

TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK™ DAY

Wednesday, November 6, 2013

STUDENT PERMISSION FORM

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

Your child has the right and responsibility to have a safe and educational workplace visit. Health and Safety education is an important element of the Take Our Kids to Work™ day program. Review this form and the information enclosed with your child and sign below. If you have additional questions about safety, contact your child's school or workplace.

Student's name: _____ Teacher's name: _____

Student's date-of-birth: _____

(There are minimum age requirements for working in Ontario. Visit <http://worksmartontario.gov.on.ca> for details.)

- My child has permission to participate in Take Our Kids to Work™ day
- My child may be photographed, interviewed or videotaped on this day.
- My workplace is aware that I am bringing my child to work on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 between the hours of _____ and _____. We have discussed lunch arrangements and appropriate clothing/protective equipment/attire.

(Visit <http://www.labour.gov.on.ca/english/atwork/youngworkers.php> for details regarding specific safety equipment required.)

Parent's name: _____ Telephone: _____

Workplace name: _____

Workplace address: _____

-- OR --

My child will accompany a (check one):

- relative
- friend
- community host

to their workplace on Wednesday, November 6, 2013 between the hours of _____ and _____. We have discussed lunch arrangements and appropriate clothing/protective equipment/attire for this particular workplace.

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™ Day involve certain elements of risk. Students out of school for Take Our Kids to Work™ Day are covered under the School Boards' liability insurance for the duration of this event. The student and the employer are protected against a lawsuit arising out of the negligence of the student while performing duties within the work program. Coverage is for liability only and is not meant to reimburse any medical expenses incurred should an accident happen involving the student at the workplace. 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, please see the recommendations for Workplace Health and Safety at www.learningpartnership.ca. Please also review Workplace Health and Safety tips for young workers enclosed with this form.

- I understand that my child is not permitted to operate any motorized vehicles or equipment, including but not limited to automobiles, motorcycles, forklifts, snow vehicles, watercraft or all-terrain vehicles. I understand there are risks associated with my child visiting a workplace and I have reviewed the elements of risk and workplace health and safety tips for young workers with my child.

Parent/Guardian signature: _____ Date: _____

Student signature: _____ Date: _____

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Take Our Kids to Work™ Day

A Message to Parents of Grade 9 Students

Dear Parents,

Thousands of grade 9 students will be invited to go to work for the day with a parent, relative, or adult friend on **Wednesday, November 6, 2013**. Your grade 9 child will be one of this year's participants!

Take Our Kids to Work™ Day is a national program with participation and support from all provinces and territories. Over the past 19 years, more than one million students and tens of thousands of workplaces have participated in the program.

This is the first in a series of career-related activities to which students will be exposed during their secondary school career. **Take Our Kids to Work™ Day** gives parents a chance to show grade 9 students what they as parents do to support the family. This helps their children to understand the pressures, challenges and sometimes even the tedium of the world of work.

The most important objective of this day is the parent-child connection. However, if you are unable to take your son or daughter to work with you, then the next best alternative is to find a relative or a family friend who could take them to work for the day. Just remember the real purpose of **Take Our Kids to Work™ Day** is for students to **SHARE THE WORK EXPERIENCE** with one of their parents or someone with whom they identify.

So mark **Wednesday, November 6, 2013** on your calendars right now! Talk to your son or daughter about participating with you. Please review the permission form (on back) with your workplace and any information on **Take Our Kids to Work™ Day** to help familiarize them with the program. **Please complete and sign the form with your child and return it to your school.**

What do past participants have to say?

EMPLOYERS

"The grade 9 students gained an appreciation for science and technology and our employees demonstrated a sense of pride in "showing off" their workplace. Overall, a morale builder and good educational experience."
- Employer

PARENTS

"It showed my son how hard it is to wake up early in the morning and do some hard high pressured work."
- Parent

"I saw my daughter act in a mature, business like manner. It made me proud."
- Parent

STUDENTS

"Take Our Kids to Work™ Day was great. I have always been around this kind of work so I had an idea of what I was going to do. I have a lot of respect for how hard my mother and father work in the business."
- Student

"I have learned about the importance of practicing safe work practices on the job."
- Student

"Take Our Kids to Work™ Day allows kids to spend time with their parents to gain an understanding of what they do to make a living and support the family. This a different side of our parents we get to see."
- Student

For more information, call your local Secondary School or the **Take Our Kids to Work™ Day Coordinator** at the Business Education Council of Niagara at 905-684-7200 ext. 1712

