



**Check
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**Playing
it Safe**

Allison Reddy's daughters loved dress-up time – clothing, makeup, the works. With today's moms paying more attention to what goes on their skin, Reddy figured her kids should, too. So she started looking for all-natural

cosmetics to put on her daughters' faces during their dress-up sessions.

When Reddy, who lives in southern New Hampshire, couldn't find any good natural products, she developed her own line.

Luna Organics carries play makeup and face paint made with non-

toxic and hypoallergenic materials. The company sells makeup kits to create a fairy, ballerina and rock star, along with animal- and rainbow-themed face paints.

Kits retail for \$14.95 and are packaged in recycled paper products; the makeup containers inside are BPA-free. The company also offers a glitter girl lip balm wheel and a first makeup kit for tweens, along with sweet Halloween makeup kits. Visit www.lunaorganics.com to learn more.



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Girl Scouts Tackle More Than Cookies

Today's girls are facing more challenges than ever before, from cyberbullying to gang violence and teen pregnancy. In recognition of those serious pressures, Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts has created **The FaB Factor** program to provide a leadership experience for young girls in grades six through eight. The new program now runs in 22 Massachusetts communities that:

- Are in the top 25 for teen pregnancy rates;
- Score below the state average on all three 10th-grade MCAS tests;
- Have a high-school drop-out rate that's worse than the state average;
- Have a population of low-income students that is higher than the state average; and/or
- Have a record of more juvenile assaults by girls taking place based on a combination of youth risk behavior, public safety and crime data.



Students in the Girl Scouts FaB Factor program at the Raymond School in Brockton.

FaB will encourage girls to complete high school, become positive contributors to their community and develop a stronger sense of self and how their decisions affect them and the world around them.

The program focuses on four core areas: Finance and Business, focusing on financial literacy; Fit and Beautiful, concentrating on health and wellness; F'aroahs and Beacons, promoting leadership development; and Fixtures, Fractions and Bits and Beakers, encouraging girls to learn about science, technology, engineering, ecology and math. Girls who want to learn more about this program, and adults interested in volunteering, can visit www.hergirlscouts.org.