interest survey
• All 5\textsuperscript{th} graders will complete a Career Portfolio this year. This will require you to learn about a career that interests you and write a paper. You will then present the information you learned to your classmates.

• You will receive a packet with more information about the portfolio in a few weeks. You will work on this in Think Lab and Technology specials, as well as in your classroom. Your teacher will give you specific information about due dates later this spring.

• We are starting this project today by doing an Interest Survey about Careers. This will help you to identify career clusters that you are interested in for your portfolio project.
Directions:

• Get a piece of notebook paper.
• Number down the left side (1 number per line): 1-16.
• These numbers will match the # on each slide for the survey.
For each of the following slides:

- Read each item on the slide.
- If it is an activity that you would enjoy or that sounds interesting to you, make a tally mark for that activity on the line # on your paper that matches the box # of the slide.
- If you are not sure what the activity is, you can ask a parent or older sibling ... or skip it if no one else is around.

  - I have put FAQ’s on pages with the most Frequently Asked Questions that students have when we do this in class 😊
For example – if you would enjoy “transplanting small trees” and “hiking & watching wildlife” but none of the others sound interesting or fun to you, you would make 2 tally marks on line #1 of your notebook paper.

Go ahead and read through the items on each slide, and as you read, make a tally for each item that sound fun or interesting to you 😊

- Taking care of pets in your neighborhood
- Transplanting small trees
- Planting and taking care of flowers & plants
- Working in a garden & creating landscapes
- Nursing sick animals back to health
- Brushing or grooming dogs, cats, and/or horses
- Hiking & watching wildlife
- Chopping wood & replanting trees
- Identifying environmental hazards & sick/dying plants

Total checks ___
FAQ: Habitat for Humanity is a community organization that helps people. They are best known for building houses for people who cannot afford a home.

- Repairing small appliances
- Painting houses or buildings
- Using tools to make household repairs
- Cutting and shaping wood to build structures
- Volunteering for Habitat for Humanity
- Drawing floor plans
- Building simple circuit boards
- Laying brick or cinder block
- Landscaping and planting flower gardens

Total checks: ___
FAQ: Amateur means that it is not professional. For example, a college radio station would be an “amateur” radio station.

☐ Performing (music, drama, dance) for an audience
☐ Creating graphic designs on a computer
☐ Creating an original video or film
☐ Sketching or painting pictures
☐ Taking photographs
☐ Writing poems, stories or plays
☐ Making jewelry, sculpture, ceramics or stained glass
☐ Designing a newspaper layout (artwork)
☐ Being an announcer for an amateur radio station

Total checks ___
FAQ: “minutes” of a school club meeting = taking notes at a club meeting, so that everyone remembers what you talked about.

- Using a cash register
- Typing minutes of a school club meeting
- Filing or sorting mail or other papers
- Running your own business
- Developing Web pages and creating print layouts using desktop publishing
- Managing tasks for a group
- Preparing reports and analyzing data
- Typing documents for other people
- Volunteering to answer phones

Total checks ___
☐ Working as a kids’ camp counselor or volunteer
☐ Tutoring young children
☐ Reading to elementary school students
☐ Giving instructions for/or directing a play
☐ Baby-sitting young children
☐ Organizing and shelving library books
☐ Peer counseling or mediation
☐ Helping at Special Olympics events
☐ Teaching young children in an after-school program

Total checks ___
FAQ: a “treasurer” is the person who handles the club’s money.

FAQ: “spreadsheets” = Microsoft Excel document (like a chart) that helps you to sort, organize, and make calculations with data. Examples of data are money and grades.
FAQ: campaigning = helping someone to advertise that they are running for an office (like senator or president), convincing people to vote for someone.

FAQ: “urban planning” = helping to plan and design a city or some part of a city (like a new park).

FAQ: “grant” = money that you apply for. Like writing a persuasive essay about why an organization should give you money for something. Normally you have to show how the money will be used to help people.
FAQ: “CPR” is used to save someone’s life if they stop breathing or if their heart stops. Many adults (including many of your teachers!) are trained in CPR so that they can help save a life if there is an emergency.
FAQ: “catering” is when a cook or restaurant prepares food for an event somewhere else, and then takes the food to the event/party.

FAQ: “concession stand” is where you buy snacks, hot dogs, etc., at a game or event.
FAQ: “dietetic aide” = someone who helps other people with their diets (“diet” is the root word).

FAQ: “Big Brother’s / Big Sisters” = a community organization. Young adults can volunteer to be a mentor (“Big” brother/sister) to an elementary-aged student. There are many other similar mentoring programs, like Mentor Me. SBE even has a mentoring program where High School students and adults in the community mentor kids at our school!
FAQ: an “operating system” is the program that runs your computer or device. For instance, “Windows” and “iOS” are operating systems.
FAQ: An “EMT” is an Emergency Medical Technician. The men and women on an ambulance are EMT’s – they have a lot of medical training to help save someone’s life while they are taking them to the hospital.

- Reading mystery novels
- Listening to a police scanner
- Watching mystery movies or courtroom dramas
- Playing "Clue" or other mystery board games
- Volunteering in a lawyer's office
- Following court cases in the news
- Participating in EMT training
- Volunteering to search for missing pets or persons
- Participating in search and/or rescue training

Total checks ___
FAQ: “upholstering” is the stuffing and fabric that you use on furniture.

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☐ Cutting & styling hair
☐ Selling products for a school fund-raiser
☐ Taking tours of new houses for sale
☐ Designing or modeling clothes
☐ Giving people advice on products they should buy
☐ Decorating your house and rearranging your furniture
☐ Planning and having a yard sale
☐ Arranging and selling flowers
☐ Fixing watches and clocks
- Visiting science museums
- Designing experiments
- Exploring caves and collecting rocks
- Watching the weather and tracking storms
- Using a computer to solve math problems and equations
- Identifying plants, animals and/or marine life
- Developing solutions to environmental problems
- Building model aircraft/boats/trains
- Learning about different cultures

Total checks ___
FAQ: CB and ham radio’s are not as common. These are the kind of radio your bus driver uses...

FAQ: A paper route is like a bus route ... but instead of picking up students, the person is delivering the daily newspaper to the same people each day.

☐ Flying airplanes
☐ Repairing vehicles, bikes and engines
☐ Working in a warehouse or taking inventory
☐ Operating motorized machines or equipment
☐ Visiting space camps
☐ Building and repairing boats
☐ Operating a CB or ham radio
☐ Reading mechanical and automotive magazines/blogs
☐ Having a paper route

Total checks: 16
Top 3 Areas

• Look over the 16 lines and find the 3 that have the most tallies.
• Match the line #’s for your top three to the key on the next page. On your notebook paper, write the names of your Top 3 Interest Areas (ranked #1, #2, and #3).
• If you have a tie, pick the one or ones you like best.
1: Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources
2: Architecture & Construction
3: Arts, Audio/Visual Technology & Communications
4: Business Management & Administration
5: Education & Training
6: Finance
7: Government & Public Administration
8: Health Science
9: Hospitality & Tourism
10: Human Services
11: Information Technology
12: Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security
13: Manufacturing
14: Marketing
15: Science, Technology, Engineering & Math
16: Transportation, Distribution & Logistics
Next Steps

• Record your Top 3 Interest Areas here: http://goo.gl/forms/5clQwJCZEj

• During Technology and Think Lab specials, you will be doing some research about careers in your Top 3 interest areas to help narrow down to just 1 career to focus on for your 5th Grade Career Portfolio project.