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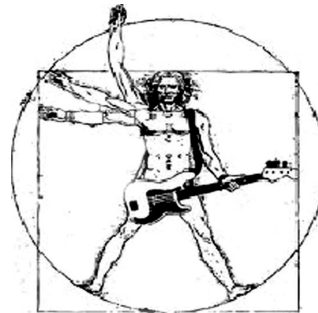
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# Family First

## Title 1 and 21st Century After School Program Newsletter

### DaVinci's Coffeehouse, a new 21st Century after school program at Fitchburg High School!

DaVinci's Coffeehouse is a place for discovery, innovation and creative expression within an environment recalling the cultural history of European coffeehouses where members would congregate to talk, write, read, entertain one another, or pass the time, whether individually or in small groups. The Coffeehouse is named after Leonardo DaVinci who is widely considered to be one of



the greatest artists of all time! *It is within this environment that we hope to inspire teens to explore their personal identity, their own voice, talents, interests, and dreams for the future.* DaVinci's Coffeehouse operates

Monday through Thursday from 1:45 - 4:45 pm. A healthy snack is provided and bus transportation is available. **There are no student fees or costs associated with this program.** For more information contact Maria Ulloa-Hancock, Program Coordinator at FHS: 978-345-3240 X 170 or visit [www.fitchburgarts.org](http://www.fitchburgarts.org) for registration form and brochure.

### Beginner Bookworms Family Program—6th Year—Another Beginning

Rosemary Reynolds graciously read at the Beginner Bookworms Program on October 21st. Beginner Bookworms is a monthly program that welcomes community leaders who read to Kindergarten through second grade students. The program is held the third Thursday of every month, from 4:30-5:30 at the Fitchburg Public Library in the Garden Room. Each child enjoys a story, craft or activity and snack. What a wonderful program for families to enjoy. This program is sponsored by the Fitchburg Public Schools Title I Department. For more

information please contact Eva Kelly, the Title I parent Liaison at 978-343-2118.



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## Sport Cup Stacking



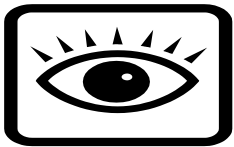
Sport Cup Stacking at McKay 21st Century Program

A new wave has taken over the 21st Century After School Program at McKay/FAA. An activity called "Sport Cup Stacking" was introduced by instructor Jann Grutchfield in October and now every afternoon you can hear a clicking sound echoing in the cafeteria. On one level this activity can measure hand/ eye coordination. It presents a challenge but even the spectators find it exciting and something that's hard to put down once

you start. By practicing you can increase your speed and technique. "Different students learn at different rates" says Megan Ptak, one of the participants. Since the McKay/FAA site has students in 2nd grade through 8th grade each age group has become fascinated, so it doesn't matter how old you are to get hooked. Sara Love, another participant, said "It's fun and easy to learn." The strategies that the students use are mites, shuffle

stacking, cycle partner stacking, and face-off challenges. The relays cause as much cheering as any Super Bowl game. There are several size cups they use; super mini, mini, regular and jumbo. This adds to the challenge and strategy you have to use. It may not become the next Olympic sport but every afternoon at McKay we're having fun. Submitted by Janice Tata.

### Keep an Eye



New 21st Century Family Program

Pizza at Pick Up



Coming in January!

## Looking Back on



Summer may be behind us, but if your child participated in a quality summer program like 21st Century, chances are he/she started school on the right foot. Students who attended the 21st Century Camp Innovation 2010 achieved significant gains from Pre to Post student surveys: 27% gain in Learning Skills, 22 % gain in behavior in the program, 28% gain in Initiative to learn, 26% gain in developing adult relationships and 24% gain in developing peer relationships. Source: 2010 Survey of After School Youth Outcomes (SAYO) Summer Evaluation Report for Fitchburg.



Wishing you a Happy Holiday Season

## 21st Century FAMILIES!! Re-Enroll for Session II

Session I ends Dec 16th—don't forget to re-enroll your child for Session II. Your Learning Center Coordinator will be sending home a notice soon asking if your child will be returning to the program. Space is limited! Call your learning center coordinator if you have questions.

