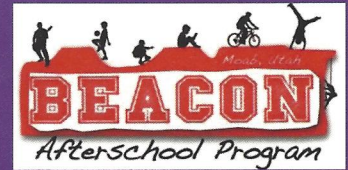




EMPOWERING STUDENTS TO DISCOVER THEIR INNATE ABILITY TO SUCCEED

BEACON Afterschool Program 2015/16 Annual Report



"An adventure in learning"

BEACON Accomplishments in 2015/16:

- ➔ 665 total students enrolled: 353 at Helen M Knight Elementary (HMK), 206 at Grand County Middle School (GCMS), and 106 at Moab Charter School (MCS).
- ➔ 38% students attended 30+ days: 172 at HMK, 52 at GCMS, and 27 at MCS.
- ➔ 26% at-risk students attended 30+ days: 121 at HMK, 34 at GCMS, and 19 at MCS.
- ➔ 155 students on average attend the program each day: 102 at HMK, 29 at GCMS, and 24 at MCS, with 53% receiving programming at a free or reduced rate.
- ➔ We are increasing school day attendance. At HMK, 42% of 30+ day students increased attendance and 31% at GCMS.
- ➔ We increased the quality of programming at MCS through the Afterschool Quality Improvement grant awarded by the Office of Child Care.
- ➔ We enhanced STEM programming through the purchase of new snap circuit, Lego Robotics, and video equipment at HMK & GCMS- offering 25 STEM clubs. We will be enhancing STEM at MCS next year with help from new equipment purchase.
- ➔ Over 50 students participated in service learning at GCMS.
- ➔ We are increasing grades. 53% of BEACON 30+ day at-risk students increased grades in Language Arts. 54% of BEACON 30+ day at-risk students increased grades in Math.



The Moab Strings Program had more than 50 students enrolled from our 3 programming sites. The groups performed 9 recitals and 2 flash mobs this year!



Girls on the Run had more participants than ever before this school year. We enrolled 30 girls between 4-8th grades at all 3 program sites.



"BEACON is a success and a real a treasure for this community! Not only do we help children perform better academically, we build life skills training into all of our programming. Children gain essential skills in team work, problem-solving, self-responsibility, and creating healthy lifestyles. All of these skills will serve our children well as they move through school and into their adult lives."- Edith Sage, BEACON Program Director

Academic Programming

Academic programming varies at each site. At HMK we have small group tutoring 4 days per week for each grade level and a Homework Club where students have structured space to complete assignments. At MCS small group tutoring takes place 2 days per week and we are working towards 4 days. At GCMS, we host homework help each day afterschool and individualized, as-needed tutoring.



HMK Elementary

- 139 students enrolled in Academic Programming
- 75% of 30+ day at-risk students increased grades in Math
- 68% of 30+ day at-risk students increased grades in Language Arts

Grand County Middle School

- 196 students enrolled in Academic Programming
- 41% of 30+ day at-risk students increased grades in Math
- 34% of 30+ day at-risk students increased grades in Language Arts

Moab Charter School

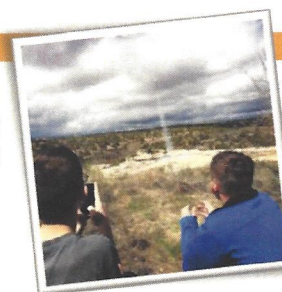
- 26 students enrolled in Academic Programming
- 47% of 30+ day at-risk students increased grades in Math
- 58% of 30+ day at-risk students increased grades in Language Arts

Enrichment Programming

BEACON Afterschool Program provides unique offerings for students to learn and discover new interests and talents. At each site we create intentional learning opportunities in the arts, sciences, recreation and more that connect with school day learning and the Utah Core Curriculum.

"Our son has high functioning autism. He benefits a great deal from the BEACON clubs he has participated in this year. They help continue his education and expand his knowledge and do it in a fun creative way that grabs his interest; it allows him to explore different things he's interested in, express himself in many ways and helps him a great deal socially." - BEACON Parent

"Several of my students that attend BEACON look forward to their BEACON activities and speak positively about them. Students that attend BEACON have an increased connection to school." - HMK teacher



HMK Elementary

- 90 Enrichment Clubs, 100% aligned with Core Curriculum
- 253 students enrolled in Enrichment

Moab Charter School

- 10% of clubs aligned with Core Curriculum
- 102 students enrolled in Enrichment

Grand County Middle School

- 40% of clubs aligned with the Core Curriculum
- 143 students enrolled in Enrichment



