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Evoline C. West Elementary Holds STEM Day, Night to showcase certification

Evoline C. West Elementary, South Fulton's first certified Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) school, recently held a STEM Day to support other districts working to earn their STEM certification. The school also held a STEM Night earlier this month to showcase its transformative approach to teaching and engaging students.

"This event is eye opening," said Fulton School Board President Linda Bryant, noting the excitement of students demonstrating experiments. "I am pleased and encouraged by the engagement of our students and the innovation that STEM clearly offers. This is a great start to our STEM program."

School districts in attendance at the STEM Day included Atlanta Public Schools, Cherokee County Schools, DeKalb County Schools and Rome City Schools.

STEM Coordinator Natasha Smith was pleased with both events. "The STEM Night and STEM Day represent opportunities for us to connect with our partners and community in unique and creative ways," said Smith. "It also allows us to share best practices with other districts and demonstrate how we are using innovation to engage and inspire students."

Principal Jennifer Burton is grateful for the support of the school board and community. "We're fortunate that Mrs. Bryant was here to experience our STEM program," Ms. Burton said, noting the board's and school leadership's early commitment to the STEM program. "We are honored to be the first South Fulton STEM school and we look forward to helping others earn this distinction."

STEM showcases are a part of school requirements after STEM certification.

The Evoline C. West Elementary PTA, the Atlanta Brick Company, Michael Green –The Science Machine, Science for Everyone and the Kosaic Enrichment Group partnered with the school to host both STEM Night and STEM Day.

Fulton County Schools plans to open a STEM School in Fairburn, GA in the fall of 2021.

Photos are attached.

(Photo Caption #1) *Evoline C. West Elementary School Principal Jennifer Burton and FCS Assistant Superintendent Dr. Doannie Tran, at STEM Night.*

(Photo Caption #2) *FCS Board President Linda Bryant and Evoline C. West Principal Jennifer Burton discuss robot built by Kindergarten student London Bailey, far right, as student Maliyah Smith, center, looks on.*

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About the Fulton County School System. The Fulton County School System is the fourth largest school system in Georgia. More than 95,000 students attend 106 schools in the cities of Alpharetta, Chattahoochee Hills, College Park, East Point, Fairburn, Hapeville, Johns Creek, Milton, Mountain Park, Palmetto, Roswell, Sandy Springs, South Fulton and Union City.