

Governor Mifflin School District

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Governor Mifflin and LedgeRock Golf Club partner to bring First Green initiative to Berks County

Who: Governor Mifflin students and staff; LedgeRock Golf Club staff

What: A partnership between Governor Mifflin School District and LedgeRock Golf Club will transform one of the region's premier golf courses into a hands-on, STEM learning laboratory for Governor Mifflin students. Governor Mifflin and LedgeRock will team up for "First Green," an environmental and STEM learning program through the Golf Course Superintendents Association of America (GCSAA).

On October 2, LedgeRock staff, led by Course Superintendent Alan FitzGerald and Director of Instruction Andy Miller, will team up with Governor Mifflin elementary and secondary teachers to provide several learning opportunities using the golf course as the backdrop and lab for practical STEM applications. Moving from station to station, students will explore "cool tools" and technology used to maintain the 210-acre course; discuss water conservation practices; apply math skills to measure and map areas; explore pest and weed management techniques; perform a soil and stream study; and test out golf performance technology. The overarching theme of the day will also be an examination of future-ready STEM careers.

First Green has been in existence for two decades. Earlier this year, the program launched a new era of education by moving under the umbrella of GSCAA and its philanthropic program, Environmental Institute for Golf. The partnering of Governor Mifflin and LedgeRock for the First Green program will be only the second of its kind in Pennsylvania since GSCAA took over the First Green Program.

Where: LedgeRock Golf Club
1 Greenbriar Drive, Mohnton, PA 19540

When: Tuesday, October 2, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Rain date: Tuesday, October 23)
Secondary students will arrive at 9:00 a.m., elementary students will arrive at approximately 11:00 a.m.
All students will take a lunch break from 11:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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