

TALKING TIPS GUIDE

Grades 3-5 (11/21)

Hello everyone! My name is _____ and I used to be a _____ grader.

“Today, I’ll be sharing my career story with you. . .how I came to be a_____.” “But before we get started, I’m going to show you a photo of me when I was about your age.”

I am a: Business Owner-Manager-Supervisor, Volunteer, Mayor, City Council member, Chamber of Commerce representative, Business Advisor, Economic Development specialist, etc.

This small act shows the kids that you used to be one of them! You’re not so different. . .

If you were born in Alaska—share where that was. Alternatively, shed some light on how you or your family came to arrive in Alaska.

Show of hands: Who was born here? Who has lived in another place? In another state? **5 Min.**

Highlight your very first job (paid or unpaid). What age were you? Other relevant details?

Show of hands: “Who has chores. . .what types?” Offer that working diligently—at home and in school—is a great way to be a productive member of your community, at any age. **5 Min.**

Share training you received after high school: College, Military, Vocational, Intern, Mentor?

Describe two important functions that you perform in your current role: one that you enjoy and one that is more of a struggle. Emphasize that you tackle both tasks to the best of your ability, asking for help when needed. Highlight tools that help you problem-solve—like brainstorming, communicating, listening, being flexible, being open-minded, etc.

“But I’m not always working. I also like to play.” Take a few moments to explain a favorite hobby and/or something interesting about yourself.

Show of hands: What do you do for fun? **5 Min.**

Let the kids know that it was very nice to meet them. Tell them that their teacher has some activities for them to work on—and speaking of work—you’ll be getting back to yours.

Tell the teacher that volunteers can send finished coloring pages to display at your place of business. Remember to complete our Feedback Form. We want to know how it goes!