## CAREER EXPLORATORY CLASS

During this four-day career class students are introduced to the six different career types \* and the characteristics of each type. The career types are called\*:

Click on each picture to discover careers that match that career type CHARACTERISTICS OF EACH TYPE CAREER TYPES REALISTIC Likes action-oriented activities INVESTIGATIVE Likes to solve problems using Math & Science ARTISITC Likes to be creative and artistic in a number of ways SOCIAL Likes activities which focus on helping people ENTERPRISING Likes to be in charge, directing and influencing others CONVENTIONAL Likes to be orderly, and is good at following a set plan and good at working with written records and numbers in a systematic, orderly way.

Students first engage in a "What's My Career Color" game in which they find out their top type/s by answering a series of questions about their favorite activities, hobbies and school subjects.

Then students take a short version of the <u>Career Interest Profiler</u> (a 60 question on-line career survey) which asks them to select the activities that they are most likely to engage in and enjoy. For each question, students are allowed one of three responses; *like*, *dislike*, or unsure. Students determine their top career type/s by the highest number in each of the six categories.

Students are introduced to the <u>www.masscis.intocareers.org</u> website. They are asked to research 1 career that matches their top career type and share the information with their classmates in a 5 slide PowerPoint Presentation.

<sup>\*</sup>The Holland Occupational Themes is a theory of personality that focuses on career and vocational choice. It groups people on the basis of their suitability for six different categories of occupations. The six types yield the RIASEC acronym (*Realistic, Investigative, Artistic, Social, Enterprising, and Conventional*)