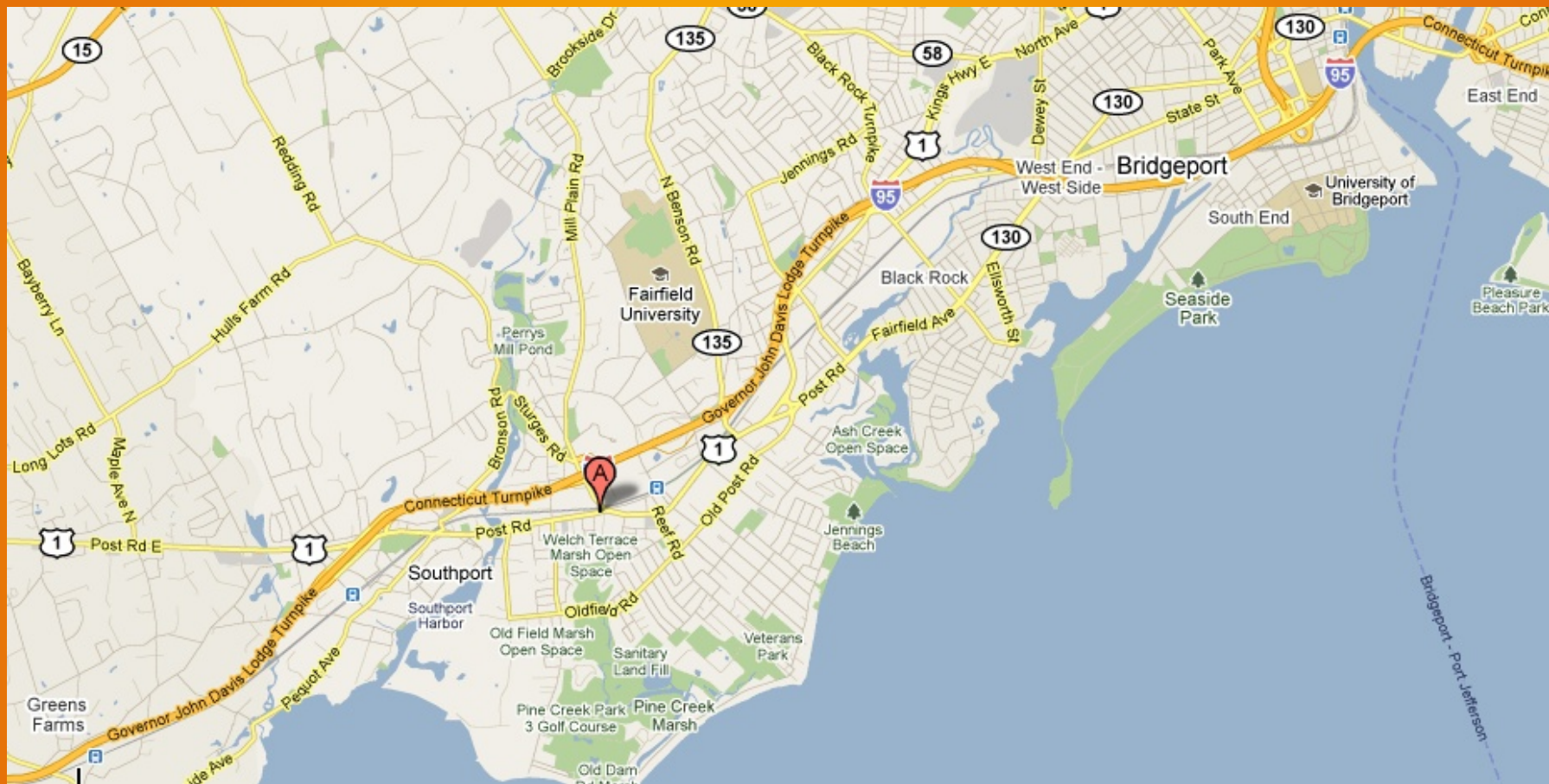


Community Helpers

Interviews by the students of 2G

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Meet Mike Beldotti, owner of Beldotti Bakery. At work he bakes, cleans and runs the business. He learned to do his job at a bakery after school. He needs a mixer, spoon, and a knife. "Every day is different," he says. He enjoys making his own hours and seeing his name on the bakery wall in bubbles. He gets up at 4:30 am. His most exciting day was when he became the owner. His bakery gets 350 customers every day. My favorite thing to eat there is a smiley face cookie.



