



### **PEAK Program Offers After-School Activities to Middle Schoolers**

Teens are most likely to be engaged in criminal activities, vehicular accidents or the use of illegal substances between the hours of 3-6 p.m. on school days, according to the Afterschool Alliance.

To combat these trends, Brownsburg Parks has created the PEAK (Promoting Enrichment, Adventure and Knowledge) program. Beginning in August, students in grades 6-8 will have daily access to homework help, physical fitness activities and community service opportunities through the program. Students will lead the development of many of the projects they undertake.

"We want to help students grow personally, physically and mentally by having structured activities in a relaxed setting," said Assistant Director for Recreation Philip Cornelius.

Brownsburg Community School Corporation will provide a classroom dedicated to the program at East Middle School, 1250 Airport Rd. Students will be able to participate in the program from dismissal to 6 p.m. daily.

West Middle School students also will be able to participate in PEAK thanks to the support of the school system, which will provide transportation between the two schools at dismissal and at the conclusion of after-school clubs. Students who participate in after-school activities at East MS will be able to go directly from those activities to PEAK.

"We wouldn't be able to offer this program without the support of Brownsburg Community School Corporation and the leadership at East Middle School," said Cornelius. "We believe this partnership will be a great way to help kids who otherwise would leave school and head to an empty home to be in a safe place taking part in fun activities."

Parents can register their children online at <https://apm.activecommunities.com/brownsburgparks>. Monthly and 10-visit rates are available.