

Miramar Students Took a Tour of the City Through the KAPOW Program

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As part of the Kids and The Power of Work (KAPOW) program, Fairway Elementary School and Miramar High School students were able to visit the City of Miramar Police Department, City Hall, Cultural Center, Water Treatment Plant, and Sports Complex just before the conclusion of 2017-2018 school year. The special field trip was presented by Learning for Success, Inc. and The City of Miramar in conjunction with Broward County Schools.

During the visit the students participated in interactive hands-on activities to get real experience and



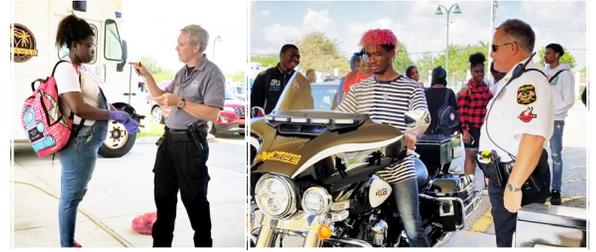
knowledge about these extraordinary careers. From crime scenes and DNA testing to gardening and making clay pockets for milkweed, the students were exposed to a variety of opportunities. Over the years, city employees have always been super excited to communicate and guide students when sharing what they do every day.

“During their year-long interaction, the employees and students learn from each other and form lasting relationships,” said Italia Thurston,

KAPOW Coordinator for the City of Miramar. “Students derive great satisfaction as City employees expound on the power of work.”

KAPOW, now in its 27th year, serves over 6,000 students annually. The unique collaboration between the school district, almost 200 area businesses partners, 500 volunteers, and 75 South Florida schools introduces and exposes students to career awareness through professionally designed lessons taught by volunteers in the classroom and on work sites.

KAPOW brings volunteers into schools to teach kids about work, and how to be a success in school, work and life. KAPOW also brings students to the



workplace, to experience peoples' jobs first-hand, expose them to jobs in real time, and connect partner companies and organizations to the community.

“The KAPOW program bridges the gap between what students learn at school and how it applies to the real world of work. The program exposes students to various careers they never knew existed and allows them to have practical goals for the future. Our volunteers connect with kids by sharing their pathway to success and becomes a valuable mentor in the classroom,” explained Tania Reynolds, KAPOW Program Director.

■ KAPOW is always looking for business or individual volunteers, as well as schools interested in participating in the program. For more information about volunteering or how your school can participate, email KAPOW Program Director Tania Reynolds at taniakapow@gmail.com or call 305-338-5548.

