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Local Students Celebrate National Public Works Week

125 students of West DeFuniak Elementary School treated to Public Works Dept. Field Trip

DEFUNIAK SPRINGS, Fla. – Students from West DeFuniak Elementary School put on their hard hats and orange vests Tuesday to tour the DeFuniak Springs Public Works Department as part of National Public Works Week, May 19-25.

Public works department workers spent Tuesday morning treating first graders to demonstrations on how various pieces of equipment work including bucket and garbage trucks and mini bull dozers. Students also learned about street maintenance and natural gas services to their homes and other utility services which directly impact their families.

City Mayor Bob Campbell signed a proclamation with DeFuniak Springs Public Works employees last week in City Council Chambers declaring National Public Works Week in DeFuniak Springs and expressed appreciation to the City's workers for all their work throughout the year.

City Manager Mell Smigielski adds "our public works department employees go beyond the call of duty throughout the year, particularly during unplanned hurricanes and storms when they are out all night working to keep our roads clear to our homes and water flowing to our faucets," he says. "In addition to their daily responsibilities of garbage pickup and maintenance service, our workers have been responsible for upgrading Pat Covell Park this year with a \$50,000 grant from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection and overseeing upgrades of water lines and installation of hydrants along Redeye and Widner Streets last September with a \$160,000 grant from NW Florida Water Management District. They assist our team with setting up and breakdown of major events like Marvel of Flight and LakeFest so families can enjoy a weekend of festivities in their own community. We are certainly proud of all they do for the City of DeFuniak Springs, including spending time with area students to show off the City's equipment and to inspire another generation of young people in public service," he says.

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Note to media;

Photos: First grade students of West DeFuniak Elementary School enjoying a field trip to the DeFuniak Springs Public Works Department. Photos by Christopher Mitchell, City of DeFuniak Springs

Mayor signing National Public Works Week proclamation in Council Chambers with Public Work employees.