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## Community Comes Together for Southport Career Fair

On January 31st, the Guidance Department held a Career Fair for our 7th and 8th grade students to support them in exploring future career options. This event is tied into the Naviance classroom lessons that School Counselors facilitate, which promotes career awareness and helps students develop a deeper understanding of their talents, skills, and personality traits, along with the opportunity to research and reflect on their suitable career choices.

The community really came through for this event, with professionals from a wide variety of careers for our students to meet and greet. Professionals were set up in a job fair style so students could move around and explore careers that may interest them, ask questions and gather information. Each of the professionals set up displays with general information about their careers, the qualifications required, the types of tasks they are involved with, etc. Many invited students to experience their careers hands on with drawing activities, social emotional ice breakers, computer games, microscopic experiments, interactive body models and medical devices. Even animals, including a police K9 and infant kittens in need of care were in attendance. The professionals also provided brochures and handouts for students to take home, review and share with their parents.

We are thankful to the business and service professionals throughout St. Lucie County that include: DeVonica Vaught-Heath Information Technology, Pamela Giannone- Medical Assisting, Jessica Fulton- Pharmacy Technician, Guilene Napoleon-Auguste, Melissa Nazario & Evette Louhisdon- Social Workers; Traci Wilke, Christina Coppola & Cassey Chang, Social Emotional Learning, Sarah Butler- School Psychologist & Ivey Wood -School Psychology Intern, Lieutenant Colonel Alberto Nevárez -Army JROTC, Lisa Lima & Jesse Wilson, Children’s Program Media Specialists, Dr. Lynnly Miller DVM, Veterinarian, Deanna Wilds- Prevention Specialist, Terri Mee-Joy & Lauren Watkins, Occupational Therapists, Michael Caracciolo- Financial Professional, Dr. Ravi Jitta- Chiropractor/ Holistic Medicine, Dr. Marcela Radojevic DMD- Orthodontist, Victoria Christensen- Acute Medical Social Worker, Krysti Gardner- Make-Up Artist, Charles DeSanti- Urban Planning & Land Development Contractor, Lieutenant Chad Crouse- Fire-fighter/Paramedic, Cameron Eddy- Restaurant Manager, Ryan Floyd Franchise owner- SUBWAY, Ryan Briggs-Business manager- Lowes, Deputy Thomas Johnson-Sheriff Deputy, Erik Wilson & Jamie Sparks, Police Training/Recruiting.



Students concluded their visits by completing a reflection questionnaire on the career/profession of most interest and the action steps they would need to take in order to pursue that career. The media center also supported efforts by displaying an assortment of career related books for students to check out and research career choices further. It was a great event that we plan to continue year after year.

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To inspire and empower compassionate, global learners who are committed to creating a better and more peaceful world.

# Literacy Week 2019

Southport Middle School students had a great time celebrating Literacy Week 2019. This year's theme from the Florida Department of Education was "Spreading *Literacy*, One View at a Time." The week began with a door decorating contest and homerooms were given the entire week to complete their project.

Students started the celebration on Tuesday dressed as their favorite book character and ended the day with their families at a Literacy Evening of fun, games, food, and books from the Scholastic Book Fair held in the Media Center.

Students began with a "Passport to Literacy" that teachers stamped as they made their way through all the fun activities, as well as a History Fair going on in the cafeteria.

Wednesday was a groovy day where everyone was invited to dress up in their favorite tie-dye attire.

Thursday was the final day for the Scholastic Book Fair and homerooms wrapped up their door decorating.

Doors were judged at the end of the day for the Best Representation of Theme, Most Creative, Most Artistic, and Funniest.

Thursday was also deemed Dress for Success Day for the seventh and eighth grade students who had the privilege to attend a Career Fair planned by the guidance department. The community really came through for this event, bringing professionals together from a wide variety of careers for our students to meet and greet.

