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Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Engineers are Going Back to School!

"Paving the Way with Chocolate Asphalt"

- What: To celebrate Engineers Week and raise awareness about STEM related careers, engineers from Florida's Turnpike Enterprise will visit Tildenville Elementary School in Winter Garden to teach 5th graders using "Chocolate Asphalt." The activity will give students a chance to learn about what it takes to build roads from the bottom up. Using ingredients including oats, sugar and pretzel crumbs as aggregates, the students will find out more about the many "ingredients" that go into building a road. Ultimately, chocolate represents the tar and asphalt resulting in an edible creation for the students!
- **Who:** Florida's Turnpike Enterprise Engineers and Employees and Tildenville Elementary students and staff
- Where: Tildenville Elementary School 1221 Brick Road Winter Garden, FL 34787
- When: 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. Friday, February 21, 2025

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