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### **Whitaker Center to Host Preschool STEAM Exploration Day on June 8** *Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math Activities for Kids 5 and Under*

**Harrisburg, PA** – Whitaker Center and PNC Bank have partnered to host the PNC Preschool STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math) Exploration Day on Saturday, June 8th inside Harsco Science Center. Whitaker Center's education staff have designed numerous activities for preschoolers that will allow them to explore topics like robotics and coding, even at a very young age.

"We'll be teaching the preschool-aged attendees the basic principles of STEAM through activities like building marshmallow towers, making slime, and measuring dinosaur footprints," said Abby Dockery, Preschool Educator at Whitaker Center. "These activities might seem like just "fun" to the younger kids, but we're laying the building blocks they need to get and stay interested in STEAM as they move into their primary education." Additional activities include Spheros, an Arts & Crafts table, brick builder workshops and more. Activities will take place from 9:30 to 11:30 am followed by STEAM story time with the New Cumberland Public Library, and pizza served hot and fresh with healthy sides and snacks provided by Provisions Market.

"Ms. Abby", as she's known as at Whitaker Center, also teaches the weekly Little Learners series; held on Wednesday mornings, this series includes a variety of hands-on learning through projects, experiments, books, songs and more. The June-August topic for Little Learners is "Welcome to the Neighborhood". Attendees will meet with the Harrisburg Police, a local firefighter, and learn about how they can become a helpful member of their own communities. Little Learners is generously funded by a sponsorship through Penn National Insurance.

To learn more about PNC Preschool STEAM Exploration Day, Little Learners, and other preschool programming available at Whitaker Center, please visit [whitakercenter.org/events](http://whitakercenter.org/events).

Whitaker Center for Science and the Arts is a non-profit center for the arts, education, entertainment and cultural enrichment located in the heart of Harrisburg's vibrant downtown. Whitaker Center is home to Sunoco Performance Theater, Harsco Science Center and Select Medical Digital Cinema featuring a four story premium large format



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theater with a recently upgraded 4K digital projection system. Visit [whitakercenter.org](http://whitakercenter.org) for a full list of events, shows, hours of operation, and ticket rates.

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