

# ODOT reminds students of engineering benefits



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Reedsport- Representatives of ODOT are proving to local high school students that those arithmetic skills can prove to be handy in the real world.

Several classes at Reedsport High School were treated to interactive and informative presentations revolving around ODOTS latest and biggest bridge project.

ODOT contractor Charlie Burr says the main things they want students to understand about the bridge building process is that there are a variety of jobs that go into completing the overall project.

"When they're looking at choosing a career path, the state needs more engineers, but it's not just about engineering. There are many ways to get involved. You can be a communications professional or you can be interested in environmental protection and get involved in some of our wetlands mitigation and species protection that ODOT places a priority on."

One class learned how to operate the design program ODOT used in the \$3-billion dollar statewide bridge project.

But what really interested the students is hearing about the local job opportunities that ODOT intends on creating.

Burr says, "Towards the end, students asked, 'How can I get involved, where can I get a summer job and how can I get an internship?'"

The next school visit for this ODOT crew is Elkton High School.