

To be returned to your teacher by Friday, October 27, 2017



Take Our Kids to Work

Wednesday, November 1, 2017

Dear Parents and Workplace Hosts,

Students know one day they will become part of the world of work. **Take Our Kids to Work** gives grade nine students the opportunity to glance into this world, to gain respect for the contributions people make, and to strengthen the bonds between parents, students, and the community. In the process, young people can discover the links between education and their own futures in a practical way.

Take Our Kids to Work is timed to coincide with Canada Career Week. Although **Take Our Kids to Work** is a one-day event, it offers many potential benefits as students prepare and think back on it:

1. Before their workplace visit, they consider the importance of work in our lives and in our society.
2. On the job, their view of the work adults do becomes sharper; they gain understanding and appreciation of challenges people face daily along with the achievements they accomplish.
3. After the event, the positive effects of seeing the workplace and their parent/host in a new way may have lasting effects. In addition, students begin to think about the choices they will have to make and the path they must follow to meet career goals.

The local, school-based initiative of **Take Our Kids to Work** is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 1, 2017**. We hope you will be able to arrange for your son/daughter to accompany you to your place of employment for the entire day. Students are expected to interview other employees to answer questions about the workplace. Please read and complete the accompanying forms and return them to the student's teacher no later than **Friday, October 27, 2017**.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any concerns about the program, or check the website at www.takeourkidstowork.ca and look for TOKW resources.

Principal: Mr. Spady Counsellor: Mrs. Hansen

Student Name: _____

PART A: Student Agreement

The *Take Our Kids to Work* program was implemented by The Learning Partnership in 1994. Since that time, more than 2 million students and 75,000 workplaces have participated in the program. The Learning Partnership is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to providing innovative programs for students in publicly funded education across Canada. Its mission is to nurture partnerships among schools, businesses, and communities devoted to strengthening our publicly funded school system; to encourage adults to share their ideas, talents, and resources with students; and to create learning opportunities that young people will find challenging and exciting.

Fill in the information below and discuss it with your parent/guardian and your host before you workplace visit. Obtain all of the required signatures and return completed forms A, B and C to Mrs. Hansen by Friday, October 27, 2017.

1. I would like to investigate an occupation on Take Our Kids to Work Day, Wednesday, November 1, 2017. For this "observation" experience, I agree to:
 - o Arrive at the workplace at the specified time
 - o Follow the travel arrangements to and from the site as agreed upon with my parent/guardian
 - o Abide by all the rules at the workplace
 - o Follow the directions of my workplace host and any other on-site supervisors
 - o Stay at the workplace until the specified time
 - o Refrain from operating any equipment, tools or machinery.

2. a) I will need the following personal protection equipment for the day:
b) I will get this equipment from:

3. I have discussed potential safety hazards with my workplace host

(Name of Host) _____ and I understand what is expected of me.

Student Signature: _____

Date: _____

PART B: Parent/Guardian Consent

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 and the information in the Student Agreement Form with your child and sign below. If you have additional questions about safety, contact Mrs. Hansen at Vegreville Composite High School, 780-632-3341.

Please X the appropriate boxes. Select 'Yes' or 'No' for each statement.

- Yes No My child _____ has my permission to participate in Take Our Kids to Work Day on November 1, 2017. I understand there are risks associated with my child visiting a workplace.
- Yes No My child will accompany me to work on November 1, 2017 at _____.
- Yes No My child will accompany a relative, neighbor or friend at _____.
- Yes No My child may participate but I am unable to have my child accompany me. My child has permission to participate if a suitable placement can be arranged.
- Yes No I have reviewed the Elements of Risk section below with my child.
- Yes No A colleague at my workplace would be willing to host another student.
Colleague's Name: _____ Phone #: _____
- Yes No My child may be photographed, interviewed or videotaped on this day. My child has my permission to participate in this program. In the event that my child does not abide by the workplace rules related to the zero tolerance policy for safety, I can be reached at Phone #: _____ and will be responsible for ensuring my child gets home safely, at my expense.

Element of Risk:

All experiential learning program, such as field trips, cooperative education, job shadowing our Take Our Kids to Work, involve certain elements of risk. This is an "observation only" experience. 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. For more information see the recommendation for Workplace Health & Safety at

www.thelearningpartnership.ca

Look under Resources at www.takeourkidstowork.ca to find additional TOKW Resource for Parents.

Parent/Guardian Name (printed): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

PART C: Workplace Agreement

Student Name: _____

To the Workplace Host:

This is an **observation only** experience on November 1, 2017. Students are not to perform any tasks in relation to equipment, machinery or tools. The workplace must offer a **safety orientation** discussion with the student and provide direct supervision of the student while on-site. Discuss your expectations for the day with the student you will be hosting. Complete the following information and sign below. **This agreement must be returned to Vegreville Composite High School with Parts A and B by Friday, October 27, 2017.**

Workplace Host Name: _____

Occupation: _____

Relationship to student:

Parent/Guardian Relative Neighbor Friend Other

Place of Employment: (Company or Organization) _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

The student should bring a lunch: Yes No

If the student is unable to complete the day as planned because of illness or for other reasons, I will contact the school at 780-632-3341. I will ensure that the child will remain supervised until appropriate arrangements can be made.

My company is willing to provide a placement for _____ additional grade 9 students.

I agree to provide a safety orientation for all participating students and to ensure that they are properly supervised during the day. I understand that students are not permitted to operate any motorized vehicles, tools or equipment. For more information see the recommendations for Workplace Health & Safety at www.thelearningpartnership.ca. Look under resources at www.takeourkidstowork.ca to find TOKW Resources for Workplaces.

Workplace Supervisor Name (printed): _____

Workplace Supervisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Name: _____

Liability Statement: A student must be treated with identical care to that of a visitor to an employer's premises. Employers must take reasonable care to ensure that their premises are safe for the visitor. Employers may be liable for damages if a student is injured while on their premises. It is recommended that employers have appropriate liability insurance in place and that they consult their insurance providers in this regard.