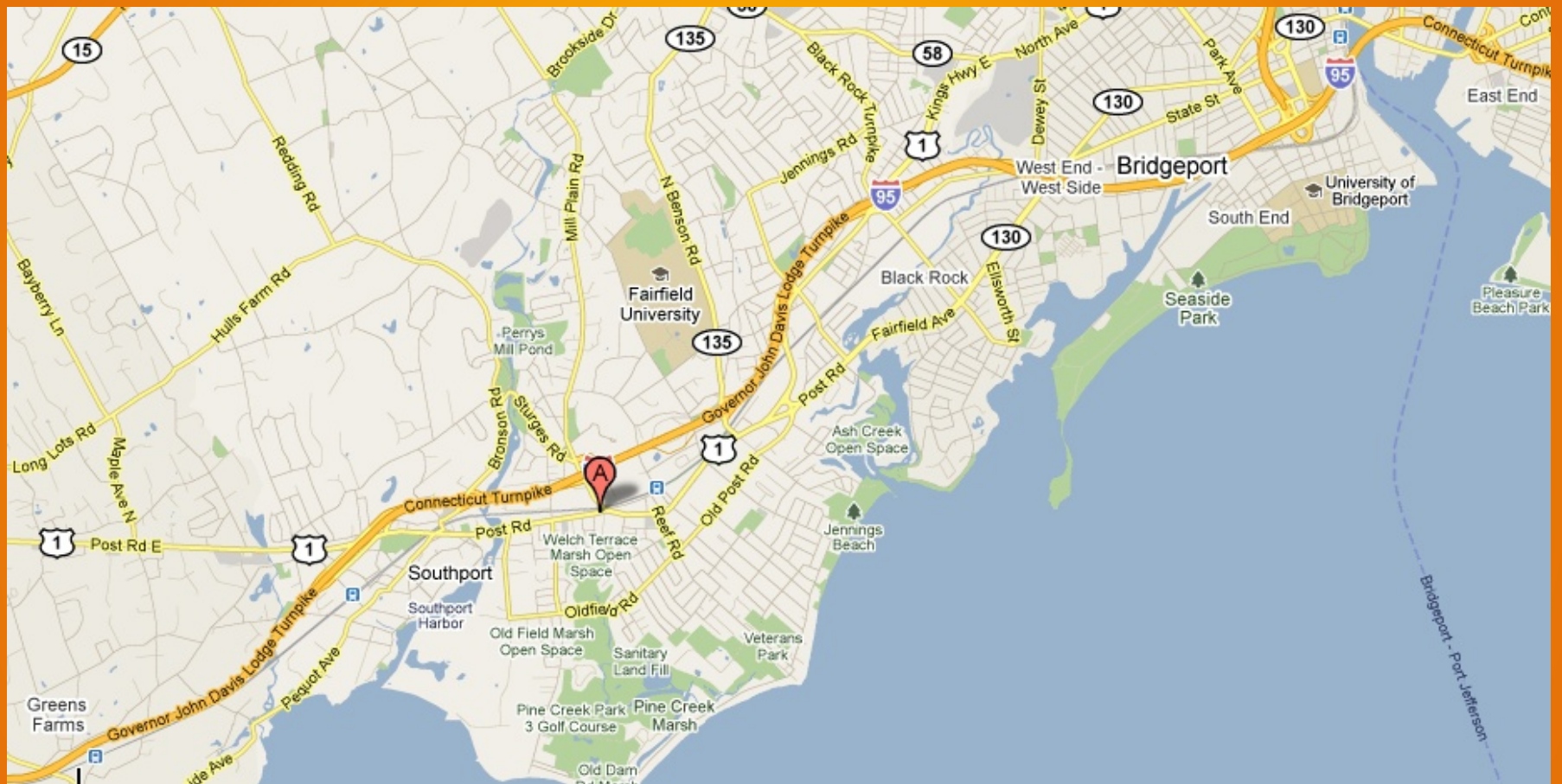


Community Helpers

Interviews by the students of 2C

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This is Maureen Fasino, an office manager for a surgeon. She answers the phone, makes appointments, and does billing for offices and hospitals on the computer. She was trained to do her job and she listened carefully. She wears scrubs and uses a computer at work. She sometimes has to wear gloves. Maureen loves helping people and she likes to assist the doctor. The upside to her job is that she loves the people she works with, especially my Mom. The downside to her job is that she has a long drive to work and gets stuck in traffic a lot. Also, sometimes there are really sick people she has to work with. One of her most exciting days at work was when Santa came to visit at her office.



Meet Melissa, a gymnastics coach. She teaches gymnastics to kids. She learned how to do her job by going through lots of training. The special clothes she wears for her job are workout clothes. What is interesting about her job is working with every age of kids. The upside of her job is that she likes to see her team win. The downsides of her job are the crazy kids. The most exciting days are when kids learn new skills.



