

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

Pro Tip: Guest speakers and teachers—review this document to prepare for the classroom visit. We encourage guest speakers to contact us in advance to reserve student gifts (limited supplies).

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 kids 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 play.” 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 an activity for them to work on—and speaking of work—you’ll be getting back to yours.

The teacher can ask for volunteers to send finished coloring pages to display at your place of business. Complete the Feedback Form at AlaskanOwned.com on the Classroom Visits page. When available, we’ll send the teacher and their students a thank you gift on your behalf.