

STEAM Connections

Magnet Academies

OCTOBER 2024

WELCOME MESSAGE FROM THE MAGNET COORDINATOR

Dear STEAM Families,

October was a monumental month for our STEAM Magnet Academies! On October 24, we celebrated the official openings of both St. Martin Early STEAM Academy and St. Martin STEAM Academy with exciting ribbon-cutting ceremonies. These events highlighted the tremendous support from our community, as we welcomed dignitaries, elected officials, and Advisory Board partners who share our vision of innovative, hands-on learning for all students.

A heartfelt thank you to our local artist Jessalyn Newton and her team for the incredible STEAM-inspired murals, and to the Acadiana Center for the Arts (ACA) for their continued partnership. These collaborative efforts are creating a dynamic, creative environment for our students to thrive.

As we move forward, our focus remains on engaging families and building partnerships that will propel us into the future. Thank you for being part of this transformative journey!

Warmly,
Dr. Jon Downs



NOVEMBER EVENTS

🚪 **Parent Pop-In Event – November 20-21**
Parents of St. Martin STEAM Academy (grades 2-5) are invited to experience the STEAM curriculum in action and participate in hands-on classroom activities.

🏃 **Turkey Trot Fun Run – November 17** at St. Martin Early STEAM Academy
A fun, family-friendly event promoting healthy living and school spirit!

💻 **Virtual Information Session – November 13**
Join us to learn more about our STEAM Magnet Academies and the exciting opportunities for the 2025-2026 school year!

Questions, Comments, Suggestions?

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OCTOBER EVENTS AND HIGHLIGHTS

🎉 Ribbon-Cutting Ceremonies – October 24

Both St. Martin Early STEAM Academy and St. Martin STEAM Academy "officially" opened their doors with memorable ribbon-cutting ceremonies. Key attendees included School Board Members, St. Martin Parish President, St. Martinville Mayor, Fire and Police Chiefs, State Representative Marcus Bryant, Community Partners in Education. Guests were taken on a tour of each school and media attended to promote our programs and celebrate our event with the communities. We also had the pleasure of celebrating with Jessalyn Newton and her team for the beautiful STEAM-inspired murals that grace our campuses, as well as Acadiana Center for the Arts (ACA) for their ongoing support. The murals, painted by Jessalyn Newton, add a vibrant touch to our schools, sparking creativity and excitement in our students every day.

📸 Photos of the Month:
Ribbon-Cutting Event Photos

























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Spotlight on Arts Integration at St. Martin Early STEAM Academy

🎨 Louisiana A+ Schools Visit – October

October also saw the Louisiana A+ Schools team visit St. Martin Early STEAM Academy. They spent the day observing and supporting our teachers in integrating the arts into STEAM lessons, including music, dance, theater, and visual arts.

Our students are truly experiencing the power of arts integration in all subjects, from math to science and beyond. These efforts are cultivating a creative, dynamic learning environment that encourages critical thinking and collaboration.

📸 Photos of the Day:
Check out some photos for the great art our STEAM magnet students are doing!







🎨 Family STEAM Night at St. Martin Early STEAM Academy
October 24

Families of St. Martin Early STEAM Academy came together on October 24 for a special Family STEAM Night, an exciting opportunity to engage in hands-on STEAM activities and experience the innovative learning happening in classrooms every day. This event is part of our commitment to hosting Family STEAM Nights twice a year, where parents and families can participate in STEAM-based activities facilitated by students. These nights also provide a platform for families to learn about our school's Advisory Board, which includes magnet teachers, parents, students, and partners. The Advisory Board plays a key role in ensuring that our programs align with academic goals and contribute to student success. Additionally, families were introduced to our after-school STEAM enrichment programs, including visual and digital art, dance/drama, and music. These programs offer unique opportunities for students to deepen their engagement with the arts.

📸 Photos of the Event:
Check out some photos of families engaging in STEAM activities, students facilitating hands-on projects, and family members participating.







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🎃 Trunk or Treat – October 2024

Both St. Martin Early STEAM Academy and St. Martin STEAM Academy hosted a spooktacular Trunk or Treat event for Halloween! Students enjoyed a fun-filled day of trick-or-treating from creatively decorated trunks provided by community partners, local businesses, and district leadership staff. It was a fantastic opportunity for students to engage with the community in a safe, festive environment while collecting plenty of candy. A big thank you to everyone who participated and helped make this event a huge success!

📸 Photos of the Month:
Enjoy some photos of students in costumes, decorated trunks, and staff/community members handing out candy.







