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Students had the chance to showcase and create robots, demonstrate and display science projects and research, experiment with chemicals, interact with virtual worlds, learn about STEM Programs and meet with legislators.

Fifth graders at Battle Elementary, Iris Peters, Damarius Hamilton and Cooper Brady are a part of the school's program with Project the Lead the Way. Teachers going through training with educators at Missouri S&T and are able to reach students about STEM Programs.

Being involved in the program has already jump start their interest in the field. Cooper said he's now an assistant coach for a coding club.

Kansas City Stem Alliance Executive Director, Martha McCabe said students in STEM have a great career path ahead.

"Developing STEM skills is so important for students because it helps them because creative problem solvers," she said. "It also sets them up to have great jobs in a STEM field and we know that those jobs are quality jobs, they pay living wages and they're also the future of our economy."

There were special displays by STEM Day co-host Verizon, Boeing, Pfizer, HTE Automation, FIRST Robotics and several more.