Meet Kate Lamborn, a social worker. She works in New York City at a hospital. Her job is to talk to people. She helps them solve problems. Kate went to school to learn her job. She also got trained at the hospital. She wears her normal clothes to work. What is interesting about her job is that she gets to meet lots of other people. She helps them solve problems that no one else can. She also helps people get medicine, to pay for the hospital, and makes sure they are safe after they go home. The upsides of her job are that she learns something new every day and helps people feel good. The downsides of her job are that she worries about other people. Sometimes their problems are sad. An exciting thing that happened was one time a very famous actor came in. It was exciting to meet him.



This is Mrs. Pascone, a first grade teacher. What she does at work is have fun lessons to teach reading, writing, and math. She sets up the classroom for the day. She learned how to do her job when she went to Sacred Heart University. She worked in Westport Schools to practice being a teacher. She dresses in fancy clothes for her job. She uses a Smart Board for her equipment. What she finds interesting about her job is that she meets new kids, new families, and learning what kids like. The upsides of her job are that she gets to help kids all year and work with nice teachers. The downsides of her job are when her students leave her at the end of the year and go to 2nd grade. She misses them a lot. The most exciting day of her entire life was when she got engaged on field day. Another exciting day was when she got the Smart Board because she was so excited to use it. Mrs. Pascone loves to teach kids how to read.



Say hello to James Cooper, a chef at Bonda Restaurant. He writes menus, cooks, and pays bills. He learned to do his job by going to cooking school, watching cooking shows on TV, having dinner parties, and going to restaurants. He wears a chef coat and an apron. The equipment he needs to do his job is a stove, an oven, a grill, and lots of utensils. The most interesting thing about his work is that he gets to be creative. He loves talking to customers and trying new recipes. The upsides of his job are that he helps people to eat right and he gets to live out his dreams. The downsides of his job are that he works long hours and he misses his wife and son. The day he opened was his most exciting day. It was fun because so many of his friends were there.



Meet Tom Leverty, the owner and president of Leverty Painting. He paints the inside and the outside of houses. He goes to a job and gives estimates and supervises his crew. He learned how to do his job by painting during the summers when he was in high school. He needs to wear painting pants and a mask for his job, and uses rollers, brushes, ladders, and a scaffold. He finds the people he works for and the houses they live in are interesting. The upsides of his job are that he is the owner and can control his company. The downsides of his job are dealing with weather and employees who don't show up for work. He had an exciting day when he painted 25 houses in a development and got paid!



This is Charles Wiggerhauser, a terrific ski instructor at Okemo in Vermont. He teaches children and adults how to ski. He learned how to do his job by attending training classes. He needs to wear warm clothes and ski equipment for his job. What is interesting about his job is that he meets a lot of very nice people from all over the world. The upsides of his job are that he has lots of fun and gets exercise. The downsides of his job are that sometimes the weather can be cold, wet, or snowy. His most exciting days are when he gets to ski with his family and friends.



Say hello to Beth Cerny, a school counselor. She helps students feel good about themselves. She went to college and graduate school and she learned from the people she works with, too. She does not need special equipment, she just needs a computer. She also has toys and games to play with the kids in her office. Her job is interesting because every day is different and it is good to help others. The upside of her job is that she works with a lot of nice people and she helps kids learn in school. The downside of her job is that she goes to a lot of meetings and does not get to go outside. Her two favorite days of the year are the first and last day because the kids are so excited. She thinks her job is the best.



I interviewed David Rowe and he is a pastor. He teaches, preaches, and helps people. He learned how to be a pastor from his father. He went to school and practiced. His special equipment and clothes are his bible and robe. What is interesting about his job is all the people he works with. The upside of his job is every hour is different. The downsides of his job are dealing with sickness and death. His most exciting days are Sundays because he sees so many people, young and old.



Say hello to Master KJ. He teaches Taekwondo to kids. He started training when he was 10 years old in Korea. He needs to wear pads, uniforms, and a belt to teach the class so he won't get hurt. Master KJ's work is interesting because he gets to see improvement in his classes. He also works with other masters and managers. The upside of his job is that it teaches him self-control. His most exciting day was going to a tournament.



This is Sergio Fernandez, a landscaper. At work he landscapes, cuts grass, fertilizes lawns, snow plows, and trims trees and bushes. He taught himself on how to do his job and has been working for 14 years. The special equipment he uses is gloves, lawn mowers, trimmers, and leaf blowers. His most interesting part of his work is he gets to meet lots of different people. The upsides of his job are that he gets to work outside and he's the boss. The downside of his job is sometimes he has to work outside, when the weather isn't great. His most exciting day is when he gets a new customer. He loves his work because he also gets to work with his family.