Meet Cimmy. He is the assistant to an optometrist. He measures people for glasses. He was trained at the office by the optometrists. Every day he needs to look nice and wear a white jacket. He gets to meet interesting people and help them see more clearly in their daily activities. He likes the people but he really enjoys designing special eye glass lenses with his tools in the back room. The downsides of his job are when people yell over silly things and leave the store. His most exciting day ever was when he helped his mother with an eye test and fitted her with many pretty glasses.



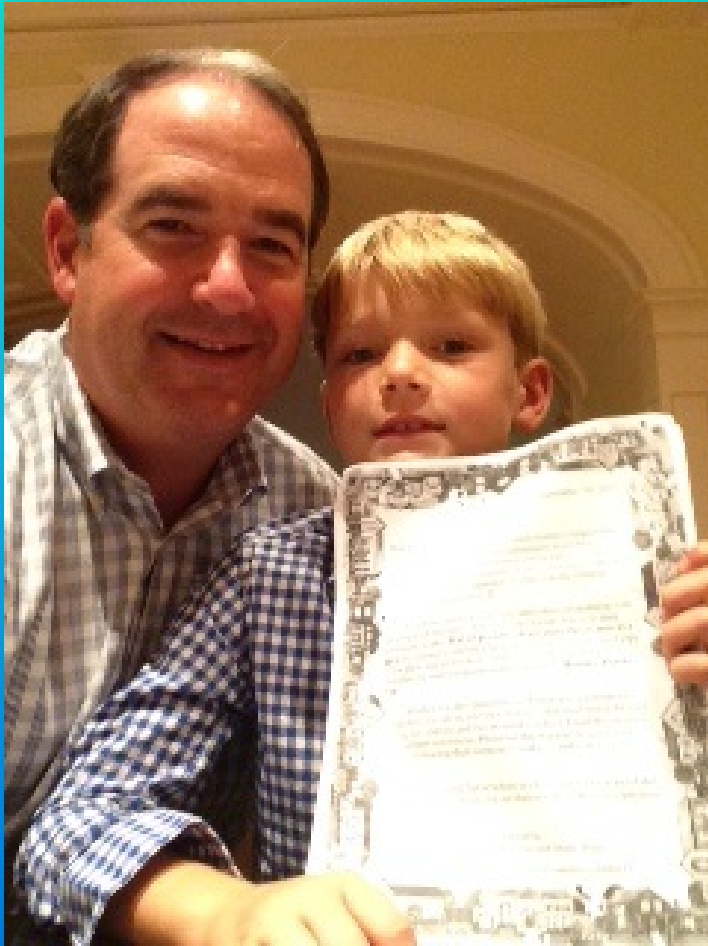
Meet Gianni! He works at the Greenfield Farms farm stand. He is the manager. He sells fruits and vegetables. His boss taught him how it works. His boss owns the farm, but Gianni owns the stand. He likes his job. It is close to his house. His favorite day is the Pumpkin Festival because there are 1,000 people. I am excited to go to the Pumpkin Festival this year! It is right next to my house.



