

# The STEALTH Scoop

See how #AfterschoolWorks in the Wichita Public Schools



## Welcome Back to In-Person Programming!

Thank you all for the great work you did to ensure that students remained connected to school during our remote learning period! Watching the quick transition to virtual learning was inspiring to say the least. I am so proud of the work you all do each and every day to provide an essential service to our families. We know that our program is so much more than childcare - but providing a safe, academically enriching environment for students to come to learn, whether in person or on Teams, has provided families with the peace of mind knowing their children are in good hands.



As we transition back to in-person programming, continue to be diligent of the practices and procedures we had in place at the beginning of the year to mitigate the spread of COVID-19. In general, STEALTH follows the same safety protocols as the school day and those include:

- Increased sanitization measures
- Frequent handwashing
- Masking
- Social Distancing
- Student cohorts
- **Virtual visits for program partners**

Our program partners have been flexible and gracious in working with us on virtual visits and finding meaningful ways to mentor and engage with students - and we're forever grateful! Please continue to utilize the opportunities they provide for ***virtual visits***. Afterschool educators are no stranger to out of the box thinking, which has served us all well over the past several months.

If you have questions about our safety protocols or COVID-19 procedures, please contact the program manager.

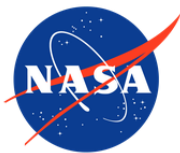
## **ACTION ITEM - Fall Semester Attendance Clean-up**

Please verify that your attendance is entered and correct for the fall semester in EZReports by January 22.



This information needs to be current so that we can prepare data for the evaluators report for the first semester. If there were days that you were not in program - please email those to Jennifer and we will remove them from the system.

If you need assistance getting this current - please let Jennifer know ASAP and she will work with you to meet this critical deadline.



## **Fun Program Idea from NASA!**

Take part in a worldwide “teachable moment” and bring students along for the ride as NASA’s Mars Rover lands on February 18! There are exciting activities for students of all grade levels in the weeks leading up to the launch. You and your students can be part of the excitement as years of planning, research, and engineering culminate with NASA landing the most exciting Mars mission to date. Students will have the opportunity to model different components of a Mars mission while engaging with NASA scientists and engineers along the way. Live programming will be available for students of all grades, and student projects and questions will be highlighted.

To learn more and register to participate in this exciting opportunity - visit NASA’s website, by clicking here. [NASA Mission To Mars](#)

## **For Your Information**

Thank you to those of you who have submitted your advisory board member names and email addresses to Jennifer. **If you have not done so, please do so ASAP.** Jennifer will be scheduling those meetings very soon - and need to ensure that ALL members receive the calendar invitation, agenda and other relevant information.



Schools represented in the **February meeting** are: Adams, Park, Linwood & Washington  
Schools represented in the **April meeting** are: Cleaveland, Ortiz, Spaght and White

## In Case You Missed It: STEALTH Snippits

Scheduling our STEALTH Professional Development has been a challenge this year in particular. To ensure you have the most relevant program updates and professional development from us - we're introducing **STEALTH Snippits**. These videos will be pre-recorded professional development topics for you to watch on-demand at your convenience. They won't be long - they're just meant to provide a "snippit" or snapshot of information that will be helpful to your program. The trainings are geared to site coordinators and principals.



**If you missed the first two STEALTH Snippet installments, you can view them here:**

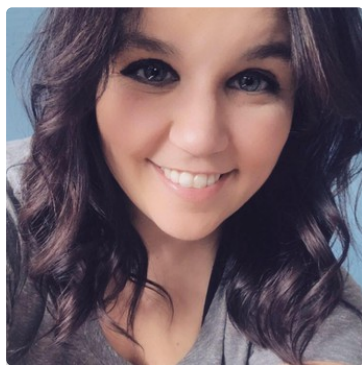
- **Advisory Boards:** <https://vimeo.com/487021693>
- **Family Engagement during COVID-19:** <https://vimeo.com/498384492>

We will still leave the option open to meet live as needed in order to ensure business is taken care of, but this will be a way for us to have some ongoing professional development in the midst of the pandemic.

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### Upcoming STEALTH Snippet Schedule:

- **February 5:** Planning for Sustainability
- **February 22:** Summer Planning (for those sites with Summer Program)
- **March 5:** Evaluations & Survey Expectations
- **April 9:** Planning for 2021-2022 - Things to Consider
- **May :** No recorded session - will plan live session for year end wrap-up and summer plan time information.



### Connect with STEALTH

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Jennifer Hartman serves as the 21st Century Program Manager in the Wichita Public Schools. Please contact her with any questions, concerns or program inquiries at the contact information provided. Be sure to follow STEALTH on Facebook & Twitter - @WPSSTEALTH

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## About STEALTH Afterschool

**We love all things science, technology, engineering, arts, leadership, tutoring and health & wellness!**

STEALTH is dedicated to offering academic assistance and enrichment activities in an afterschool setting. Students explore STEM, Fine Arts, Service Learning and Health & Wellness enrichment activities in an engaging environment that gets them excited to learn! STEALTH students improve their math, reading and science skills through structured and engaging grade level tutoring and homework sessions.



STEALTH is funded by the 21st Century Community Learning Center grant. The purpose of these grants are to establish community learning centers that provide students with academic enrichment activities designed to supplement the student's regular classroom academic program during out-of-school hours.

