

# Career Development Tips & Tools Tribune

Resources for your FUTURE toolbox!

Martin GT Magnet Middle School

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## Exploring Personal Characteristics & Careers

It is never too early to start thinking about your future career. We have an EXCELLENT elective that everyone should take—Exploring Personal Characteristics & Careers. During this quarter long elective students take a variety of self assessments to learn more about their interests, personalities and learning styles. They then use those results and explore careers that would be a great fit for

them.

Along the way they will also talk about:

- ⇒ Goal Setting
- ⇒ Interview Skills
- ⇒ Teamwork
- ⇒ Critical Thinking/  
Problem Solving
- ⇒ Financial Awareness

The main goal of this course is to point them in the right direction as they begin to climb the ladder of success.



*Start exploring  
careers today!*

### Upcoming Activities

- Create CFNC accounts
- Mock Interviews
- SECU Financial Activity
- Entrepreneurship Presentation
- CTE Month—February
- Course Registration
- Career Day

## 6th Grade Truck Fair

Exposure to a variety of careers is one of the best ways to provide awareness of future career opportunities to our students. Here at Martin, we begin that process in the 6th grade with an event known as the TRUCK FAIR. Each year we invite a variety

of businesses that have easily identifiable vehicles/"TRUCKS" associated with them. The vehicles are parked around our school and students have a chance to rotate through the different vehicles and learn about what each career is about. As an

added bonus we kick off the event with a presentation from the Raleigh Police Department's K9 unit. If you know anyone that would like to participate in next year's event please contact: Stacy Baxley—[sbaxley@wcpss.net](mailto:sbaxley@wcpss.net)

### Business Alliance Board Members

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*Consider joining  
today!*

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 what great things are  
 happening in Career &  
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*Opportunities for career exploration in middle school gives our students **exposure to the working world** they will one day be a part of. It helps them make a connection between school and career in ways that help keep them motivated to graduate with the skills they will need for a successful future.*

*It is my hope that every student here at Martin Middle School will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of career exploration activities. Hopefully those activities will lead them to choose appropriate electives in high school that will build on an existing interest and/or go on to enroll in one of the many career academies and/or early colleges that Wake County has to offer.*

## We need you!

Please consider volunteering with our mock interviews on March 20, 2019 from 1:15—2:15 in the media center.. Signup here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0d4daca62fa3ff2-public> or contact Mrs. Reppi at [vreppi@wcpss.net](mailto:vreppi@wcpss.net)

If you have a contact with a local business that could provide our classes with a guest speaker and/or an off campus learning experience please add them to our existing database at [www.tinyurl.com/MMSCareers](http://www.tinyurl.com/MMSCareers)

## Interest Inventories: All Students!!!

Before Christmas **all students** took an interest inventory on paper to see what career cluster best matched their interests. Ask your child to see their results.

The 16 career clusters are:

- \* Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
- \* Architecture & Construction
- \* Arts, A/V Technology & Communications
- \* Business Management & Administration
- \* Education & Training
- \* Finance
- \* Government & Public Administration
- \* Health Sciences
- \* Hospitality & Tourism
- \* Human Services
- \* Information Technology
- \* Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
- \* Manufacturing
- \* Marketing
- \* Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- \* Transportation, Distribution & Logistics

Students were encouraged to pick future electives that would match their interests based on their results.

