

This is Isha Patel , a student at South Fayette and a Remake Learning Days Youth Ambassador. I just attended Programming and Pastries, hosted by South Fayette Intermediate School at 1200 Lt Will Way, McDonald, PA 15057 on May 12th 2025 at 9:00am to 10:30 am as part of Remake Learning Days 2025. As a person who has love donuts very much, and loved coding when she was younger, this seemed like the perfect event for me.

Programming and Pastries was designed to allow students to share there knowledge of coding with their families. The event was limited to ages 3-12, and there were people as old as 5 th grade all the way to first grade. There were two sessions,. The first was making digital greeting cards in the library, and the second was a breakout room using your coding knowledge. It was a chance for parents to get a feel into what there students are learning in STEAM class. It also provided them with an opportunity to lear some of the basic ways one can code on Scratch and Scratch Jr. . And of course, there was no shortage of donuts, coffee, and juices, during the entire event.

When I attended the first session, which was making the interactive greeting cards, I found it very collaborative. The point of the session was to allow the kids to be the navigator and help there parents navigate through the challenges of programming. The students were not allowed to touch the computer which also challenged the pairs communication. During the entirety of the event there were a lot of languages, and a variety of different backgrounds. During the second session, families were challenged with a three level break out room. Something I learned was that programming is like a sequence. You must follow a particular order and it must be precise other ways the event will get messed up. While in these break out rooms, the pairs had to use teamwork and there knowledge of coding to get through each level. While observing some the paris, I could get feel of frustration and impatience. Thank goodness those donuts were still there to bring smiles onto peoples faces.

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