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[http://www.hasd.org/schools/foxwestacademy/Red\\_Out-volunteer.cfm](http://www.hasd.org/schools/foxwestacademy/Red_Out-volunteer.cfm)

Dear Parents, Friends, and Families of Fox West Academy,

So far this year our students have been involved in some exceptional project based learning:

- **CSI: Me** (Comprehensive Self Investigation)
- **Tread Lightly**
- **Night at the Museum**

The theme for our next planned project will have our students explore the world of careers, finance, and personal economics; it is simply called, **“Get the Red Out!”** During this project, students will be involved in personal budgeting and financial simulations, income vs. debt analysis, mock-stock market investing, career exploration, resume writing and development, and interviewing skills...that’s where you come in.

We need willing volunteers and partners that will work with us, and our students, to provide guidance, expertise, and share personal experiences in the world of employment, business, and individual finance. Here are some specific areas where we’re seeking help with explanations of concepts and for assisting (or even leading) lessons:

Personal Budgeting	Resume and Cover Letter Writing
Saving, Debt, and Loans	Investments, Stocks, Bonds
Career Counseling	Automobile Sales and Service
Property Sales/Realty	Home Furnishings Retail
General Financial Literacy	

In addition, students will be investigating and exploring careers options in the following career clusters, which include just about any occupation you might think of (in standard email formats, you should be able to click on the links below for a more thorough description of each career cluster – from [wicareerpathways.org](http://wicareerpathways.org)):

[Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources](#)

[Hospitality & Tourism](#)

[Architecture & Construction](#)

[Human Services](#)

[Arts, Audio/Video Technology & Communications](#)

[Information Technology](#)

[Business Management & Administration](#)

[Law, Public Safety, Corrections & Security](#)

[Education & Training](#)

[Manufacturing](#)

[Finance](#)

[Marketing](#)

[Government & Public Administration](#)

[Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics](#)

[Health Science](#)

[Transportation, Distribution & Logistics](#)

The culmination of our “Get the Red Out!” project will put a new twist on Project Presentation Night as students will apply for jobs, submit resumes and applications, and participate in mock interviews; we hope you will consider participating in [Project Hire: A Job Expo Simulation](#). In this arena-style recruiting simulation, students will act as job seekers meeting with real or fictional business representatives and “potential employers” in booths and at tables and participate in the job interview process.

Any and all parents, community members, and businesses are encouraged to be involved in our Project Hire Job Expo. If you can answer yes to one or more of the following, we need you:

- Can you represent a real or fictional business or organization that is seeking employees?
- Could you provide some basic information about the real or fictional business or organization that you are representing (ideally, by March 5)?
- Can you provide a job description of one or more positions that you would be trying to fill?
- Would you be willing to participate in our job expo simulation by interviewing several of our students and deciding which one(s) you would “hire” based on their interviews and resumes?

If you are interested in and available to help in any way, please contact us at [foxwestacademy@hasd.org](mailto:foxwestacademy@hasd.org) or complete the online form at our [Help “Get the Red Out”](#) link.

-Dan Lundstrom and Fox West Academy