



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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## Monrovia Unified Village Program to Host State Sen. Portantino at Lights On After School Celebration

**WHAT:** Monrovia Unified School District's award-winning Village Extended School Program, which provides before- and after-school support for more than 600 District elementary and middle school students, will host a Lights On After School celebration highlighting student achievement with entertainment, songs and dance. Special guests include state Sen. Anthony Portantino, who pledged his support to increase After School Education and Safety (ASES) Program funding throughout the state.

The program will begin with students from Santa Fe Middle, and Monroe and Plymouth elementary schools, receiving student recognition awards. Village Program students will then perform a dance tribute to Michael Jackson.

**WHEN:** **Wednesday, Oct. 11**  
3:30 to 5:30 p.m.

**WHERE:** Santa Fe Middle School  
148 W. Duarte Road  
Monrovia

**DETAILS:** Since 1999, MUSD's Village Program has provided academic assistance and enrichment activities to Monrovia students, supported through an ASES grant. In 2016, the California Department of Education designated Plymouth Elementary School as a Distinguished After School Health (DASH) school. Portantino, Senate Budget Subcommittee on Education Chair, has worked for a rate increase for ASES, to better serve schools throughout California.

Lights On After School is a nationwide program dedicated to promoting afterschool programs. More than 8,000 schools will participate in the Lights On celebration in October 2017.

**MEDIA:** For on-site event information, contact Nancy Yeang at (909) 331-6646

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Inspire students to engage in meaningful learning in a safe and nurturing environment that embraces diversity.

Challenge students to be ethical, productive members and leaders of the community.

### OUR VISION

Our students will be ethical, compassionate individuals who:

- graduate from high school prepared for college and career,
- contribute and adapt to an ever-changing world by being resourceful and responsible citizens, and
- embrace diversity.