

CBI Parent Involvement Ideas

1. Career Showcase Night

Students present careers they've researched and explain what the job involves, required skills, and why it interests them. This event builds communication skills and helps students connect classroom learning to real-world careers.

Parent Involvement: Attend the showcase, ask questions, and celebrate student work.

2. "A Day in My Job" Speaker Series

Students learn about different careers through short, real-life job stories shared by adults in the community. These sessions help students understand daily responsibilities, education paths, and workplace expectations.

Parent Involvement: Serve as a guest speaker in person or virtually, or help connect the class with a speaker.

3. Skills Demo Fair

Students demonstrate workplace skills they've been practicing, such as teamwork, communication, technology use, or hands-on tasks. The fair helps students build confidence while showing how skills connect to careers.

Parent Involvement: Visit student stations, observe demonstrations, and provide positive feedback.

4. Student-Run Business Pop-Up

Students design and operate a small business or service as part of a hands-on learning experience. This project teaches problem-solving, customer service, and responsibility.

Parent Involvement: Attend as customers, mentors, or event supporters.

5. Career Panel Night

Students hear from multiple adults working in different fields during a guided question-and-answer session. Panels expose students to a variety of career paths in a short

amount of time.

Parent Involvement: Participate as a panelist or help recruit panel members.

6. Workplace Tools & Technology Show-and-Tell

Students learn about tools, uniforms, and technology used in different careers. This helps them better understand what jobs look like beyond the classroom.

Parent Involvement: Share tools, equipment, photos, or explanations of how items are used at work.

7. Resume & Interview Practice Night

Students practice explaining their skills and goals through mock interviews and resume discussions. This prepares them for future job and internship opportunities.

Parent Involvement: Serve as mock interviewers or provide feedback.

8. Community Problem-Solving Showcase

Students identify real-world problems and present solutions based on research and teamwork. This project builds critical thinking and collaboration skills.

Parent Involvement: Listen to student ideas and offer real-world insight or feedback.

9. Career Pathway Map Night

Students create and present possible education and career pathways after high school. This helps them understand steps toward their future goals.

Parent Involvement: Review pathway plans, ask questions, and share personal experiences.

10. Job Shadow Reflection Expo

Students share what they learned from job shadowing or workplace observations. This helps them reflect on career interests and workplace expectations.

Parent Involvement: Attend the expo and discuss takeaways with students.

11. Trades & Talents Night

Students showcase hands-on skills or talents related to careers, such as building, cooking, design, or technology. This event highlights career pathways that involve practical skills.

Parent Involvement: Observe demonstrations or share trade or skill knowledge.

12. Virtual Career Exploration Night

Students present careers using videos, slides, or online tools. This allows families to participate even if they cannot attend in person.

Parent Involvement: Join virtually, ask questions, or help students prepare presentations.

13. Family Career Story Wall

Students collect short career stories from family members and display them in a shared space. This shows the wide variety of careers represented in the school community.

Parent Involvement: Share a short career story, photo, or job description.

14. Internship Interest Night

Students share the types of internships or work experiences they are interested in and the skills they are building. This helps connect students to future opportunities.

Parent Involvement: Help identify potential internship or job shadow opportunities.

15. End-of-Semester CBI Celebration

Students reflect on their growth, skills, and accomplishments during the semester. This event recognizes effort and progress, not just final outcomes.

Parent Involvement: Attend the celebration and encourage students.