

STEAM Article

Walthall County School District offered its first annual STEAM Camp 2022 to students in the district. STEAM is the acronym for Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics. STEAM Camp offered acceleration/enrichment instruction in English Language Arts, Math, Science, and Social Studies for grades K-7. The topics were: Week 1, Human Body/Cells; Week 2, Weather/Seasons; Week 3, Space/Planets, Week 4, Natural Disasters, and Week 5, Physical Properties/Solid, Liquid, Gas. The camp took place 4 days a week for 5 weeks. There were over 130 students in attendance. The district appreciates all the teachers for their hard work to put together this STEAM Camp.

There have been many wonderful compliments from parents throughout our school district. Tesa Payne, parent of Kylin, stated that "Every day Kylin got into the car, she was excited about what she had learned. She had the art and science projects that she had completed and she eagerly explained the day's lesson to her family." The Walthall County Steam Camp was extremely valuable to the students. She encourages parents to send their children to this camp if available next summer. Mrs. Payne sends her appreciation and thanks to all of the STEAM Camp employees.

Ms. Zellie Craft was one of the many dedicated teachers who participated in the Steam Camp. According to her, all of the participating students enjoyed the daily learning projects and the topics covered will prove very beneficial for them in the coming school year. The teachers worked to gather specific materials for the theme of each week. This allowed the flow of instruction to be continuous on the same topic but across all grade levels. This provided individual student engagement on the appropriate academic level.

The pictures in this article illustrate some of the various topics studied at camp: the 4 seasons, solar system, body cells, weather vanes and earthquakes. Also pictured are 4 of the dedicated teachers who helped make this year's camp possible. Left to right are Rebecca Rodrigue (Tylertown Primary), Byron Bullock (Tylertown Elementary), Zellie Craft (Tylertown Primary) and Kara Rushing (Salem).

Surveys will be distributed to participants and their parents/guardians to acquire feedback on this year's camp. Dr. Bradley Brumfield would like to encourage parents to consider signing their children up for camp next year. He also extends his appreciation for the teachers who dedicated their time and efforts over the summer to make this camp successful.