******MEDIA INVITATION*******

SOUTH MOUNTAIN MIDDLE SCHOOL BEAUTIFIES LANDSCAPE WITH AIR PRODUCTS ASSISTANCE

DATE: **Saturday, June 13**

TIME: **9:00am**

LOCATION: **South Mountain Middle School**
709 W. Emaus Avenue, Allentown

BRIEFLY: Saturday June 13th beginning at 9am will be "Phase 2" of the Garden Project at South Mountain. It will include the construction of about 9 planter boxes and two picnic tables with attached benches. Come join us in beautifying your Community School! To RSVP, please contact Nicole Nugent, Community School Director at 484-765-4320 or nugentn@allentownsd.org

BACKGROUND: The SMMS Beautification project started on Saturday May 30th, when Air Products and Chemicals volunteers partnered with South Mountain Middle School families and teachers to revitalize a garden space in front of the school. The group of about 30 people spent five hours that morning taking away the old, run-down flower beds, unsightly pieces of fence, staining wood for new flower beds, leveling the earth in the garden, and removing broken benches. Additionally, one large planter box was constructed and the South Mountain Garden Club, with the volunteers help, was able to see their dream of a Japanese garden put together. The Club had spent time over the past several weeks designing the garden on paper, and collecting materials from around the school to use in its creation.

Air Products and South Mountain folks were able to work together to discover and use everyone's talents in this amazing project. The group worked quickly and efficiently, not resting until the work was over. A big THANK YOU to everyone who contributed to the day, and to Air Products for providing the resources to make this possible.

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