

A Day at School... with Matrix Tool!



Matrix Demonstrates STEM to 120 4th Graders at Elk Valley Elementary School

On May 16, 2022, Tom Moyak, Matrix Tool's Director of Business and Engineering Development, visited the fourth-grade class of Elk Valley Elementary School (EVES) to provide an in-depth STEM presentation. Matrix Tool has been a proud corporate sponsor of EVES since early 2020.

Throughout the 90 minute assembly, Tom shared with the students how STEM concepts impact everyone's work life at Matrix Tool. He brought the presentation to life by illustrating how STEM is used to design, model and manufacture a product that most kids are familiar with – a unique plastic golf tee that the company patented 25+ years ago! Tom also reviewed potential career opportunities at Matrix, along with the technical skill and educational requirements of many of the company's positions. In addition, he addressed the potential salary ranges of many of the company's skilled positions. The students were extremely interactive and full of interesting and insightful questions!



After the assembly, every student was encouraged to go up to the table in the middle of the gym to check out the parts that were on display! Tom also brought a bin of raw material (plastic resin pellets) for the students to run their hands through, which turned out to be a crowd favorite! The students were able to leave the assembly with a better understanding of Science, Technology, Engineering, & Math and how STEM is used in our every-day lives. They also left with their very own pack of Matrix Tool golf tee's!

"Our corporate sponsor relationship with EVES has allowed us to serve the school community in a number of positive ways over the past several years. However, one of the most rewarding ways has been through this annual STEM presentation due to the direct interaction with the students and teachers," said Tom Moyak. He added, "It's been a fun and refreshing way to reinforce the importance of everyday STEM concepts as they relate to the types of careers at Matrix. We hope the presentation also helps encourage students to develop a lifelong interest in science and technology as a means to succeed in school and in their possible future careers."

