

CAREER EXPLORE First Grade Edition

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Potential Careers

Flight Attendant, Baggage Handler, Air Traffic Controller, Dispatcher, Courier, Locomotive Engineer, Shipping & Receiving Clerk, Imports, Customs, Water Vessel Captain, Pilot

South Shore Line Train and South Bend International Airport Field Trip

This October, Rolling Prairie Elementary first graders had the opportunity to ride on the South Shore Line Train all the way to the South Bend International Airport. The students had an awesome time touring the airport and learning about all the different jobs that help the airport run smoothly. They then got to have a picnic at Bendix Woods County Park. This outing was a great time to focus on careers in transportation along with careers in the park systems and environmental careers.

Local Business Spotlight: South Bend International Airport

The South Bend International Airport (SBN) serves as an economic engine for the regional communities in the surrounding areas. Not only does the airport connect businesses easily, it allows loved ones to quickly connect with individuals throughout



the United States and world in a stress-free environment. As one local traveler recently stated, "SBN is small enough to be friendly and big enough to get you where you need to go!"





Meet Ashley at SBN Airport



For the past two years, Ashley Thorsen has been the Operations Manager at SBN Airport. On a daily basis, she oversees the logistics and

regulatory side of all thing's airport. She ensure the daily operation of the airport is running smoothly and efficiently all while managing relationships with partners and customers.

What is your favorite part of your job?

"I love the people and solving problems. I get to understand the why behind things but also get to be a part of the solution."

What level of education or experience did you need to get the job?

"I have a master's degree from Purdue in Aerospace and Aviation Management. You need some sort of on-the-job experience also but going to college for something aviation related is usually the first step."

What would you say to a New Prairie student?

"Get involved. Find a local airport you can visit and or be a part of somehow. Do your research to find what interests you and then grab a mentor to help you along the way. Put in the work and go the extra mile."





Hey kids, this is for you!

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AIRPORT BUS CAR EXPERIENCE FLY LOGISTICS PLANE STATION SUITCASE TRAIN

TRAVEL TRIP VACATION VISIT

What is Career Explore?

Starting as early as grades K-5th, students are exploring career pathways! Through a partnership with Junior Achievement which brings community career partners into the classroom and through intentional field trips to local businesses and other community partners, students are getting a taste of future careers. They are introduced to near endless possibilities which brings to life the sparks of interest and passion. By starting at a young age with pathways extending through high school, students are set up for success far into the future.

Junior Achievement In A Day Events

All K-5 students at New Prairie get the opportunity to experience the Junior Achievement In A Day (JAID) program. These special days are volunteer-led and take students through age-appropriate games and activities that help prepare students for a successful future! It includes learning about career exploration, how to use money, and starting a business in a fun, hands-on way.