

3rd-5th TALKING TIPS: Meet a Local Leader

Prep: The guest speaker and teacher will review this document prior to the classroom visit.

Hello everyone! My name is _____ and I used to be a _____ grader.

“Today, I’ll share a little bit of my background with you and how I came to be a _____.”
Business Owner-Manager-Supervisor, Volunteer, Mayor, City Council Member, etc.

“But before we get started, here’s a photo of me when I was about your age.”

This small act shows the students that you used to be one of them! You’re not so different. . .

If you were born in Alaska—share where that was. Alternatively, shed some light on how you or your family came to arrive in Alaska.

Show of hands: Who was born here? Who has lived in another place? **5 Min.**

Highlight your very first chores. What age were you? Other details?

Show of hands: Who has chores? What types? What does doing chores teach us? **5 Min.**

What was your first real job (paid or unpaid)? Share a key memory from it.

Share training you received after high school: College, Military, Vocational School, Other?

Describe two important functions that you perform in your current role: one that you enjoy and one that is more of a struggle. Emphasize that you tackle both tasks to the best of your ability, asking for help when needed. Highlight tools that help you problem-solve—like brainstorming, communicating, listening, being flexible, being open-minded, etc.

“But I’m not always working. I also like to have fun.” Share a favorite hobby or interest.

Show of hands: What do you do for fun? What interests you? **5 Min.**

Let the kids know that it was very nice to meet them. Tell them that their teacher has a worksheet for them to complete—and speaking of work—you’ll be getting back to yours.

The teacher will decide which coloring pages or word search puzzles to print from the [AlaskanOwned.com Classroom Visits page](#).

The teacher can ask for volunteers to send finished coloring pages to display at the speaker's place of business. We encourage guest speakers and teachers to complete our Feedback Form @ [AlaskanOwned.com](#) on the Classroom Visits page. Once a quarter, we draw names to send gifts to teachers and students.