



Hello Harrison Park Elementary Parents/Guardians!

Career education and exploration is integral to positive student growth and success in school, college, and beyond. Career knowledge will help students realize the vast amount of opportunities that are available to them in their futures if they work hard and make good choices. In order to take advantage of the endless list of future options, students need to be exposed to many types of careers.

Penn-Trafford School District is focusing on career growth and development from grades K-12. This goal aligns with Pennsylvania's Academic Standards for Career Education and Work, which are specifically set for grades 3rd, 5th, 8th, and 11th. One component of this initiative is the Career Café lunches that I will be holding with our 5th grade students. Six Career Café lunches will occur this school year. Each lunch will focus on a career from one of John Holland's six personality types. John Holland is a psychologist who developed the Holland Codes, a career development theory. Our 5th grade students learned about John Holland and Holland's six personality types during a series of two lessons taught by myself during library media class. During these lessons, the students completed an assessment to determine their top three personality types or their interest code. Students will be invited to lunch with myself and a presenter from an occupation that falls into their top rated personality type.

If you are interested in speaking to the students during one of our Career Café lunches, please complete and return the bottom of this letter. You would be committing to approximately 50 minutes of your time from 12:50pm-1:40pm. This time frame will give you time to "set up" and "tear down," as well as have lunch with our students from 1:00pm-1:30pm. Your presentation could include props or handouts if you like, and should highlight the following topics: how you chose your career (and the factors that went into your decision including your own interests and abilities), the type of training program and continuing education needed for your career, how you found your job, and a description of your job duties and job environment.

Thank you for your support in this endeavor! If you have any questions, please contact me at 724-744-2161 or trailll@penntrafford.org.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Lauren Traill
Elementary School Counselor

Parent/Guardian Name: _____
Child's Name: _____ **Teacher:** _____
Job Title: _____
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