Say hello to Dave Marcs. Dave Marcs is the owner of Learning Express. He helps customers, pays bills, puts away toys, does the buying of toys, and answers questions. He got "on the job" training from other workers. He also used to own an art supply store. He wears a shirt that says Learning Express, and sneakers. He talks to people and helps them find toys. He gets to make his own hours. The upside is that he works when he wants and he has control of his work life. A downside is finding good people to work for him. An exciting memory is seventeen years ago when a thousand people were lined up to buy Beanie Babies. A cool fact is that Rainbow Loom is the most popular toy in the whole store, selling 3000 so far. There are over 10,000 Rainbow Loom kits in the whole store. The rubber band packs are so popular that he sells 100 packs every day.



Meet Jamie Millington. He is a police officer in Shelton, CT. At work he helps the community and supervises all the police officers. He learned to do his job by going to the police academy for nine months. He always has a uniform, radio, handcuffs, and a flashlight. The interesting thing for him about his job is helping a lot of people. The good things are working with and getting to know the community. A really exciting day was catching a criminal who tried to get away.



I met Todd Esse. He is a coach. He is the founder of Fairfield Youth Lacrosse. He organizes teams, players, coaches, and uniforms. He played lacrosse when he was a kid. That's why he is a lacrosse coach now. I hope I am a lacrosse coach when I grow up. He loves that FYL can let more people play. He wants to see the 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, and K groups all play lacrosse. They are all good, he does not want to split up kids. His favorite day is the Mother's Day Jamboree.



Meet Kathleen Wiggenhauer. She is a college counselor. She helps students apply to college and advises them. She went to college and graduate school to learn to be a good writer. She gets to work with all different students. She gets to work with young students. A downside is that lots of kids want to see her all at the same time. Part of her job is to visit colleges. It is exciting to meet new people. Sometimes the kids don't plan ahead and that makes her job harder.



Meet Valmir! He is a landscaper. He mows lawns and plants gardens. In the winter, he plows driveways and he trims trees. He uses mowers, blowers, tarps, trucks, and rakes. He also has special eye protection. He learned about landscaping from his grandpa who owned a farm. He likes to see messy yards turn clean. I want to be a landscaper when I grow up.



Meet Gary MacNamara, Chief of Police. He is in charge of keeping Fairfield safe. He went to school first. He was hired as a patrol officer. He liked his job and worked hard and moved up the ranks. He has a badge and a uniform. He uses a taser, a gun, handcuffs and a patrol car. A pen and paper are also important. If there is something going on in town, he is involved. A downside to his job is seeing people who have been hurt and arresting people who have done something really bad. His three best memories are the first day as a police officer, the day after he left the police academy, and when he was finally able to ride in the patrol car alone. His dad was in law enforcement. He wanted to be like him and followed in his footsteps.



Meet Mrs. Susan Wholley. She helps kids read, write, and do math. She was a teacher for many years and now tutors kids in their own house. She doesn't wear special clothes but she uses books, paper, and the computer. She gets to learn lots of new things about her students. Sometimes her students don't want to work. The most exciting thing for Mrs. Wholley was when I learned to read very well.



Say hello to Susan Atkins, a physician's assistant. She takes care of people who are injured. She went to many schools: high school, college, and medical school. She needs a white doctor's coat, a stethoscope, bandages, and medicine. What's interesting about her job is she gets to make people feel better. The upside of her job is she gets paid for her job. The downside is she needs to get up at 5:00 in the morning. Her most exciting day was when a lady came in with a big cut in her head and she fixed it with staples. Helping people feel better makes Susan feel better. Susan Atkins is my grandma.



Meet Sam Banks, owner of Banks Farm. He is a horse farmer. He takes care of 5 horses. He feeds them and makes sure they have their water. His father taught Sam everything. He has had horses his entire life. Sam wears rainproof clothing for when he's working in the rain and warm clothing for the cold. He has ten acres of property that have been in his family since the Revolutionary War. An upside is he gets a tax break from the town. His most exciting day was having a baby horse born 15 years ago. Other people help him. There are people like the farrier who puts shoes on the horses. There are people who massage the horses. Sam has to take care of the horses. He doesn't care how bad the weather is. I couldn't believe his family has owned the property since the Revolutionary War.



