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Dorchester County Public Schools S.T.E.A.M. Lights On Celebration

Lights On Afterschool, a national initiative to highlight the importance of quality after school programs, was celebrated **Thursday, October 20, 2016** hosted by **21st Century Community Learning Centers' S.T.E.A.M. Program Manager, Terrell Sample for Dorchester County Public Schools**. Participating schools **opened their doors to families** and the public to highlight S.T.E.A.M.'s community partners and showcase extended day learning opportunities available to students. This year's theme was **"Making the World Awesome."**

S.T.E.A.M. was delighted to welcome **Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes for District 37-A at Maple Elementary School** to share inspiration and issue a proclamation marking the event to **21st CCLC Program Manager, Terrell Sample**, and **Dr. Jodi Colman, Principal of Maple Elementary School**. Additional words of encouragement were shared by **Cambridge Mayor Victoria Jackson-Stanley**. Both officials challenged students to optimize the opportunities offered by S.T.E.A.M. to create the best possible future as they contribute to making the world awesome.

S.T.E.A.M. students participated in various activities including a demonstration of **Shaolin Kempo Karate** by **Sensei Kevin Warner**, as well as a visit from **Ummu Bradley-Thomas**, owner of **Freddie Bell Jones, Inc. Modelling and Finishing School**.

Students at other participating schools also greeted other **community partners** and visitors with engaging activities. **Sandy Hill Elementary and Hurlock Elementary Schools** hosted **4-H** community partners **Navonne Owen and Ashley Brown** worked on **STEM** lessons from their **Asploration** curricula. **Choptank Elementary School** students experimented with **circuitry** and highlighted their arts component with routines from their **Steppers group**. This was a great kick-off celebration as we pursue our quest to "making the world awesome."

S.T.E.A.M., in conjunction with its community partners, offers **high quality after school programs** in four **Dorchester County Public Schools**. S.T.E.A.M. is staffed by **certificated teachers and educational specialist** who assist with homework and 21st century project based activities that make learning exciting. For **more information** about the program, contact Terrell Sample, 21st Century Community Learning Centers Program Manager, at samplet@dcpsmd.org.



