

Unicoi Elementary Afterschool Newsletter

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We are an afterschool program serving children in 1st-5th grade at Unicoi Elementary. This program is funded by the LEAPs Grant through the University of Tennessee Extension Office.

March is Science Month!

During the month of March, afterschool students will get to participate in two great science programs:

- On March 3, the Hands-On Museum will come to our program and help students discover the exciting world of polymers by making silly putty.
- On March 31, we will welcome Mr. Bond the Science Guy for "Hair Raising Electricity" fun. Students will light up lightbulbs, shock each other, make their own hair stand on end and of course, create explosions!

The topics of these programs were chosen to reinforce what your student is learning during the school day in science class— but with extra hands-on learning and fun!



A recent Fun Friday in February involved building and launching paper rockets. J.R. Arnold from the 4-H Camp in Greeneville came to our afterschool program to teach an exciting lesson on Newton's Laws of Motion.

Important Dates:

March 3: Fun Friday: Polymers and Putty Program

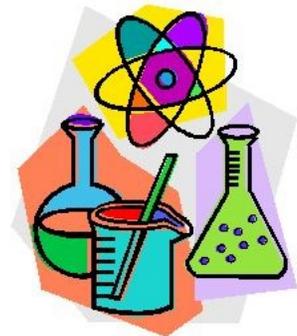
March 10: No Afterschool—early dismissal

March 16: No Afterschool—Parent-Teacher Conferences

March 20-22: Afterschool Program closed

March 24: Fun Friday: Movie and popcorn day

March 31: Fun Friday: Mr. Bond-Science Guy program



Regular Attendance is Key to Student Success

Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success—both in school and in life. The same can be said for attendance in afterschool; in fact, research shows that the more students attend afterschool, the better they do in school and the more regular their attendance. At Unicoi Elementary Afterschool, we require students to attend an average of three days each week to fully benefit from the program. Please make sure your child comes to afterschool regularly!

Afterschool Program closed March 20-22

Our afterschool program will be closed Monday, March 20 through Wednesday, March 22 while staff attend the National Afterschool Association Conference in Dallas, TX. Afterschool will re-open on Thursday, March 23. We hope to bring some great ideas back to improve our afterschool program!