

## TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY: Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2024

To all students in Grade 9 and their parents/guardians,

This year, Wednesday November 6, is designated as our district **Take Our Kids to Work Day** for grade 9's. This day began as a national program in 1994 by the Learning Partnership, this day has been considered the most recognized career exploration event in Canada with more than 250,000 grade 9 students and, at least 75,000 businesses, and organizations nationwide participating. The initiative continues in our district and offers value in that it engages students to think about careers and the concept of networking, better understand the work world, and to appreciate parents' careers and their roles in supporting their families.

We encourage all parents to provide a meaningful and safe work placement for their child and/or encourage students to explore possible networks who can support a job shadow experience. To be clear, **this is NOT** a Seycove school field trip so no staff will be involved in organizing, supervising, nor attending any of the workplaces. Parents are responsible for all aspects of their child's work placement/shadow including transportation and safety for this initiative. Many post-secondary institutions have events on Take Our Kids To Work Day as well. Find more information on events at post-secondary campuses on their websites.

The day is most successful when students and their parents find a good work site or person to shadow either through relatives or through family friends. The timing and details of the day are completely up to the parent and the work site/shadowed employee. If the date does not work well, parents are welcome to arrange for another day and contact the school to ensure the student's absence is marked excused. However, planning the job shadow on November 6 works very well as teachers in grade 9 will expect most students to be away and will not plan for any tests or begin projects during class time.

The school's role is to be flexible with the day and plan for the students who are unavailable to find a placement or do not wish to take part. If your student does not have a placement, or have arranged for a different day, they are required to be at school. **This should not be seen simply as a day off school. All students without a placement can attend their regular school schedule.**

**Please have your grade 9 return the consent form to the school's main office by Monday October 28, 2024** so that the school can plan for the day and mark the correct attendance. ***If you lose this form***, please visit [school cash online](#) for a copy to print off.

If you have any questions about Take Our Kids to Work day, please contact the school office. And check out these links:

[Take our Kids to Work \(studentscommission.ca\)](https://studentscommission.ca)

[Take Our Kids to Work Day / Events - Simon Fraser University \(sfu.ca\)](#)

### **Some further information about the Take Our Kids to Work Day initiative:**

Student benefits because it is an opportunity for them to explore career options through:





- Understanding the importance of staying in school by learning first hand what skills are required in today's workplace
- Thinking about what aspects of their "work day" they liked and what they didn't
- Exploring career options in a practical way and gain a better understanding of just how many career choices are open to them.
- By spending a day in the life of a working adult, they develop an appreciation of their parents' work and motivation.

Parents benefit because it helps them prepare their children for the future by:

- Discussing work experience with their child
- Beginning a career discussion based on actual experiences
- Enriching their child's experience with discussion before, during and after the workplace visit.



## Take Our Kids to Work Day™ Parent/Guardian Consent Form

To be completed and signed by a parent or guardian and student, then returned to the school.

To the Parent/Guardian: Your child has the right and responsibility to have a safe and educational workplace visit. Health and Safety education is an important element of this program. Review this form with your child and sign below. If you have additional questions about safety, contact the school or the workplace.

Student's name: .....

My child has my permission to participate in this program.

My child may be photographed, interviewed or videotaped on Take Our Kids to Work Day by the workplace or by The Learning Partnership for the purpose of promotion, advertising and public relations purposes related to Take Our Kids to Work Day.

The workplace is aware that my child will be visiting on Wednesday, November 6, 2024, between the hours of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. We have discussed lunch arrangements and appropriate clothing/safety attire.

Parent's name: ..... Workplace Name:.....

Telephone:.....

Address:.....

### OR

My child will accompany a: (check one)

relative  friend  community host

Contact's name:

..... Telephone:.....

Workplace name:.....

A colleague at my workplace would be willing to host another student in need of a placement.

Colleague's name:

..... Telephone:.....

### Elements of risk

All experiential learning programs, such as field trips, cooperative education, job shadowing and Take Our Kids to Work participation, involve certain elements of risk. Injuries may occur while participating in this activity without any fault of the student, the school board, or the host employer. By allowing your child to take part in this activity, you are accepting the risk that your child may be injured.

I understand that there are risks associated with my child visiting a workplace and I have reviewed the elements of risks with my child.

Parent/Guardian signature:..... Date:.....

Student signature: ..... Date:.....

**Would the workplace be interested in providing up to 90 hours of work place experience for students in grade 10, 11 or 12 who are in the Work Experience/Internship programs at the school?  Yes  No**

