



# School News



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## Villa Park *Elementary*

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### Engineer's Week

Villa Park Elementary School celebrated National Engineer's Week in late February. Engineers Week was started in 1951 by the National Society of Professional Engineers, and was designed to coincide with the birth of our nation's first engineer, George Washington.

During Engineer's Week, our school hosted five talented engineers: Mr. Doug Sawyer, Mrs. Kirsten Zydell O'Neil, Mr. Edward Cooper, Mr. Ryan Loyd, and Mr. Zeph Varley. Each engineer spoke to the students about their job. Some examples of their work included constructing buildings, planning bridges and roads, creating electronics, and even designing a fire fighting robot! The students learned about



the types of engineering jobs available and their importance in the future.

The students also completed a hands-on simple engineering activity under the guidance of our guest engineers. Thank you to all of our fabulous community engineers for opening our students' minds to considering a career in this important STEM field.

