

# News Release

## **Dobbs Ferry Middle School Hosts Fourth Annual Career Day for 8<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**Dobbs Ferry, N.Y. March 6, 2014**—Dobbs Ferry Middle School will hold its 4th annual “Career Day” for all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on Wednesday, March 12th from 8:30-11:00 am. Career Day is being organized by the Middle School counseling department with support from the Dobbs Ferry PTSA, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade team and the administration.

“The goal of Career Day is to expose our students to dynamic speakers who are passionate about their professions, and who will enlighten the students about some of the wonderful future possibilities that education creates for them,” said Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Counselor Rose Mittan. “We are so excited to have 12 outstanding presenters representing a multitude of professions across varied industries.” A number of the presenters are parents in the Dobbs Ferry community.

Dobbs Ferry Mayor Hartley Connett will welcome the 100+ students to Career Day via video, and Superintendent Dr. Lisa Brady will serve as keynote speaker. Dr. Brady will talk with students about her career path in education and how a series of different work experiences collectively prepared her for her current position. “I began at a very early age helping out in my family’s flower shops in Trenton, New Jersey and worked all through high school at a bakery, a Dunkin Donuts and teaching swimming lessons to developmentally disabled kids,” Dr. Brady said. “I knew that I wanted to be a teacher from the start, but I learned something useful from every one of these experiences. Never doubt that what you are doing now will in some way inform what you end up doing as an adult. Every work situation has value. The ability to interact and collaborate with people is one of the most important skills for a Superintendent.”

During the course of the morning, each student will have the opportunity to attend four presentations of interest based on the career inventory they completed through the Guidance Department’s Naviance program. The speakers will highlight their “careers” during a half-hour presentation including information on their educational background and any special training and skills they needed for their particular area of interest. Students will also have ample opportunity to ask questions of the speakers.

“We are very excited about this school and community partnership and this is a great opportunity for our students to meet working professionals and to hear first-hand the best way to achieve their career goals,” said Ms.Mittan. “We want to thank our volunteers for sharing their professional experience and career information with our students.”

According to New York State Education Guidelines schools are required to offer curriculum that gives students exposure to different career choices. Career planning is intended to promote exploration and research into broad career areas of interest to individual students, and includes

tasks such as decision-making, self-evaluation and goal-setting. “With the national focus on developing college and career readiness standards within the K-12 program, we hope that Career Day will inspire our students to work even harder to achieve their future goals, and that they will see the connection between their effective efforts in school now and their future success,” said Middle School Principal Patrick Mussolini.

The list of presenters includes:

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| • Annabelle Rolland    | Architect, Baldwin & Franklin Architects                                 |
| • Patricia Straub      | Personal Trainer, Spincredible Indoor Cycling                            |
| • Donna Assumma        | Vice President of Sales, ABC-Television                                  |
| • Justin Kamke         | Police Officer, Dobbs Ferry Police Department                            |
| • Mary Jane Farnsworth | Photographer, Mary Jane Photography                                      |
| • Garrett L. Silveira  | Senior Attorney, Shaw, Perelson, May & Lambert, L.L.P.                   |
| • Michael Archer       | Vice President of Consumer Products, World Wrestling Entertainment (WWE) |
| • Dr. Manuja Mathur    | Internal Medicine, Montefiore Medical Center                             |
| • Matthew Kay          | Chef/Restaurateur, Cedar Street Grill                                    |
| • Edward Bettinelli    | Musician, Art of Drumming  |
| • Jamie McGillian      | Project Editor at Benchmark Education                                    |
| • Dr. Lisa Brady       | Superintendent, Dobbs Ferry School District                              |

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