



DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE

www.gdoe.net
501 Mariner Avenue
Barrigada, Guam 96913
Telephone: (671) 300-1677
Email: mtreyes@gdoe.net



K. ERIK SWANSON, PhD
Superintendent of Education

TES REYES-BURRIER
Public Information Officer
2024-PIO-0173

June 21, 2024
FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

GDOE Operation STEM 2024 Summer Events

Tiyan, Guam – The Guam Department of Education (GDOE), in collaboration with the Missile Defense Agency and the United States Armed Forces, is excited to present "Operation STEM 2024," a series of summer events designed to engage and inspire the next generation of innovators. These events are part of a concerted effort to foster a deep interest in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) among students. With a focus on hands-on learning and real-world applications, "Operation STEM 2024" aims to provide students with a dynamic educational experience that highlights the importance of STEM disciplines in modern society and the vast array of career opportunities they offer. This initiative underscores the commitment of GDOE to prepare students for the challenges of the future, equipping them with the knowledge and skills necessary to excel in an increasingly technology-driven world.

The GDOE's STEM program is set to host seven engaging summer STEM days, featuring hands-on science activities like straw rockets and high-altitude balloons. These events will take place on selected school campuses, providing an exciting learning opportunity for students enrolled in summer programs. The sessions are conveniently scheduled in the morning hours from 8:45am to 11:30am, allowing GDOE Summer School students to explore and learn in a dynamic environment. These innovative STEM days opens from June 27th to July 9th, 2024, promising a summer filled with scientific discovery.

Three community STEM days, open to public at Micronesia Mall as follows:

DATE	TIME
Saturday, June 29 th	5:00pm to 7:00pm
Thursday, July 4 th	11:30am to 1:30pm
Saturday, July 6 th	5:00pm to 7:00pm.

In addition, the upcoming STEM teacher volunteer training day on June 26th is a significant event, as it not only provides professional development credits to the volunteers but also strengthens the community's commitment to educational advancement in the sciences. The distribution of caps and t-shirts to volunteers fosters a sense of unity and team spirit, while the generous contribution of student backpacks by the Department of the Air Force's Air & Space STEM Outreach Program Office is a testament to the collaborative efforts to support educational initiatives. Such events are crucial for the development of a robust STEM education framework, which is essential for preparing students to meet the challenges of the future. The Guam Department of Education's recognition of these efforts highlights the importance of partnerships between educational institutions and military organizations in enhancing learning opportunities for students.

For more information, please call Jesse Pendon at 671-300-1634 or email jesse.pendon@gdoe.net or mtreyes@gdoe.net.

- END OF STATEMENT -