

# 21 Club – LearningWorks Afterschool at Skillin

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## What is 21 Club/LearningWorks Afterschool?

21 Club is a hands-on, project-based afterschool program focused on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) education. 21 Club is specifically designed to give students a positive learning experience that fosters **excitement about learning** and contributes to their **confidence** and **success** in school!

21 Club provides opportunities every day to practice and reinforce skills in **reading** (fiction and nonfiction), **writing** (science notebooks), **math**, **speaking/listening**, and **vocabulary**.

Students participate in “Engineering Adventures” from the Boston Museum of Science, where they build skills in: Problem solving, Teamwork, Communication, Creative Thinking.

## Fall Highlights



We have been busy for our first 6 weeks of programming! Students have started learning about invasive species in our fall engineering unit: “Hop to It” where students have to design a trap to catch the invasive Cane Toad in Australia and New Zealand.

Staff and students have been busy working on team-building activities, making art and learning Spanish on Thursdays, and running around and having fun in Outdoor Games.

On October 23<sup>rd</sup>, students were able to travel to Hansel's Orchard to pick apples, and on October 31<sup>st</sup>, they will visit Inn By the Sea!

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## Upcoming Events

### November 2

Lights On! Afterschool  
Celebration @ 380  
Cumberland Ave, Portland

### November 4

Daylight Saving's – Turn those  
clocks back an hour!

### November 12

No Program – SPPS Closed

## Sample Daily Schedule

*Actual schedule may vary due to special events, field trips, and weather*

3:05-3:40

Check-In, Snack & Recess

3:45 – 4:00

Quiet Work

4:00-4:15

Afternoon Message/Mindfulness

4:15-5:15

STEM/Club

5:15-5:25

Reflection Meeting

5:30-5:35

## Things to Look Forward To:

### November 2<sup>nd</sup>: Lights On! Afterschool Event/First Friday

Join the LearningWorks After school family, along with our MECA Art students at a special celebration of Afterschool Programs, student displays, and other fun things! Free and open to the public! Event will be 4-6 PM at 380 Cumberland Ave in Portland.

### November 14<sup>th</sup>: Field Trip to South Portland Public Library

Students will travel to the main branch of the South Portland Public Library on this day to learn how to get a library card, where books that may interest them are located in the library, and what other resources are available to students.

### December 6<sup>th</sup>: Family Celebration of Learning 4:30-6PM

Join 21 Club students and staff on this evening to learn all about what our students did during their first engineering unit this fall. Students will share their designs, and teach you all about invasive species!

## Some Fun Picture Highlights



Paper Not Floor Team Building



SoPo 21 Club at Hansels Orchard



Afternoon Meeting



Building Towers w/ Algorithms

## Meet our Staff!

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## 21 Club Website:

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- Contact Staff
- Download forms & other important information
- See what we are up to!

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