

STEAM Connections

Magnet Academies

NOVEMBER 2024

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE MAGNET COORDINATOR

Dear STEAM Families,



November has been an exciting month filled with hands-on learning, collaboration, and family engagement! A standout event this month was the "Parent Pop-In" at St. Martin STEAM Academy, where families experienced firsthand how STEAM transforms learning in grades 2-5. Seeing parents and students engage in core subjects and electives together was truly inspiring.

Additionally, we launched our marketing and recruitment season for the 2025-2026 school year, spreading the word about the innovative and engaging opportunities at our STEAM Magnet Academies. We're thrilled to welcome new families into our STEAM community!

Meanwhile, our younger learners at St. Martin Early STEAM Academy enjoyed participating in events like the Turkey Trot Fun Run, blending physical activity with the excitement of STEAM learning. It's been a wonderful way to connect with families and promote healthy, fun activities.

Thank you for your continued support in making our STEAM Magnet Academies a place where innovation thrives.

Warmly,
Dr. Jon Downs

DECEMBER EVENTS

🎄 **St. Martinville Christmas Parade** – Sunday, December 8
Join us as STEAM Magnet Schools students, staff, and families participate in the St. Martinville Christmas Parade event. We'll be engaging with the community and providing free hot chocolate. Don't miss this festive event!

🎓 **Virtual Information Session** – Tuesday, December 10
Learn more about our STEAM Magnet Academies! Email magnet@saintmartinschools.org to register.

🏫 **Open Houses & Tours** – Throughout December
Come see our innovative STEAM spaces and learn more about what makes our magnet schools special!

🎭 **Holiday Performances** – Week of December 16-20
Join us for festive performances at both St. Martin Early STEAM Academy and St. Martin STEAM Academy. Celebrate the season with us!

Questions, Comments, Suggestions?

Contact Azi, Magnet Academies Marketing Coordinator!

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NOVEMBER EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

🛠️ Parent Pop-In Event – November 20-21

At St. Martin STEAM Academy, parents of students in grades 2-5 joined their children to experience STEAM learning in real-time. From integrating STEAM concepts into ELA, Math, Science, and Social Studies to participating in engaging electives like Dance, Art, Music, and Drama, this event showcased how STEAM touches every part of our curriculum. Both parents and students loved the hands-on activities, making it a memorable experience for all. Parents explored how creativity and STEAM merge in electives, providing a well-rounded educational experience beyond traditional academics.







📚 Bringing Literature to Life with STEAM

In Mrs. Plunkett's ELA class, students took their learning outdoors after reviewing nature elements in literature. They finished their independent reading while enjoying the beautiful fall weather, blending literacy with real-world experiences. This is just one of the many ways STEAM is uniquely integrated into our curriculum, fostering a deeper connection between subjects and the world around us.

🏃 Turkey Trot Fun Run

At St. Martin Early STEAM Academy, students and families came together for a fun, active event that also celebrated STEAM! The Turkey Trot encouraged fitness and teamwork, making it a memorable day for everyone involved.







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🇺🇸 Veterans Day Celebration – November 2024

On November 11, each magnet school hosted a heartfelt Veterans Day Celebration to honor the brave men and women who have served in the U.S. Armed Forces. Students, staff, and families gathered to pay tribute with special performances, readings, and STEAM-inspired projects that showcased gratitude and patriotism. Veterans in attendance were recognized for their service, and the event provided a meaningful opportunity for students to learn about the importance of sacrifice and service. Thank you to all who attended and helped make this event memorable!

📸 Photos of the Month:
Check out photos of students performing, veterans being honored, and STEAM projects related to Veterans Day.









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👟 Girls on the Run Club – November 2024



The Girls on the Run Club at St. Martin STEAM Academy has been making strides—both literally and figuratively! This empowering program encourages girls to build confidence, develop teamwork skills, and embrace healthy lifestyles through running and interactive lessons. Throughout November, the club focused on preparing for their upcoming 5K event while fostering a sense of community, resilience, and self-belief. We're so proud of these girls and their commitment to personal growth! Stay tuned for updates as they get closer to their big race day. 🏃‍♀️✨

📸 **Photos of the Month:**
Take a look at some photos of the girls participating in training sessions, team-building activities, and any related events.

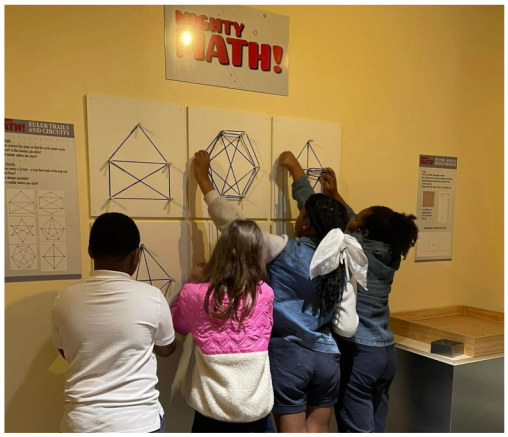
🌍 Exploring STEAM Beyond the Classroom: Fifth-Grade Field Trip to Lafayette

In November, St. Martin STEAM Academy 5th graders took an exciting field trip to Lafayette, Louisiana, where they visited the Children's Museum. This hands-on experience immersed students in STEAM concepts, with exhibits on paleontology, insectology, biology, and more. A favorite was the interactive Plasma Globe, where students learned about static electricity and conductors, connecting real-world experiences to lessons on particles of matter. The students enjoyed their time at Girard Park, observing and making inferences about fall weather—another unique opportunity to blend science and nature. This field trip exemplifies how STEAM integration at our magnet schools provides students with meaningful, interactive learning beyond traditional classroom walls.









STEAM Tips & Resources





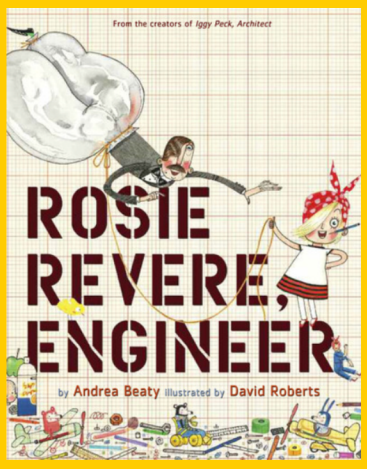
STEAM at Home: Try a family science experiment like making homemade slime or building a simple circuit using household items! Here's an easy recipe from Glazer Children's Museum in Florida:

www.glazermuseum.org/nonstickslime

Recommended Read:

"Rosie Revere, Engineer" by Andrea Beaty

A fun, STEAM-focused story to inspire young minds.



Explore STEAM Online: Check out NASA's "Space Place" for fun, interactive STEAM activities and games that make learning about space exciting for kids!

Visit NASA Space Place:

www.spaceplace.nasa.gov

Share the Great Benefits of Being a STEAM Student!

- UNIQUE, ENGAGING STEAM CURRICULUM
- SMALL CLASS SIZES
- FREE DOOR-TO-DOOR TRANSPORTATION
- FREE AFTER-SCHOOL STEAM CLUBS & AFTERCARE
- FREE SUMMER ENRICHMENT CAMP

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