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Being busy does not always mean real work. The object of all work is production or accomplishment and to either of these ends there must be forethought, system, planning, intelligence, and honest purpose, as well as perspiration. Seeming to do is not doing.

-Thomas A. Edison

I AM WOW!

STEP 1
Discovering
Yourself

Current issue – CAREERS n' PROFESSIONS >>>

SRI GURUBHYO NAMAHA!

Teaching

Teaching is a SATISFYING job. It is a job where you transfer knowledge to the seeking. Knowledge grows when you share it. Teaching is the only profession that produces professionals for all careers.

A Teacher

I have always aspired to become a teacher. Teaching, according to me is a very big and satisfying career. The qualities of a teacher are extraordinary. They must: guide children, have patience, and be kind and fair to all. These are not as easy as they sound. Handling different types of children all at the same time can be challenging. A good teacher treats all children fair whether they are naughty or well behaved, quiet or loud, annoying or obedient. As a mentor, it is important not to compare children or tease them for their inability or poor performance. Teachers are ought to be strict, but not harsh. Strict does not mean having a stick glued to their hand, shouting and screaming their head off. No! It is a manner that shows that teachers are concerned about student's performance and their future. Being strict helps children take their work seriously.

Why I will make a good teacher

I am by nature hardworking and meticulous. I connect well with others and have the natural ability to share information in such a manner that others understand. Being empathetic and compassionate help me understand others better. There are some teachers I have come across in my life until now who are my inspiration. I want to be a jovial teacher, who loves teaching; who would be fair with all and would definitely understand the student. Thanks to all my teachers, I hope I become a good teacher in the future.

Ananya R. 9th Grade

IMAGINATION UNLIMITED

I want to be an author because English is my favourite subject and I like reading books a lot. My first book is called "Shalbus Egbert Lost in the city". I am in the process of writing another book called "The Mirror Thief". Being an author is not easy because you need imagination, structure, good grammar and hard work. There are two types of writing, Fiction and Non – Fiction. 'Fiction' is events that will not occur in your daily life and 'Non – Fiction' is events that can occur in your daily life. I prefer fictional books to non – fictional books. I like writing stories because I make a world of my own characters!

Ambika B. 6th grade

WELL INTO THE FUTURE

I like to become a doctor as it is a very noble profession. I want to become a child specialist (Pediatrics). I am motivated to study medicine by seeing my doctor, Dr. Balachandran. I see him relentlessly striving to help many children throughout the day. This profession is very challenging and requires me to keep updated with the new research findings, work round the clock and aim to serve the people. Doctors are respected by all and I would strive to serve people without being carried away with the motivation of getting rich. I plan to spend at least 20 percent of my time serving people in rural areas where there are not many doctors to help ailing people. I like spending time with children and I do not get bored while being in their company. By nature I am hard working and hence feel that this profession suits me best.

Aditya J. 5th Grade

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WISH
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I WISH...

THE JOYSTICK

I love cars and I like to design things. Designing a car is interesting. I want to make a car that makes travel easier and comfortable. To achieve this I need to put in a lot of thought because comfort should not compromise quality. The car I design will be prestigious yet simple and easy to operate. In other words it will have the style of a Rolls Royce with the ease of a BMW. I will earn a lot of money from designing high end cars. I plan to give some of my earnings to the orphanage. First I will earn a degree in Automobile Engineering to reach my goal.

Karun Sai Shankar, 4th Grade

EUREKA!!!

My aim is to become a scientist. I want to become a scientist because I am very good in science and I score good marks in this subject. My role model is my science teacher because she does experiments explaining a topic in science. She makes us do a lot of projects to help us understand better. I like to help people who have trouble in science. Being a scientist I want to find a cure for diseases such as Cancer, AIDS etc. I have seen people suffering from Cancer and I want to help them sincerely.

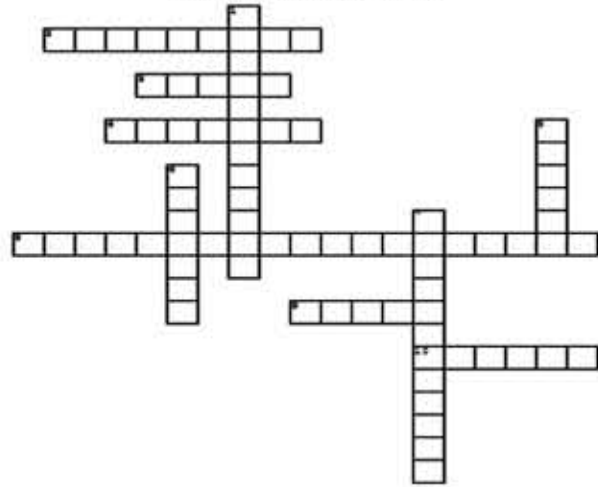
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Complete the crossword below



Across

- A scientist who practices biology.
- Mix and bake ingredients to produce breads, rolls, cookies, cakes, pies, pastries, or other baked goods.
- Receive and disburse money in establishments other than financial institutions.
- Creates, modify, and test the code, forms, and script that allow computer applications to run.
- Conduct hearings to recommend or make decisions.
- Represent clients in criminal and civil litigation and other legal proceedings.

