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**KIDS TO STUDY 'LASERS, LIGHT AND OPTICS' IN UM SATURDAY ACADEMY--**  
Fifth-graders from Missoula and nearby communities will gather at The University of Montana this Saturday to get a hands-on look at what might await them in a science- or health-related career. The program is the University's second Saturday Academy, a new offering of UM's Health Careers Opportunity Program. One of more than 200 across the country, UM's HCOP is funded through a grant from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Each Saturday Academy is a one-day, six-hour program for economically or educationally disadvantaged fifth-, seventh- and 10th-graders from the area. Tenth-graders may choose from two upcoming Saturday Academies: the Jan. 19 program, which will explore forensic science, or the Feb. 23 program devoted to medicinal plants. Saturday Academies for seventh-graders will be held in February and March. In the Dec. 8 Saturday Academy, fifth-graders will learn about the color spectrum, lasers, eye surgery and more. The instructor will be Jennifer Fowler, lab specialist in UM's Department of Physics and Astronomy. **The media is invited to see the kids in action between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. in Science Complex Room 229.**

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