

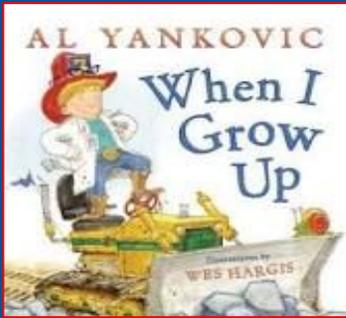
PCSD College Readiness and Workforce Education Newsletter



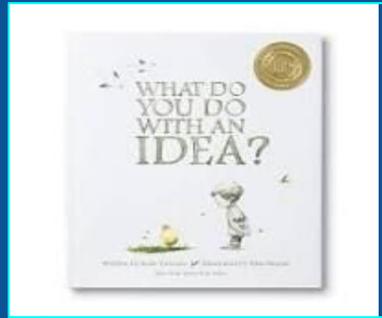
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Elementary- College and Career Awareness

Suggested Books for Career Awareness



When I Grow Up.
by Al Yankovic



What Do You Do with an Idea?
by Kobi Yamada

5th grade students in all elementary schools were surveyed to find out what their career interests were. Here are the results:

- 1st choice- Business and Entrepreneurship
- 2nd choice- Arts
- 3rd choice-Education
- 4th choice- Health careers

Parent/Caregiver: This simple activity will help your child increase their awareness of different careers.

Alphabet careers: On a long walk or car journey together, pass the time by playing a variation of the alphabet game. This game could enhance your child's occupation awareness. Take turns in identifying an occupation that begins with each letter of the alphabet. Then discuss three skills or personal attributes that someone who chose this occupation would need. For example:

A for accountant, who would need to be:

- good at maths
- able to solve problems
- able to think logically.

B for butcher, who would need to be:

- polite and helpful
- good at using sharp knives
- careful and clean.



Middle School-College and Career Exploration and Planning
Parent/Caregivers of Current 8th Grade Students

The Poughkeepsie City School District in collaboration with Dutchess Community College, the Bardavon and DC BOCES is providing students who will enter 9th grade next school year and opportunity to apply for two Early College High School opportunities based on student interest.



POUGHKEEPSIE CITY
SCHOOL DISTRICT
EARLY COLLEGE
HIGH SCHOOL
**PERFORMING
ARTS ACADEMY**

PARENT INFORMATION
SESSION

THURSDAY
MAY 2ND

POUGHKEEPSIE HIGH
SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

5:00 - 6:00 PM

REGISTER USING QR CODE



BARDAVON



DUTCHESS
COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Smart Scholars-Early College High School-Performing Arts Academy (SC-ECHS)-students will earn a minimum of 24 college credits in the Performing Arts at the same time as graduating with a High School Diploma. Register for information session using the QR code below.



PTECH- Electrical Technology Program-students will earn an Associates from DCC at the same time as graduating with a High School Diploma. Application due date-May 1st

Middle School-College and Career Exploration and Planning

Parents/Caregivers:



Did you know that you can use simple games for career exploration?

Here is a game that can be played at home. It is called - *The Career Guess Game*

First, write 10 professions on index cards (1 per card) and place them face down on a table. One person picks a card and does not show it to anyone else. Everyone else then has a limited amount of time (e.g., 1-2 minutes) to ask yes or no questions to gather the career descriptions to figure out the profession on the index card. The player with the card can only respond with “yes” or “no. Whomever correctly identifies the profession within the time limit, earns a point. Rotate turns so that each person in the group has a chance to be the guesser.

After each round, ask your child about what they know about those particular careers and discuss what type of education or training is typically required for that career. Guess the Work Environment: Discuss where someone with that career might work.



Lunch and Learns

During Lunch and Learns, community members/partners share their college and career journeys with students during all middle school lunch periods, one time a month. Ryan Bazinet, a software and game developer from Epic Games (Epic Games developed- Fortnite, Rocketleage and Lego) presented to our students. Students asked questions about what skills they need to have to do his type of job, does he play the games all the time or only for work and what is the potential salary. We want to thank Mr. Bazinet for sharing his experiences with our students.

High School: College and Career Exploration, Planning and Development

The Career Action Center

We are thrilled to announce that the Youth Entrepreneur Program will be back this fall in 2024! Last year's session was a tremendous success. Participants gained invaluable insights into marketable strategies and the inner workings of running a business. It was inspiring to witness our PHS students come together, forming cohesive teams and embracing the entrepreneurial mindset.

YEP YOUTH ENTREPRENEUR PROGRAM

CALLING ALL PHS STUDENTS 9 - 12 GRADE!

DUTCHESS COUNTY Regional CHAMBER of COMMERCE

WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT CENTER Dutchess County Regional Chamber of Commerce

COC Career Action CENTER

NEW DATES
SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER 2024

APPLY FOR YEP TODAY!

SCAN ME!

FIND OUT WHAT IT TAKES TO RUN YOUR OWN BUSINESS!

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
Create your very own company, sell a product, and develop key stakeholder relationships.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
Take on management positions and work within your team to maintain success in your company.

FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT
Work with experienced professionals to manage business costs to increase your company's revenue.

For more information, please contact Cierra Simmons at csimmons@poughkeepsieschools.org

This program is paid through the City of Poughkeepsie's Youth and Activities Grant Program.

The Youth Entrepreneur Program is designed to impart real-world entrepreneurial skills to Poughkeepsie High School students in grades 9-12. We're currently seeking to recruit up to thirty students for this program.

Participants will collaborate to establish a mock company, selling products to the local Dutchess County community, both within PHS and beyond. Students will have the opportunity to develop a brand from scratch and bring their product designs to life, aided by new technology resources.

The Career Action center is reaching out to the PHS community for assistance in recruiting our cohort of thirty students from grades 9-12. If you could help spread the word by directing interested individuals to the Career Action Center in room 100A, sharing our flyer in your Google Classroom, or displaying it in your classrooms, we would be immensely grateful. Our goal is to extend this opportunity to all those with an interest in the field of business.

PCSD First Annual High School Trades Fair



- Craft Tech Industries
- Day One Early Learning
- Geodis
- LCS Landscapes
- National Guards
- Brothers that just do Gutters
- PC Construction
- EFCO products
- Halo Home Inspections



- H.O. Penn
- Marco Board House
- Mid-Hudson Works
- Selux Corporation
- Viking Industries
- DCC mechatronics
- Ethan Allen Workforce Solutions
- QuEST

The Poughkeepsie City School District's First Annual Trade Fair was a success! There were many Trades represented from the local area. Students and the outside community were invited to participate in this fair. We want to thank Ethan Allen Workforce Solutions and all our community partners from the Trades in making this fair a success and for their continued support.