



Meadowlands Area YMCA 21stCCLC After School Program

Celebrating 10 Years of Lights On After School Program

October 2023



On October 26th students from the **Robert L. Craig School** celebrated the **National Lights On After School Program**. In America today, 7.6 million children are alone and unsupervised after school. For the last 10 years, the Moonachie Afterschool Program has been keeping students safe, helping working families and inspiring learning. The program also provides opportunities to help young people develop into successful adults.



Without the partnerships and the financial support of the New Jersey 21st Century Community Learning Centers, The YMCA and the Borough of Moonachie we could not provide the afterschool science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics programs that comprise the (STEAM) curriculum and enrichment programs that our students enjoy.

Afterschool programs cross every sector and when you put funding toward afterschool and summer programming, you're supporting students' education, you're supporting the workforce, because families have a place for their children to thrive in a nurturing and learning environment. Rest assure we are all working together to make certain those lights are on afterschool.

Phil Facendola
Program Director



Bergen County Academies and Technical High Schools Seek Applications by Nov. 30

In October, Robert L. Craig School's eighth grade students had the opportunity to meet with representatives of **Bergen County Academies**, **Bergen County Technical High School Teterboro**, **Bergen County Technical High School Paramus**, **Applied Technology High School with Bergen Community College**, and **Bergen County Institutes for Science & Technology at Northern Valley Regional High School in Demarest**.

The deadline for applying to these schools is Thursday, November 30, 2023. Each school provides students with the opportunity to continue their studies in **specific fields**. In the event students missed the presentation they still have time to begin the application process. If students click on the name of each school campus name below, they can learn about the application process for each school and the number of majors each school offers its students.

Students are encouraged to see if the following schools are a fit for you.

Bergen County Academies – [Hackensack Campus](#)

Bergen County Technical High School – [Teterboro Campus](#)

Bergen County Technical High School – [Paramus Campus](#)

Applied Technology School – [Paramus Campus](#)

Bergen County Institutes for Science & Technology – [NVRHS - Demarest](#)

These schools have high standards and are searching for the best of the best, and could put our students on the fast track to achieve their academic and career goals. We're hoping that some of our Robert L. Craig students will apply and be accepted to one of the many schools that visited with us in October.



Tricks & Treats



There was no shortage of tricks & treats at the **Robert L. Craig School** this Halloween. Students got into the spirit by participating in a number of events sponsored by the **Borough of Moonachie** and the **RLC PTO**.

From the Rag-A-Muffin Parade, where students showed off their costumes at the Trunk or Treat, where parents and guardians provided candy and other treats from the trunks of their cars.

Throughout the day there was live music, games, prizes for the best costumes and decorated trunk, as well as a dance for students from Pre-K thru the 8th Grade. To view video from this year's parade, [please click here](#). The video is courtesy of the RLC PTO.



Christmas Tree Lighting Set for Sat. Dec. 2



Once again, students from Robert L. Craig School will be participating in the **Town Tree Decorating Contest** taking place at **Bergen County's Winter Wonderland at Van Saun Park** in Paramus.

Our student will be making decorations and helping to decorate our town tree at the park. We will be allowed to decorate the Moonachie Tree from Monday, November 27 thru Friday, December 1.

During the official **Winter Wonderland Tree Lighting Ceremony on Dec. 2 at 6 p.m.** the winning town tree will be announced. The community that wins will be awarded a free town day during the open skate day in January or February.



The Moonachie Christmas Tree Lighting is scheduled for **Saturday, December 2 – 7:00 p.m.** at Moonachie Borough Hall located at 70 Moonachie Road.

Come out and hear the **Robert L. Craig School Chorus** sing some of your favorite Christmas songs.

Join the fun and enjoy the holiday festivities.

- Refreshments
- Entertainment
- Train Ride
- And a Visit from Santa

