

Bring Your Parent to School/Career and College Day

Altura Elementary

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One beloved tradition at Altura Elementary School, located in Aurora Public Schools, is the annual Bring Your Parent to School/Career and College Day. This event brings together the entire school and broader community to share careers and gain access to postsecondary pathways.

The event is always held on National Bring Your Child to Work Day. The purpose for this is to keep students in school while inviting their parents to learn about and engage with different careers, college booths, classroom workshops, art displays, and other performing arts rotations.

The annual event is broken into two parts. The first half of the day consists of rotations through our various booths in the gym where students and families can see, touch, and play with the equipment pertaining to a certain career as they ask the presenter questions. Families also receive “swag” at the various college booths.



After the career/college rotations, classes will then attend a workshop conducted by various Performing Arts instructors. This has consisted of poets, dance instructors, STEM presenters, African drummers, music artists and composers, and more. Teachers also sign up for times to do an “Art Walk” in between rotating through everything that’s happening during the day. The school is turned into an art museum with the students’ entire year of art displayed throughout.

The day’s second part, after lunch and recess, consists of a College Café, where families see all of the college pennants from the various schools that staff attended. The afternoon culminates with a school-wide Talent Show where students are the main entertainment. This brings in additional families that couldn’t make the whole day.

Altura’s community liaison recommends to start planning early: “Incorporate fun activities that keep the students engaged all day, but still allow for them have down time in class to do some reflective activities.”