



Did you know the Home Builders Association of St. Louis & Eastern Missouri (HBA) can provide speakers for your school's Career Day?

The HBA offers a program titled "Homes of Our Own" which brings local builders to your classrooms.

The Homes of Our Own program teaches elementary school children about the home building process and also provides an environmental lesson. The program's presenters are local builder and associate HBA members. The presenter tells the students about their own job, the materials that go into building a home, how math, science and social studies apply to the home building industry, shares some facts on home building and the environment, and shows a video if time permits. The program can be completed in a half hour or less and adapted to fit your Career Day topic. Plastic hard hats, coloring books, house-shaped banks or hammer-shaped pencils are handed out at the end of the presentation.

We also hope that when the students are ready to choose a career this program will have introduced them to the time-honored profession of carpentry and other trade associations. Not all students will attend college and we want those students to realize there are great paying jobs available in the home building industry.

The National Association of Home Builders offers an online coloring book featuring eight pages of the home building process. Your students can color the pages online or you can print the pages out so they can color at home or school with their own crayons. You can find the coloring book at

www.nahb.org/coloringbook.

Please call Tracy Chiesa at the HBA at 314-994-7700 (x131) to schedule a builder for your Career Day program.

Secondary students and educators – take a journey through www.buildingcareers.org and discover how the residential construction industry can make it happen for you.

Construction is among the economy's top 10 largest sources of job growth. The residential construction industry is a vital sector in virtually every local and state economy, creating jobs and generating taxes and wages. The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) has a network of more than 800 state and local home builder associations (HBAs) with more than 225,000 members. That computes to building more than 1.5 million single-family homes annually.

The Home Builders Institute, the educational arm of the NAHB, focuses on creative programs that maximize the number of youth who are exposed to and knowledgeable about all aspects of the residential construction industry. What better place for the industry to find qualified, dedicated, career-driven next generation skilled trades, entrepreneurial individuals and industry professionals than in the schools? Educators – travel through the web site, to find career information, lesson plans, games and more to assist your students to make it happen with a career in the residential construction industry.