. Each student will get to perform solos. The focus will be on discipline, listening and playing together. We will learn at least 6-8 rhythms. Students and parents will be required to sign an agreement regarding the use of the drums. LIMIT 8

Monday/ Wednesday



GEMS

COME ON GIRLS - show them that you are interested in engineering, math and science too! Are you interested in being a scientist, a doctor, or even an astronaut? You can do it you know! Girls in Engineering, Mathematics, and Science (GEMS), is a program designed specifically for **YOU!** Come participate in activities that will give you the opportunity to pursue and cultivate your interest in these topics.

Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday

Fall Play Reading and Acting

Fall Play Reading and Acting will be a collaboration among teachers, artists, and students. We will strengthen our reading skills through performance while reading and creating plays. Daily attendance will be required for students with main cast roles. We will end the fall session with a performance of our work on December 9th and 10th. There will be extended rehearsals closer to the performance. Fee: \$35 (includes a cast T-shirt) to be paid to the director, Dudley Voigt, the first week of after school. LIMIT 50

Team AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination)

This is the after school extension of the AVID day school elective program, which students are required to attend at least 1 day a week. Students will engage in hands on problem solving as well as developing strong reading and writing skills. **Open to current AVID students only.**

Tuesday



Best Cars (Bridging Engineering Science and Technology)

6th Graders!!! Come work with Honeywell Engineers to build electrical cars from scratch using materials found at home. **This class will run the entire school year, and will culminate with an exciting race, where everyone rides the team's electrical car for speed and endurance at the end of spring session.** For 6th graders only.

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

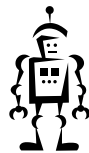
Tuesday/Wednesday



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 on the United States Military Policy in Afghanistan.**

Tuesday/Thursday



GISE (Guys in Science & Engineering)

They may look like toys, but the LEGO Mindstorms gears, motors and sensors we use in Guys in Science and Engineering (GISE) allow us to create seriously sophisticated robots. Come join us after school. We'll teach you how to program robots to obey your every command. Then put them to the test in front of a screaming crowd during the final competition. *Must be able to attend both days each week, and compete with your robot on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011.* LIMIT 20

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

Wednesday



Reading & Recipes

Read interesting facts about nutrition and various types of foods. Then prepare snacks that you can recreate at home. We will create favorite dishes, as well as stretch your taste buds. You **MUST** sign up for this class and turn in your slips **quickly** to get a place! LIMIT 36

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



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! With your help, we will plan some great activities. LIMIT 12



Nighthawk News

Do you like to write? Do you like taking pictures? Do you like talking with interesting people? Then this is the place for you! Have fun interviewing students and teachers. Write comics. Write riddles. Create puzzles. **We'll work together to create an amazing newspaper we can all be proud of.** Be creative! Be digital! Be a journalist! Limit 20

Thursday

Everyday Leaders

Be involved in making your school and community a better place. There will be opportunities to do fun and interesting service projects. Past year's groups have 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



Writers Club

Do you love using your creative energy to produce magnificent works of poetry, prose, plays, or powerful stories? YES! Well then the Writers Club is the perfect place for you! You will personalize your own writing journal, work on all different kinds of writing styles, take a look at teens who have been published, and even submit work to Teen Ink, a teen literary magazine! This could be your chance to be a published author! Don't delay, sign up now!

