

Turie T. Small students learn to dream big

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Lenny Sanclemente, operations manager at ICI Homes, speaks with Turie T. Small students about the importance of school and dreaming big.

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DAYTONA BEACH –ICI Homes employees volunteered to travel to Turie T. Small Elementary to meet and speak with second through fifth graders about their respective careers and how important it is to dream big and to do their best in school. Linda Caracushansky, Tim Macfarlane, Lenny Sanclemente and Rich Smerglia participated in Turie T. Small's career day.

Caracushansky, human resources manager, and Macfarlane, construction manager, engaged children with a building game to demonstrate some of the tools and ways they use to build houses, accompanied by snacks and ICI Homes giveaways.

Students learned about the process of drafting, buying and building the houses that ICI Homes builds. The ICI employees went into detail for students how homes are designed, materials purchased and constructions follows through by making a stable house for families.

Rich Smerglia, computer-aided-design manager, described the students as "eager and very enthusiastic" about seeing the blueprints of one of the houses he most recently drafted.

"They were really interested in the large homes and how much they cost," said Smerglia. "Students wanted to know what they needed to do to get a house like that, and that's where we enforced why school is so important for them to be successful in the future." Forough B. Hosseini, Food Brings Hope founder and chair, said she appreciated the ICI employees who inspired the elementary students to dream big.

"Opportunities such as this, when successful people speak to FBH students about their jobs and share their personal experiences, will help our students imagine a better life and a brighter future for themselves," she said.