Meet Kyle Boyle, a life guard. At work he keeps people from drowning in the pool at the club. He learned to do his job by taking classes to learn to be a lifeguard at the pool club. The first time he took a class they didn't have a lot of people in the class. To do his job he needs to wear a certain kind of bathing suit and a whistle. What is interesting about his work is that he likes to help people and he likes to save people. The upsides of his job are that he is outside more in the day and it is fun for him. The downside of his job is that he works on the weekends. His most exciting days are when he vacuums the bottom of the pool.



Meet Gerald Ringel, the head pharmacist at Switzer's Pharmacy in Southport. He dispenses medication to people. To learn his job he studied at a pharmacy school for 5 years. He needs to wear a white coat with his name tag on it. What is interesting about his job is that he is able to make a living and help sick people. He gives them medication ordered by their doctor or nurse practitioner. The upside of his job is that he gets to meet a lot of people. The downside of his job is he could make a mistake dispensing medication and it might harm a customer. His most exciting day was the day he got his pharmacy license.



Meet Thomas Homa. He is a doctor who takes care of kids and grownups who are sick. He learned to become a doctor by going to school. To do his job he needs a stethoscope and a white coat. His work is interesting because he keeps kids healthy. He enjoys his work because he has fun and helps sick kids get better. The downside of his job is getting phone calls at night. His most exciting days are visiting babies in the hospital.



Meet Mary Williams, a supervisor of a soup kitchen. She cooks and feeds the hungry. She learned to do her job by taking classes at the Connecticut Food Bank. She is licensed by the State of Connecticut to do her job. The special clothes and equipment she uses are a hair net, rubber gloves, and an apron. What is interesting about her job is that she is able to help someone who is hungry. The upside of her job is that she got to go to college and learned. The downside of her job is trying to get enough help to feed the people. Her most exciting days are when she can feed all the hungry people.



I learned all about Gale Ward who is a store manager. She sells clothes for men and women. She learned how to do her job by working at a department store in the summer when she was a student. For her job she buys and wears the clothes from the store. She finds it interesting that she gets to meet nice people. Some of the upsides of the job are that she has flexibility with her hours and a great staff to work with. The downsides of her job are that it gets busy and the store gets messy. What is exciting is that they sometimes get famous people in their store. She loves her job!



Meet Kathy Sexton, a realtor. At work she calls possible clients, meets clients, has open houses, mails postcards, and takes clients to see houses. She learned her job by taking courses and training with other realtors. She doesn't need a uniform but she needs to wear business clothes. For equipment she needs a phone, a computer, and a desk. The most interesting thing about her work is meeting with people and finding homes for them. The upside of her job is having a flexible schedule. The downside of her job is working every day and challenging negotiations. Her most exciting day was when she had two closings in one day.



Here is Scott Slobin, the head racquets professional at the Patterson Club. He is in charge of running the tennis and paddle tennis departments. He gives tennis lessons to adults and children and maintains the courts. He grew up playing tennis and took many hours of tennis lessons to do his job. He wears tennis clothes and tennis shoes to work. What is interesting about his job is that every day he gets to work outside. He gets to teach adults and children tennis and paddle tennis. He is very lucky because he gets to do something that he loves to do. The upside of his job is that he gets to work with kids and adults and spend his day outside in beautiful weather. The downside of his job is that he works year round outside, so it can be really cold. His most exciting days are when he gives a really good tennis lesson and sees one of his students making a lot of progress.



Meet Eric Collins, a tennis coach. He teaches tennis to young kids, teenagers, and adults. He learned it when he was a kid in Cameroon, Africa. To teach tennis he needs a tennis racquet, tennis clothes, a tennis court, and tennis balls. What he finds interesting about his job is that he watches people grow and get better at their tennis. The upsides of his job are when he sees his kids doing the right thing and winning tournaments. The downside is when the students are not doing the right thing. His most exciting day is when he sees kids progressing and achieving their goal.

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and we hope you
enjoyed our
presentation!

Second Grade Community Rap

Community, community, C-O-M-M-UNITY

Policemen, firemen, keeping us safe.

Community, Community, such a nice place.

Rural roads, city highways, sub-urban streets.

Cars, trucks, motorcycles, beep, beep, beep.

Community, community, C-O-M-M-UNITY

Reuse and recycle, keep our earth clean

Mother Nature's happy when the grass is green

Hospitals, schools, train stations too

Helps us, teaches us, brings me to you

Southport, Bridgeport, Fairfield ROCKS

We're # 1 and We're on top!

Community, community, C-O-M-M-UNITY, COMMUNITY!