Down

- Control and extinguish fires.
- Conduct investigations to prevent crimes or solve criminal cases.
- Diagnose and treat problems that occur in teeth.
- Finding and uncovering the clues explaining the history of mankind.

Akanksha, 8th Grade

WHEN THE RUBBER MEETS THE ROAD

I want to become an automobile engineer. I have a huge passion for cars and despite being only thirteen know a lot about them. To be an automobile engineer, I have to be good at Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry. I should also know a great deal about technology. I am working on these. I liked cars since the movie 'CARS' came out in 2006. This movie introduced me to the world of cars and it impressed me very much. As I grew, I started making cars from cardboard boxes and Lego blocks. I think I will be a good automobile engineer.

Yeshwant Dasari, 8th Grade

CREATIVE EXPRESSION

The profession that impresses me most is 'Theatre'. Stage plays and shows interest me more than movies. I take Speech and Drama lessons from my instructor Mr. Vijay Viswanathan, who is my inspiration. He connects well with people especially children. He is an actor and a teacher. I too am naturally able to connect with people, am able to teach with patience and like working in a group. During the few stage plays that I have been part of, I realised that I am able to memorize long scripts both mine as well as others, with little effort. I have learnt to throw my voice and speak with good expression. I love the feeling of being on stage and believe I have the talent required for this profession. My strengths combined not only will help becoming a theatre artist but also a good teacher like Vijay sir.

Ananth P Ashok, 5th Grade

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Chemistry is an interesting subject and I like it very much. Some chemicals have reactions that I love to watch. There are other chemicals that make noise during a reaction. I like to do experiments with chemicals and watch every reaction. My favourite chemist Marie Curie found many elements and some of my favourite elements are calcium, sodium and francium. Since I like chemistry, I plan to have a career that involves working with different chemicals. A chemist may be a good option.

Gayathri R, 7th Grade

ROBOTECHY

I am passionate about robotics. The basics are taught in my school. I am very enthusiastic about mathematics and the idea of being able to write programs that explain even abstract things thrills me. When I grow up, I'd work on becoming a technician who invents many new robots and hi-tech gadgets. I would start a company called 'Air Robot' and experiment on inventing an unmanned flying robot which has enough room for a family to fit in comfortably (with a lot of windows).

I would design a flight called 'Laser Jet' which travels faster (and is bigger than an AIRBUS A380). Working carefully on my challenges, the robots I would be thrilled to make are:

- Multifunctional robots: robots which can do everything perfectly, in any environment (not only in the house or the usual environment).
- Household robots: robots which can do all the work that it is programmed to do (in a fixed environment).
- Calculating robots: they can do all sorts of calculations required in daily life i.e. like financial calculations, mark calculations, etc.
- Cooking robots: they are designed to cook in one kitchen [anything people ask it to cook; they need to enter the menu and the number of people who would be eating]
- Cleaning robots: they are designed to clean the house (or) the place it's designed to clean.
- Serving robots: they are typically used for carrying stuff from one place to another.

I'd be satisfied if the robots are cheap (many people can afford at least one), long lasting [with annual service] and remote controlled (from anywhere).

Tejas, 5th Grade

LEARN FROM YOUR PAST→ MARCH FORWARD

My social studies teacher is polite and gentle. She explains the subject well. I like Social studies and understand it clearly. I even score good marks in this subject. I will be able to teach like my teacher because I like the subject and am kind. Therefore, I want to become a Social Studies teacher when I grow up.

Manya, 5th Grade



RATATOUILLE

At age 5 began my catering experience. I am usually sincere in whatever I do. This helps me get through challenges and enjoy what I do. I learnt some of the basic skills needed to be a cook even before starting to learn cooking. Being organised, trying hard without giving up, and willingness to learn are very important factors. One main thing about being a chef is that, you cannot cook and not like it. Each item is an experience. The art of cooking is best experienced when we remember to be happy. Listening to the head chef helps in learning a lot. I always wanted to be passionate about what I do. I wanted to get through challenges; I wanted to do what Ever I enjoyed. Seven years ago I started my cooking experience. There are so many people around the world with so many different cuisines that it's simply impossible to learn how to cook everything. That's another thing that makes it more exciting.....

Ssesha Mutiah, 7th Grade

Flashback from Issue Six >>> SPACE

The Big Bang theory is the prevailing cosmological model for the early development of the universe. Modern measurements place this moment at approximately 13.8 billion years ago, which is thus considered the age of universe. Simple atomic nuclei formed within the first 3 minutes after the Big Bang. Thousands of years passed before the first electrically neutral atoms formed. The majority of atoms produced by the Big Bang were hydrogen, along with helium and traces of lithium. It offers a comprehensive explanation for a broad range of observed phenomena, including the abundance of light elements, the cosmic microwave background, large scale structure and Hubble's law. It explains the general evolution of the universe.

Aditya J, 5h Grade

MY DREAM WILLOW

My favorite profession is cricket. It is so much fun. Whenever I am in a bad mood, watching and playing cricket always calms me down. Whether India is playing or not I still watch the match. A cricketer plays cricket for his country and needs to keep himself fit. He needs to have strong muscles and needs to be healthy. I aim to play in the Indian cricket team.

