



# Russom Elementary School

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Dear 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents:

HB 713 mandates career education in grades K-12. As part of these requirements, the Georgia Department of Education has developed the *5<sup>th</sup> Grade Career Portfolio* as a culminating activity at the elementary level. The purpose of this activity is to provide students the opportunity to conduct research and to present information about a career that interests them.

Each student's Career Portfolio should consist of two major components: an informational essay and a presentation. The presentation may include project boards with career information and photos, an occupational brochure, and/or a PowerPoint presentation. To help get the students started on this project, I have taken each 5<sup>th</sup> grade class to the computer lab and given them an opportunity to begin their research. (One very helpful website is the Occupational Outlook Handbook <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/>.) Students have also been given a folder that contains the exact requirements for this project. For your convenience, you will also find them on the back of this letter.

Each fifth grade teacher will have discretion as to when these projects will be due and how, or if, they will incorporate this project into their students' grades. Please keep in mind, however, that this is a state mandated project each 5<sup>th</sup> grade student is required to complete. If you have any questions or concerns about the project, please feel free to contact me at [kpitts@paulding.k12.ga.us](mailto:kpitts@paulding.k12.ga.us).

Thank you,

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