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BRECKNOCK STUDENTS BECOME JUNIOR RANGERS AT BLUE MARSH

SHILLINGTON, PA, OCTOBER 2010 - On Thursday, October 28, third graders at Brecknock Elementary School will travel to Blue Marsh Lake for a full-day program about the purpose of the lake, water management, local ecology and the effect of trash and recycling on the environment.

Led by a park ranger, the students will tour the Blue Marsh Lake dam and learn about the engineering, construction process and quality control of the dam. The dam operator will take students into the control tower for a closer look at dam operations. Students will then gather at the ranger station for a presentation about water safety and wildlife that once lived in the Blue Marsh area.

After lunch, students will hike the Great Oak Nature Trail, stopping at different learning stations along the way. Students and teachers will discuss the importance of recycling as it applies to materials found in nature, such as dead trees, and waste discarded by humans.

The visit concludes with the announcement of the winners of the Blue Marsh poster contest. Students were challenged to design a poster celebrating one of the four purposes of the Blue Marsh Lake: flood control/ flood damage reduction, water supply, water quality and recreation. In addition, each Brecknock student will receive a Junior Ranger badge for participating in the educational field trip.

The media is invited to report on the Grade 3 trip to Blue Marsh Lake on October 28. To schedule a visit or interview, please contact Keri Morton at 610-775-1312 or kmorton@gmsd.k12.pa.us.

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