Meet Justin Greenhaw, a firefighter lieutenant at the Fairfield firehouse near the harbor. He puts out fires and helps people in medical emergencies. He went to a fire academy that was really fun. He needs pants, boots, coat, helmet, air tank, gloves and a smoke mask. He gets to save people's lives. He has exciting opportunities. Every call is different. Justin is away from his family a lot. Dangerous things can happen. He gets burnt a lot. He has to put out fires at two in the morning. He helped deliver a baby at a friend's house. The firefighters named the baby Alexander. He has been in a lot of fires, some have been big and some have been small.



Meet Mrs. Crawson. She teaches pre-k and kindergarten. She went to college to study teaching. She needs books and computers, crayons and pencils. An interesting part of her job is that her students make her laugh. She loves watching children grow. Her best memory is the first day of school. I want to be a teacher when I grow up.



Meet Dr. April Durtschi. Dr. April is a vet. She works at an animal hospital. She went to elementary school, middle school, high school, college and veterinary school. Dr. April wears a lab coat and surgery clothes. She uses a sonogram to look into animal's bodies. She loves to play with many animals. She tried to help save a whale. An upside of her job is when kittens and puppies give her kisses. A downside is when Dr. April has to say goodbye to the animals. She wants to take the pets home. Dr. April told me that her most exciting day was when a girl dog came in and was unable to give birth to 12 puppies and she helped her. Dr. April helped save my dog Moose. I want to be a vet when I grow up.



Meet Aileen Silvestri. She is a nurse at Yale New Haven Hospital in the ICU (intensive care unit). She takes care of sick people. Also she solves people's problems. She gives people medicine and helps make sick people comfortable. She went to college at Scranton University in Pennsylvania and worked as an intern after she graduated. She uses scrubs to protect her from germs, gloves to protect her from getting sick, and a stethoscope to listen to people's hearts. She enjoys helping and meeting lots of people. Also she loves learning new techniques to make people better. An upside is making people get better so hopefully they can go home. Working a night shift is very difficult. It is hard to stay awake when she is normally in bed sleeping. It is also hard to have a patient die. Her best day was when she was able to help a family cope with the loss of their family member. She also likes to watch them bond together to support each other. She has been a nurse for three years. And Aileen is my next door neighbor.



Meet Mike Clark. He is an officer in Fairfield. Mike drives around for 16 hours. He looks for trouble in the community. If Mike finds trouble he uses his walky talky and they put their sirens on. They put the bad guys in jail and if they are really bad, they get locked up for a long time. Eventually they go to court and explain what really happened. The police cars are very different from our cars. Instead of buttons there are switches. His car goes much faster than our cars. Police need fast cars to catch the robbers. Officer Clark's buddy has a German shepherd dog that is very friendly and he caught 5 robbers in one night! The dog can sense the bad guys. There's only one police station and five fire stations. That's not fair but they have over 107 policemen and women that are like Mike. They have an underground place that has lot's of computers. That's how they find trouble. Mike and I went down there. I'm lucky I went down because they found trouble. They sent two policemen to work it out. That's Mike.



Meet Page! Page is a production baker at Billy's Bakery. Page makes muffins, quiche, cookies, and all the desserts. She learned her job by watching other bakers. It was her hobby, too. She wears gloves and she uses a rolling pin. She wears an apron to keep her clothes clean. She loves learning to bake new things, and making people happy. Her best memory is the first day she got to decorate a fruit tart. Page bakes yummy treats for all to eat!



Meet Mark Tymon, Stamford Police K-9 Officer! He protects and serves citizens of Stamford. He went to police school and his dad was a police officer, also. He wears a uniform and badge. He has a dog, first aid kit, police car, flashlight, and handcuffs. Helping people with his dog and keeping people safe are what he likes best. He doesn't like the hours of his job and the schedule. He caught two bad guys who robbed a family at gunpoint. Mr. Tymon is very brave!

Thank you for
helping us
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!