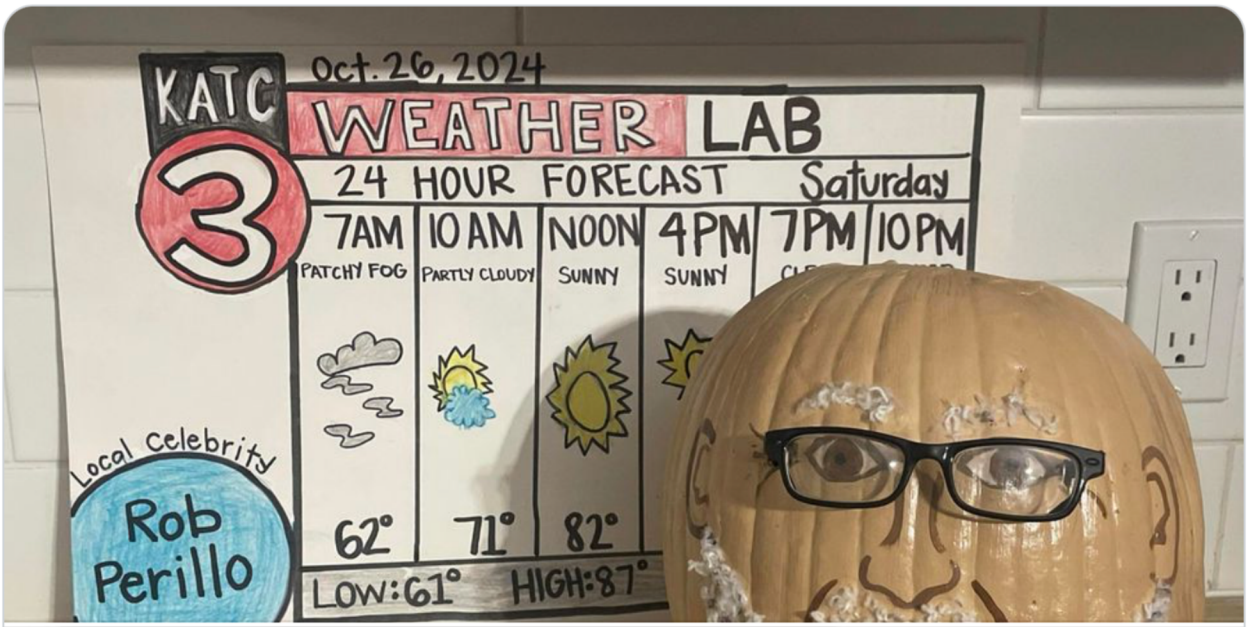




ST. MARTIN MAGNET ACADEMIES IN THE NEWS!

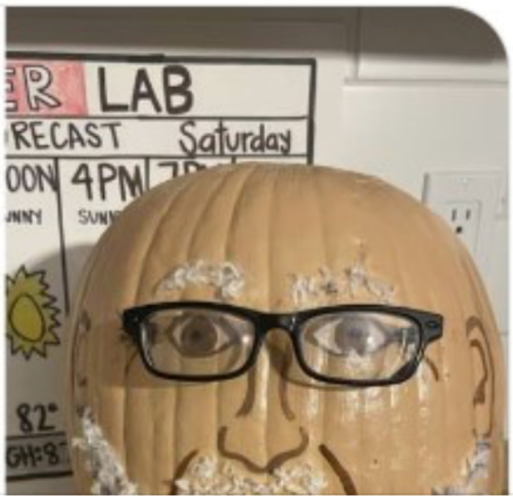
🌟 STEAM Creativity Takes the Forecast! 🌟
St. Martinville student Isaac Belaire brought STEAM learning to life with a creative Halloween project inspired by meteorology! By combining art and science, Isaac designed a pumpkin forecast board featuring local KATC Chief Meteorologist Rob Perillo. This project highlights how STEAM education encourages students to think critically, creatively, and make real-world connections—proving that even pumpkins can predict the weather! 🎃🌤️

Special thanks to Rob Perillo for recognizing Isaac's amazing work!



Isaac Belaire, from St.Martin Parish





Rob Perillo Chief Meteorologist KATC
October 28 ·

SPOT ON! Isaac Belaire from St Martinville came up with this Halloween weather creation! Thanks Isaac! 🎃

STEAM Tips & Resources

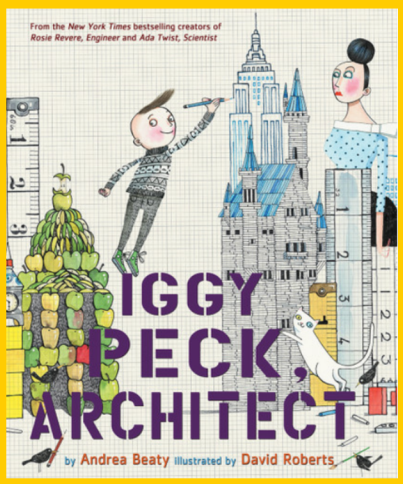
🔬 **STEAM at Home:** Create a marble maze using paper plates and straws for a fun, hands-on engineering challenge! Check out this cool activity on Buggy and Buddy:

www.buggyandbuddy.com/paper-plate-marble-maze/



📚 **Recommended Read:**
"***Iggy Peck, Architect***" by Andrea Beaty

A perfect story for budding architects and engineers.



🚀 **Explore STEAM Online:** Explore fun experiments and activities with PBS Kids Design Squad!

Visit PBS Kids Design Squad:

www.pbskids.org/designsquad

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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