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## Kansas City to Host Dozens of Events as Part of Remake Learning Days Across America, the Nation's Biggest Family-Friendly Festival of Learning

Interactive festival will take place May 1-10, 2021, designed for kids of all ages to help develop their sense of creativity, perseverance and curiosity

Kansas City, MO, April 5, 2021 – After a most challenging year for education, Remake Learning Days Across America returns this spring in 17+ regions, with family-friendly learning events designed to engage caregivers, parents and kids around the country.

Led locally by the KC STEM Alliance, the Kansas City region will host dozens of events during this learning festival between May 1-10, 2021. These events are designed for parents and caregivers to learn alongside their kids and offer relevant and engaging educational experiences for youth of all ages (pre-K through high school). The majority of events are free and include a mix of virtual and in-person activities.

Kansas City's festival of events highlights six learning themes—Making, Outdoor Learning, Science, Technology, Arts and Youth Voice, along with professional development options for educators.

A few samples of the activities to come:

- At Mathapalooza in the Park from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturday, May 1, families can dance mathematical patterns, create puzzle pieces to draw on the sidewalk and solve mathematical mazes.
- On Sunday, May 2, StoneLion Puppet Theatre will offer a socially distanced live mini water festival that will also be live streamed. Families that register in advance can gather under a picnic umbrella in the STEAM Environmental Teaching Garden to watch a play, create an art project, play socially distanced STEM games and help build an ECO Brick garden plot.
- Each weekday of the festival, a "Remake Learning LIVE" segment on NBC Action News' Midday Show will showcase a "try this at home" activity families can do together and share on social media. These include expressing themselves with sidewalk chalk art, planting a seed, taking part in a LEGO building challenge, learning about the science behind Kansas



City's famous barbecue flavors with the American Royal and figuring out the size of your strike Zone with help from the Kansas City Royals.

"We're excited to bring this festival to life in Kansas City for the first time," said Ann Zimmerman, who leads STEM Connect-KC, Kansas City's STEM learning ecosystem, as part of her work for the KC STEM Alliance. "This is a wonderful opportunity to showcase the future of learning and shine a light on many of the engaging experiences available in our community. We know kids get excited when they have a chance to share what they know and can do with their families, and as a parent, there's nothing better than seeing your child light up with a sense of curiosity and wonder."

The DeBruce Foundation is the lead sponsor for the first-time festival.

"The Foundation is delighted to support Remake Learning Days KC and see it as an important part of helping young people try something new and explore their passions," said Leigh Anne Taylor Knight, Executive Director and Chief Operating Officer. "If we can inspire them to follow their interests and learn important skills along the way, we can help them explore pathways that prepare them for future careers. It may start with creative play and fun STEAM games, but those are seeds for life-long learning."

Find a complete list of events and registration information here www.remakelearningdays.org/kansascity.

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**Remake Learning Days Across America** is led by <u>Remake Learning</u> (RL), a network that ignites engaging, relevant, and equitable learning practices in support of young people navigating rapid social and technological change. National partners of RLDAA include PBS Kids, Digital Promise, Common Sense Media, Learning Heroes and Noggin. RLDAA is generously supported by The Grable Foundation, The Hewlett Foundation, Schmidt Futures and Carnegie Corporation of New York. Visit <u>remakelearning.org</u> for more information or follow RL on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Instagram</u>. For more information specifically on Remake Learning Days Across America, visit <u>remakelearningdays.org</u> or follow RLDAA on <u>Twitter</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, and the hashtag #RemakeDays.

STEM Connect-KC is Kansas City' STEM learning ecosystem, a collaborative network of organizations working together to improve quality, access and equity to STEM education programs for all students by addressing access issues, growing and connecting cross-sector partnerships and aligning best practices. The KC STEM Alliance serves as its backbone organization.

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