

## **5th-graders tour Terra Community College**

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FREMONT -- Fifth-graders from Otis and Washington elementary schools toured Terra Community College on May 25 as part of REACH, a career education program sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce of Sandusky County and the Chamber Foundation.

After a tour of the Sandusky County Job Store on Countryside Drive, the group arrived at Terra and visited the plastics lab and the Terra Truck Driving Academy. They also learned about jobs in human resources and financial services and heard about this year's KidsCollege offerings.

REACH, now in its sixth year, is designed to introduce upper-elementary school students to the world of work by linking the classroom with a mentor from the chamber. Mentors visit the schools monthly and present lessons designed to encourage students to develop life skills that will help prepare them for the work force.

Mentors throughout the county are using a curriculum book developed by The Ohio State University-Marion. Lessons are reinforced with hands-on activities and a site visit.

Jessica Bayer, coordinator of student activities at Terra, is the REACH mentor for the Otis class, while Bonnie Nusser, director of Northcoast Jobs Connection, worked with Washington students.



Jamie Przybylski tells fifth-graders about the plastics lab during a tour of Terra Community College. (Submitted photo)