To qualify for the Indian Cricket team, first I have to play for the school team then I have to play for the club and if I get selected I can go for Ranji Trophy till the selectors select me. If I get selected for the Indian team my dream will come true. I feel that I would make a good cricketer because I am good at fielding and batting and I am ok in bowling. Now I am planning to practice my bowling. I am selected for my School team this time and I want to do my best.

Pranit Sanghi, 7th Grade

THE WOW VOICE

Choosing a career – a term that was once discussed after high school, is now being dealt with in elementary school itself. Some parents decide their child's profession based on what can uplift their future economic status, of course with the forethought that their children will have a better lifestyle and affordability than them. Some decide based on their personal experiences. Others decide based on what works for their current life style and spending capacity. Very few even discuss career choices with their children. In all of them, one thing is common.... *"We know what has worked for us and many people around us. Safe choices will not let you down. Either it is safe choice or calculated risk".*

The world is today a global platform, and there is no dearth of information not to mention, competition. Children do not have to wait for weeks to receive information packages from universities. With a click of a mouse you get what you want. Shouldn't choosing a career be easy then?

There is advancement in almost every field, There are innumerable job options, across the world. Yet, our tuned mind-set refuses to explore and chooses to bank on safe choices. Children may exhibit interest and ability in variety of things during their growing years; families may be able to afford many new activities/classes and gadgets; society may provide lot more interesting avenues...Does that set the stage for a child to excel in everything he likes to do? After all, he likes it, enjoys it and can afford it. What more does one need in order to make the right choice?

The answer lies is something beyond interest, beyond ability, beyond affordability or availability. This answer can be experienced only through careful observation of the child's action-perception-response and choice. Every child (even between children from same parents) is unique and therefore a blanket rule/universal answer does not exist.

Being able to derive positive energy from an activity and the ability to apply this energy in other activities; the ability to correlate experience gained from one activity and to apply that learning in other tasks; willingly indulging in enhancing performance in an activity; exhibiting pleasure and joy not in winning but in performing the activity ...these are signs that help identify suitable and appropriate fields. Carefully considering the scope in these fields will help narrow down choices. During school years, opinions may change, interests may develop or wane...so how do we help them narrow down their career choices?

Once students hit 10th grade their lives are set, to say the least. Think about it, out of the first 15yrs, a child has no memory of the first five. The next five years goes in learning the do's and don'ts. From 10yrs to 15yrs of age they discover personal likes and dislikes only based on their current surroundings. When kids barely know who they are, children are expected to make life decisions. No choice-that's the system. So obviously parents being their best mentors help make the choices for them, No harm in that, except when those choices become an extension of the parents' long lost dreams. This leaves us with loads of questions, the most important, being - Should parents help their children make career choices?

Yes, parents ought to do their duty of being the best mentor, a child can ever get. However, being objective more than emotional-being supportive more than directive and being understanding more than introspecting helps provide a healthy space between parents and children.

Another very important method of inculcating habits that are basic for any profession is to be a model for the children. Be who you want your child to be. Learn new things (aging does not rule out learning), do not procrastinate, be positive, be active, always set aside time for hobbies, friends and social life, have a good exercise routine, value relationships, and leisure more than money, build skills and interests. If you provide this environment as a natural living environment for your child, there will be no worries when it is time to make heavy choices. Happy choosing mentoring!

The WOW Team

EXPLORE DREAM DISCOVER – Mark Twain

As an 8th grader, I have been asked many times what I want to be when I grow up. There are many people, even younger than I am, who have already decided what they want to become and have started working towards their goals. However, there are also a fair share of people like me, who are not completely sure which career they'd like to pursue. I have many hobbies and interests, which is why it's a bit difficult for me to pinpoint exactly what I think I'd be good at or what I'd like to do. I have been asked very often, and the more I hear it, the more I think about it. When so many people are sure of what they'd like to be, and are already looking at universities and schools with good programmes, why is it so hard for me? I'm not the only one with a lot of hobbies and interests!

Sometimes, I feel a bit confused as to why I have to choose now. There are two ways of looking at it:

I am *only* in eighth grade, or I am *already* in eighth grade.

I still have time to explore my interests and discover new jobs. Say, I do decide on a profession now, what if by next year, I am more interested in something else and change my mind? Instead of focusing only on my decision now and spend the next five years looking for colleges which specialize in that branch, why can't I spend the next *two* years finding out about myself, strengthening the basic skills needed to be successful in any profession, and spend the last 3 years planning my future? I am not sure about what I want to be when I grow up, but it doesn't matter as much, because I am sure that I have to keep exploring, keep searching, keep thinking, and I will decide eventually.

Anjana Ashok, 8th Grade

MASS APPEAL

The occupation I like the most is a physicist. My goal is to become one because I love physics. Physicists research and make useful things for people's everyday use. It involves Mathematics. People who like Mathematics generally like Physics. According to me, this is the best subject for doing advanced research. My goal is to earn a PH.D in Physics.

Aditya R, 7th Grade