

A new movement is taking root in America's public schools, and Rockcastle County Middle School is assuming a leading role. This year, some 4,000 schools across the country, including Rockcastle Middle School, will operate 21st Century Community Learning Centers - structured afterschool programs designed to put and keep kids on the path to achievement. In fact, Rockeastle County recently announced that it is one of just 435 districts around the nation to receive a U.S. Department of Education 21st Century Community Learning Center grant to support its afterschool program, selected for funding from among 4,000 applicants

The trend toward afterschool programs is just in time. More than 28 million school-age children have either their only parent or both parents working outside the home. As many as 15 million "latchkey children" go home after school each day to a house with no adult supervision, and without the opportunities to learn that afterschool programs can provide

The juvenile crime rate triples between the hours of 3 p.m. and 8 p.m., with violent crimes by juveniles peaking between 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. - the hour at the end of the school day. Why? In part because an increasing number of our children are unsupervised during these late afternoon hours, while parents are at work. What these children heed is a structured alternative to being out on the streets, looking for and finding - trouble.

Afterschool programs provide that needed alternative, while helping children with their studies and providing a range of enrichment activities. Studies show that programs like RCMS's reduce dropout rates, improve attendance and boost academic achievement. Our middle school is proud to take a leadership role in the burgeoning afterschool movement, and we are very excited about the chance to provide our children with a positive afternoon alternative to the streets.

- 21st Century Community Learning Center Community Interest Survey

A part of the 21st Century Commi				
community members. Would you p	lease take a few mini	ites of your time to con	plete the following s	urvey?
Your responses will help us determ	ine what classes to of	fer and the best time to	offer these classes	Thank
you very much for your time!		274		

1	4	We want these community education classes to be as convenient to you as possible	
		classes will take place in the evenings. Please check the days of the week that would be bet	ter for
		you to attend. Please place a 1 by the best day for you to attend, place a 2 for the next best of	day for
		you to attend and so on	

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- We also need to know what time of day would be more convenient for you. These classes will take place in the evenings, 3 00-8 00, and will be approximately 2-3 hours in length. What would be the best time, between 3 00-8 00, for you to attend?
- If you were to participate in these classes, would you be in need of child care? Please circle an option. YES NO
- The Center will be providing telecommunications and technology classes Participants will receive "hands-on" training in a computer lab. Please place a check mark by the computer classes you would be interested in participating in. You can choose more than one

	basic computer skills
Ξ	Internet .
0	landscape architecture
107	desktop publishing

Virtual Library

word processing home design using Auto CAD

budgeting using a spreadsheet web page design

Are there any other areas of technology you would like to know more about?

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The 21" Century Communit	ly Learning Center will be offering parenting skills education progra	m
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Preparing	Your Student for College
	a Quality Daycare Provide

Gangs: Signs to Look For Financial Aid Opportunities Anger Management

Helping Teenagers Cope with Peer Pressure

Are there any other paren	nting skills you would like to know more about?	

The 21" Century Community Learning Center will also be working with the local health departmen
and social service agencies to provide programs to address the nutrition and health concerns of the
community. Please check the classes that interest you.

- 4	aerobics
	weight-training

weight control

fire & rescue	CPR	ATV safety	
bicycle safety	first aid .	hunter safety	
Are there any other s	afety classes that	t you would like to see offered?	
The 21" Century Con below please check to	mmunity Learning	Center would also like to offer art classes ould like to take.	From the list
·wood working	sewing	quilting	
creative writing	painting	music lessons, what instrument?	
pottery	drawing	ethnic food, what ethnicity?	
photography	drama	dance, what type of dancing?	
Are there any other a	art classes you we	ould like to see offered?	
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Are there any other nutrition or health issues you would like to know more about?

Thank you for completing this survey. Your responses will be of great assistance. If you would like to receive information on future classes offered at the 21" Century Community Learning Center, please complete the following information.

Name:		
Address:	Ten 1	

Phone:	E-mail:	

Return Surveys to: 21st Century Community Learning Center, Attn: Jenny Sweet, Rockcastle County Board of Education, 245 Richmond St., Mt. Vernon, KY 40456 or parents may drop-off or return with child to any school.