# Lights on After-School—Support After School

During the week of October 18, 21st Century Scholars learning centers celebrated “Lights on After School”, a national event recognizing the importance of afterschool programs for children and youth across the nation.

Jennifer Jones, 21st Century district supervisor said “this is our 4th year celebrating Lights On. We open our learning centers to families, children, and local leaders so they can visit the many activities offered at each learning center. We hope as a result, we bring awareness about our programs and how they

help children succeed in school.” For more information about this national campaign, visit: [www.afterschoolalliance.org](http://www.afterschoolalliance.org)  
21st Century accepts donations of any size - please

call 978-343-6714 about how you can help a worthy child attend after school!

## Lights On After-School Display at Memorial



**McKay Bingo for Books during Lights On After-School**

## McKay celebrated Lights on ....

After school with a Bingo for Books program. Parents were invited to participate in a game of Bingo with their child. Winners choose from an array of books to take home and enjoy with their families.



## Where do I get more information?



**For Family and 21st Century events:  
[www.fitchburgarts.org](http://www.fitchburgarts.org)  
or  
[www.fitchburg.k12.ma.us](http://www.fitchburg.k12.ma.us)**

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# Upcoming Family Events...

## December

### Middle School Book Swap

Thursday, December 2, 2010-  
5:00-7:30

Longsjo Middle School

### Middle School 101

Wednesday, December 8, 2010  
5:00-7:00

Memorial Middle School

### Elementary School Book Swap

Thursday, December 9, 2010-5:00-7:30

South Street Elementary School

### Make and Take Literacy Games

Tuesday, December 14, 2010  
6:00-7:00

Reingold Elementary School

## Beginner Bookworms

Thursday, December 16, 2010  
4:30-5:30

Fitchburg Public Library

## January

### Pocket Math

Thursday, January 6, 2011  
And Thursday, January 13, 2011  
6:30-7:30

South Street Elementary School

### Middle School 101

Wednesday, January 12, 2011  
5:00-7:00  
Memorial Middle School - Cafeteria



## Bingo for Books

Tuesday, January 11, 2011

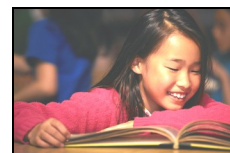
3:00-5:30

Crocker Elementary School

## Beginner Bookworms

Thursday, January 20, 2011  
4:30-5:30

Fitchburg Public Library



# 21st Century Learning Centers and Calendar

Crocker Elementary School: Grades 2-4

Monday—Thursday

Before School: 7:55-8:55 am

After School: 3:10-5:10 pm

Program Coordinator: Elizabeth Legadinos 978-345-3290

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South Street Elementary School: Grades 2-4

Monday—Thursday

Before School: 7:55am—8:55 am

After School: 3:10 pm -5:10 pm

Program Coordinator: Kim L'Ecuyer 978-348-2300

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McKay Campus Elementary School: Grades 2-4

Monday—Thursday

After School: 2:15pm-5:15pm

Program Coordinator: Janice Tata 978-424-7231

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Reingold Elementary School Grades 2-4

After School: 2:30 pm—5:30 pm

Program Coordinator: Cynthia Hachey 978345-3289

Memorial Middle School: Grades 5-8

After School: Monday—Thursday 1:30-4:30

Program Coordinator: Robert Brochu 978-345-3295

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Longsjo Middle School: Grades 5-8

After School: Week A: Mon-Thursday 3:45-5:45

Program Coordinator: Judith Cosenza 978-345-3278

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DaVinci's Coffee House

After School: Monday—Thursday 1:45-4:45

Program Coordinator:

Maria Ulloa-Handcock 978-345-3240 Ext.170

## 21st Century Calendar through Session II

**December 17** Session I ends  
**Dec 20, 21, 22** NO AFTER SCHOOL  
Dec 23—Jan 3 Winter Break

**January 3** NO AFTER SCHOOL  
**January 4** Session II begins  
January 17 NO SCHOOL  
February 15-19 February Break – programs TBA  
**March 17** Session II Ends