



NEWS FROM THE NEST

March 10 – 14, 2025

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Dear Parents and Advocates of East Lake School,

What did you want to be when you grew up? You may have been asked this question as a child and during your school years. Maybe you are working in that field today, have taken on something different or maybe you are still figuring it all out. As parents, we want our children to grow to be happy, healthy, confident and contributing members of our community.

I've been asked by our Eagles many times what do I do all day. The general consensus is I walk around, talk to people and go on the announcements. I love talking with Eagles about the things I do during the day and the people I connect with to do the work such as teachers, parents, police, social workers, doctors, university professors, delivery drivers, speakers and community members. We talk about how I use literacy, numeracy, communication and problem solving skills.

At East Lake we are asking students the question "who do you want to be when you grow up?" Our students have been very thoughtful in exploring this idea. The qualities they share include being safe, helpful, healthy, smart, loving and kind. When we ask "what" do you want to be, there is some inherent pressure and potential for anxiety or fear of judgement. It's a big question. Career exploration K-12 is a slow journey of exploration, engagement and experience.

Early career exploration offers many different learning opportunities. Many of these opportunities at this level look like using discussion, story telling, reflecting on interests and strengths and exploring the types of contributions people make to the world through the work of work, family life and volunteerism. We can make explicit career connections when we engage in CTF programming, go on field trips, invite speakers in or talk about the ways people spend their time.

Rocky View Schools has created a "Career Exploration Practice Guide" which guides teaching and learning in our board around career exploration. We invite parents as partners to engage in learning and discovery about the world of work. RVS has created a parent area on this topic at <https://www.rockyview.ab.ca/schools/learning/career-learning/parent-guardian-info>.

It's never too early to talk about student interest and career exploration.

Thank you to everyone who entered our Social Media Contest during Student Led Conferences, the winners have been contacted.

Yours in Career Learning,

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This Week:

March 10
PL Day
(No School)

March 14
Popcorn Fundraiser

Upcoming:

March 19
Parent Council
6:00 – 7:30 pm

March 28
Popcorn Fundraiser

March 31
PL Day
(No School)