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Corps of Engineers to visit elementary schools for Engineer Week festivities

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SAVANNAH, GA. – The Savannah District of the US Army Corps of Engineers joins in the celebration of National Engineer Week with hands-on presentations February 18 at May Howard Elementary School at 9 a.m., and Hodge Elementary School at 2 p.m.

Engineers from the Savannah District will demonstrate mechanical and electrical engineering, and hazardous waste disposal demonstration (suing up). While this year's national theme is "Introduce a Girl to Engineering" the Savannah District's program includes all students. While engineering is not generally a part of grade school education, that idea is changing in light of the growing need to replace an aging engineer workforce.

"Engineering is important to our country," said Maj. David London, the Deputy Commander for the Savannah District US Army Corps of Engineers. "We are just planting the seeds that will later grow into decisions on their futures."

"If we're to do anything to impact the lack of engineers, we need to do something now," London said. "If kids can get exposed to what being an engineer is like, they'll know how they can impact our world. They can make can make dams, bridges, and buildings."

Engineering week is part of a broader movement in primary education to promote STEM, science, technology, engineering and math.

Media planning to attend these presentations should contact Sandra Hudson at the Savannah District Corps of Engineers Office at (912) 652-5760. You can find general information at www.eweek.org.

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