

This is Maricruz Dick, a student at Franklin area high School and a Remake Learning Days Youth Ambassador. I just attended Family STEM Night, hosted by Keystone SMILES at 518 Main St, Knox, PA 16232 on May 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm as part of Remake Learning Days 2025

Family STEM Night was an afternoon event for pre-K kids to visit different stations and try STEM-related activities. It was designed for little kids to have fun with innovative activities. They had games, experiments, and crafts. They had games like giant Yahtzee and tablet games. They had little magnifying devices that you could use to zoom in, as well as a slime-making station, which was a big hit. They also had a couple of stations with robots, one had a Sphero that painted, and the other robots used commands to move. There were two challenges you could participate in. One was making a catapult out of popsicle sticks, and the other was who could make the longest paper chain out of one piece of paper. There were even stations that dealt with math. Plus, they had drinks and snacks available to anyone. The entire event was very welcoming and engaging for everyone.

When I attended, I went with an open mind. I knew practically nothing about what was going to be at the event. I knew that it was a family night to learn. It wasn't completely a surprise to me that pre-k kids were there. Even though the event wasn't aimed towards older kids, it was still interesting to see how things were set up. Kids were having a blast at every station. In my opinion, it was a perfect environment to introduce STEM-related things. One thing I appreciated was the involvement of robots, especially the Sphero robot. The kids were able to drive it around themselves. The people who helped were all very nice and accommodating, and I had an enjoyable afternoon.

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For Remake Learning Days, this is Youth Ambassador Maricruz Dick