

VAAS College Ambassadors Encourage Elementary Students  
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On January 29, 2024, VAAS' College Ambassadors class, led by Mr. Turcios, walked from the VAAS campus to Mayall Elementary School to teach fourth and fifth graders about college and its importance.

With a police escort to ensure everyone's safety, at 11:30 a.m., the College Ambassadors began their walk to Mayall Elementary. The ambassadors were then ushered into the auditorium to prepare their presentation for the Mayall students.

Dozens of fourth and fifth graders were ready to listen to the College Ambassadors. The Mayall students were split up into groups of six and sent to a group of VAAS ambassadors. The Mayall students were engaged and ready with questions that the VAAS students were prepared to answer.

After presenting a slideshow, hosting a question and answer session, and giving out coloring sheets, the college ambassadors ate their lunch and began their walk back to VAAS.

Mr. Turcios shared, "I really think it's important for our school to collaborate with others so we can form a bond with them and expose them to topics such as college."

College Ambassador Gabriela "Gaby" Alveranga said, "I enjoyed seeing all the elementary school kids and seeing how excited they were to learn about college and their future."

Both VAAS and Mayall students benefited from this trip, and it was a positive experience for everyone involved.