

COUNSELING CORNER

APRIL: COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS



APRIL LESSON:

During the month of April, I will be teaching your students about preparing for their future. If your child is in K-3rd grade, we will be focusing on career exploration. I will read your students the book "When I Grow Up" by Al Yankovic. We will also play a career bingo game to help familiarize your student with different career options. If your child is in 4th-5th grade, they will learn about different college options. We will begin by reading the book "Monte Goes to College" by Dr. Julie Hartley-Moore. We will then discuss post-high-school education options, such as certificate programs, Associates degrees, Bachelors degrees, and advanced/Doctoral degrees. Students will begin to learn about the amount of education they will need for different careers.

LUNCHTIME RECOGNITION:

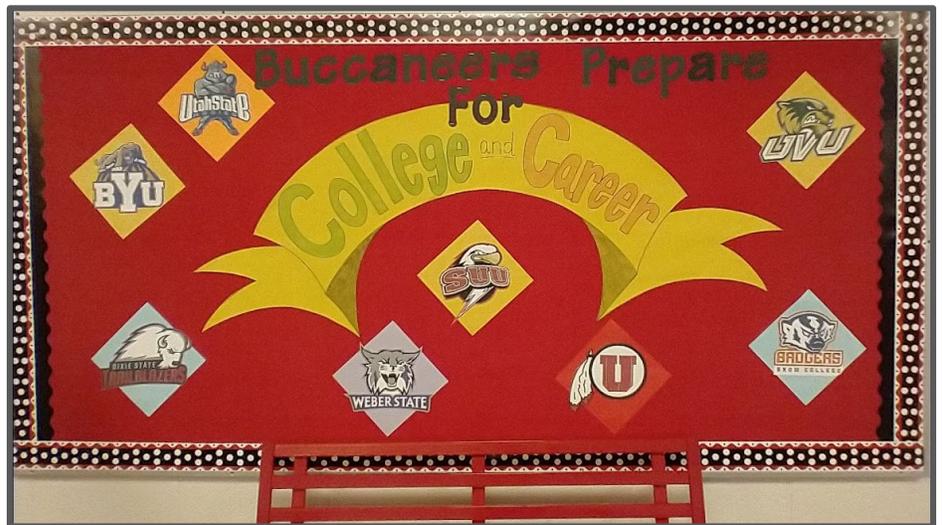
For our lunchtime recognitions this month, teachers will be looking for student's in their class who are making a special effort to work hard academically. For example, students who turn all their homework in on time, students who study hard for their tests, and students who improve their scores on state testing may be nominated.

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COLLEGE AND CAREER READINESS AT HOME:

It may seem early to begin preparing your child for their future career. At this point, our goal is to provide your students with the opportunity to explore different career options rather than begin making decisions about their future career. Below are some ideas to help your child explore careers:

- Talk about your job.** What do you do for work? Did you need education after high school for this career path? What kind of degree did you earn? These are great discussions to have with your child.
- Help them explore their talents.** What does your child like to do? Making career decisions will be much easier in the future if they know what they are interested in.
- Teach them responsibility with schoolwork.** Helping your child build a pattern of completing homework and working hard in class will benefit them in the future!



WHAT I DO:

- Monthly guidance lessons
- Weekly small group sessions
- Short-term, solution focused counseling
- Connecting families to community resources