The Berkshire Museum Brings Science, History, Art, and Culture to the Virtual Classroom
A new virtual after-school program is designed to round out elementary students' days

[Pittsfield] – After the summer success of Berkshire Museum’s Camp@Home, the community museum will continue to bring lessons on science, history, art, and culture directly to students’ homes with After-School@Home. This fun, educational program for children and families will debut on Tuesday, October 5.

"We realize that remote schooling has changed the way everyone is learning this year, so supporting educators and students is one of our top priorities," commented Jeff Rodgers, the Berkshire Museum’s Executive Director. "Our after-school programs complement classroom learning, encourage curious kids to explore new ideas, and they also happen to be great fun."

The first session of After-School@Home will include the following 5-week programs:

- **Kitchen Ka-Boom! for Grades 1 and 2**  
  *Tuesdays, October 6 through November 3, 3:30 pm*  
  Students will moonlight as kitchen scientists and discover the twisted chemistry behind common ingredients through a series of kid-safe, easy-cleanup experiments.

- **Engineering for Grades 3 to 6**  
  *Tuesdays, October 6 through November 3, 4:30 pm*  
  Coding and robotics collide in this hands-on, tech-centric program. No prior experience necessary.
• **Globe Trotters for Grades 1 and 2**  
  *Wednesdays, October 7 through November 4, 3:30 pm*  
  This after-school adventure is filled with stories, art, and games from cultures around the world, past and present.

• **Adventures in Animation for Grades 3 to 6**  
  *Wednesdays, October 7 through November 4, 4:30 pm*  
  Students will learn how to create their own animated short films including creating narratives, storyboarding, scenery and character design, and post-production.

• **Archaeologists’ Club for Grades 1 and 2**  
  *Thursdays, October 8 through November 5, 3:30 pm*  
  A series of archaeological activities takes students on a journey through history that reveals stories from ancient civilizations around the world.

• **Museums & Mummies for Grades 3 to 6**  
  *Thursdays, October 8 through November 5, 4:30 pm*  
  This guided, kid-friendly Dungeons & Dragons campaign set in the Berkshire Museum is filled with mystery, history, diplomacy, and adventure.

Enrollment is now open for the first session of After-School@Home. Registration is $90 per child or $75 for Berkshire Museum members and includes five weekly live sessions led by museum educators and an After-School@Home Kit that contains all the materials students need to complete hands-on activities and experiments. Caregivers are encouraged to visit [explore.berkshirermuseum.org/after-school-at-home](http://explore.berkshirermuseum.org/after-school-at-home) to review offerings and register.

**About the Berkshire Museum**

Located at 39 South Street in downtown Pittsfield, Massachusetts, the Berkshire Museum combines art, science, and history to create thought-provoking experiences for the whole family through interactive programs, interdisciplinary exhibitions, and engaging online series. The museum building is currently open by reservation five days a week, featuring the Aquarium and first floor exhibitions including *Berkshire Backyard, Rocks and Minerals, Animals*
of the World in Miniature, and the Feigenbaum Hall of Innovation. Plan your visit at berkshiremuseum.org or go to explore.berkshiremuseum.org to enjoy the Berkshire Museum wherever you are.