



GREATER HOUSTON LIGHTS ON ALLIANCE

The Greater Houston Lights On Alliance invites you to share in the celebration of **Lights On AfterSchool** on October 28, 2021. Created by the Afterschool Alliance in Washington D.C., **Lights On** is an event observed nationwide to call attention to the importance of out-of-school time programs for America's children, families and communities.

Lights On Afterschool 2021 Kickoff Activities

Please join us in this vital effort to “**Turn the Lights On After-School!**” by hosting an awareness event (live or virtual) at your program leading up to and on October 28th. Use this time to reach out to your community and showcase why afterschool programs continue to be essential to the success of greater Houston's youth and families. On the big day, roll out the red carpet and invite your parents, community partners to safely visit the stars of the program – our YOUTH! We've included some celebration ideas below.

Week 1: October 11–October 15: Get Moving & Get Healthy!

- Create an healthy snack obstacle course in the shape of a light bulb for your students.
- Host a Flashback Friday event by playing classic games like Double Dutch, Capture the Flag, Four Square, or Hopscotch.

Week 2: October 18–October 22: It's all about TECHNOLOGY!

- Make a YouTube or Instagram video about the afterschool program.
- Try coding! Visit www.code.org for ideas.

Week 3: October 15–October 19: Youth Voice for Afterschool!

- Print out light bulb templates and color and create a unique display.
- Create a sidewalk chalk art gallery of light bulbs outside your program.
- Host a Facebook Live event by interviewing the school principal or a nonprofit board member.
- Take a photo of students in the Lightbulb Challenge pose.

Week 4: Host a *Lights On Afterschool* event on October 28, 2021

Programs are encouraged to register their event and download free event resources/ideas at www.afterschoolalliance.org.

We encourage programs to share their **Lights On** celebrations via social media using hashtags:

#LightsOnHOU and **#LightsOnAfterSchool**

For more information, email: tfinley@hcde-texas.org.

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LIGHTS ON AFTERSCHOOL

A PROJECT OF THE AFTERSCHOOL ALLIANCE

USE THE BLANK SPACE IN THE LIGHTBULB TO DRAW YOUR VERY OWN LIGHTS ON SELF-PORTRAIT!

MY NAME:

PROGRAM NAME:

MY FAVORITE AFTERSCHOOL ACTIVITY:

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