Science & STEM

Lego Robotics • Nature Detectives • Mad 1st Grade Science • Movie Making • Science Explorers • Garden Adventures • Big Shot Camera • Mythbusters • Snap Circuits • Photoshop

Arts & Humanities

Zumba • Kung Fu • Sketching • Crafts with 4H • Taiko Drumming • Theatre • Green Team Recycling • BEACON Moab Strings Program •

Outdoors & Recreation

Climbing • Swimming • Mountain Biking • Winter Survival Club • Board Games • Frisbee • Soccer • Weird Sports • Archery

Language & Writing

Spanish Club • Creative Writing • Literary Magazine • Comic Creators •

Family Outreach

BEACON's family outreach component is thriving and growing. In 2015-16 we created new family engagement events and strategies, and continued our long-term efforts of providing outreach services to families. BEACON strives to incorporate family feedback into the resources and events we provide and encourage families to get in touch with needs, questions, and feedback.



"Bringing families together, to learn, to play, and to celebrate is one of my favorite things we do at BEACON. Our family programs are exciting-they bring parents into our program to see the work their students are doing and gives affordable, fun, and educational opportunities for families to spend time together."- Jeremy Spaulding, GCMS Site Coordinator



Family & Community Events

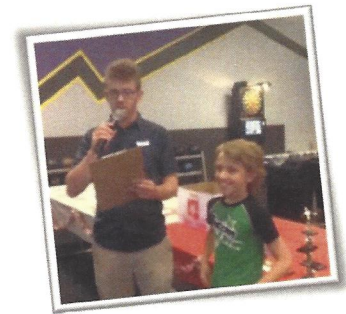
- Lights On!
- Family Bowling
- Moab Gear Trader Dodgeball Tournament
- Cyber Safety Workshop
- Family Ceramics Night
- Annual Family Picnic

Resources

- 57 family referrals made to community resources including: low cost dental care, mental health services, medical, and translation services

New Outreach Strategies

- Positive parent phone calls
- "Parent Tip" hand-outs (checking grades, summer learning, engaging in sports)
- Family Engagement Goals at each program site
- Parent Surveys



A BEACON student receiving a trophy at our Family Bowling Event

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

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Moab Recreation & Aquatics Center • Red River Adventures • Moab Cliffs & Canyons • Moab Desert Adventures • Desert Highlights • Gear Heads • La Sal Mountain Outfitters • Moab Valley Multicultural Center • Youth Garden Project • Grand County Public Library • Utah State University Extension & 4H • WabiSabi • Moab Golf Course • Moab Taiko Dan • Moonflower Community Cooperative • Moab Rock Shop • Tech Zen • Zax Restaurant • Eddie McStiffs • Gravel Pit Lanes Canyonlands Field Institute • Walker True Value • Paradox Pizza • Rim Cyclery • Moab Gear Trader Big Horn Lodge • Best Western Canyonlands Inn • Sweet Cravings • Grand County High School Science Olympiad • Magpie Cycling • Western Spirit Cycling • Moab Mountain Bike Instruction Escape Adventures • Grand Area Mentoring • Moab Regional Hospital • Gallery Moab Canyonlands Field Airport • Grand County Sheriff Search & Rescue • Chile Pepper Bike Shop Seekhaven • Four Corners Community Behavioral Health • Girls on the Run • Local Interagency Council • Moab Half Marathon • Moab Yoga • City Market • Pizza Hut • Grand County EMS • Moab Fire Department • The Spoke • The T-Shirt Shop • Sabaku Sushi • Back of Beyond Books • Child Evangelism Fellowship • Desert West Office Supply • Moab City Recreation • Utah First Lego League

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How can I support Afterschool Programming in Grand County?



1. Donate online by visiting moabbeacon.net/donate.html or by mail: 264 South 400 East
2. Donate in-kind- your unused art materials, sports equipment, etc.
3. Contact a Site Coordinator to find out how you can volunteer!



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*"Guess what? I get to go to BEACON today!
It's my favorite day of the week. Don't you wish
you could go to BEACON too?" - BEACON student*

AFTERSCHOOL BENEFITS THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY

Did you know?...

- ✓ 65% of rural parents agree that afterschool programs help children gain workforce skills
- ✓ 62% of rural parents agree that afterschool programs excite children about learning
- ✓ 84% of rural parents support public funding for afterschool programs
- ✓ 73% of rural parents agree that afterschool programs help give working parents peace of mind about their children when they are at work
- ✓ 72% of rural parents agree that afterschool programs help working parents keep their jobs

Data from Afterschool Alliance: America After 3PM