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## 'Real world' workshop: Parents can help students' transition after high school

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Motivational speaker Grant Baldwin appears at Bradshaw Mountain Middle School for a series of workshops and presentations for students, as well as a "Reality Check" for parents, the evening of Jan. 22.

From 5:30-6:30 p.m. parents and the community are invited to hear Baldwin's humorous and engaging presentation where he offers parents how to best help their kids as they make the transition to life after high school. He also will help parents navigate their own emotions watching a child grow up and leave the nest. Attendees will leave more confident and encouraged about what lies ahead for them and their child.

During the school day, Baldwin will speak to the eighth-graders in an hour-long presentation called "What The Heck Am I Doing With My Life?" He explains, for many students, finding their passion in life is a huge challenge. Not only that but figuring out how that passion translates into a career where they can actually make a living isn't easy either. This workshop will help students explore what their strengths and interests are and provide them with strategies.

The entire student body will attend an assembly presentation on "No More Excuses" from 12:15-1:15 p.m. where Baldwin speaks about how to be happy, successful, and enjoy each moment.

"Far too often we assume someone else will make our lives better," he said in his informational packet. "In order to get what we want out of life, we each have to take personal responsibility for ourselves."

Teachers get their own hour of inspiration from 2-3 p.m. when Baldwin presents "Being A Difference Maker" in an engaging and interactive presentation that will help remind teachers that what they do matters and that they are truly being "difference makers" to their students.

BMMS Gear Up program coordinator Elizabeth Rushton said she first heard Baldwin speak at a conference.

"I thought he was amazing and wanted to bring him here to our area for our students, staff, and families," she said.

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