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October 1, 2009

**Take Our Kids to Work**  
**Wednesday, November 4, 2009**

Dear Parent/Guardians of Grade 9 Students:

The Peel District School Board, in cooperation with the Learning Partnership, business, labour, and the community, is proud to be involved in this exciting initiative. Since 1994, **Take Our Kids to Work** has grown from a regional program into a nation-wide project involving over 200,000 Grade 9 students and 75,000 workplaces. This year, based on the strong support for **Take Our Kids to Work**, we expect that even more students and workplaces will participate.

**Wednesday, November 4, 2009** is the date for this event. Grade 9 students across Canada will go to work with a parent, relative, or adult friend. It is expected that all Grade 9 students from our school will participate in this exciting opportunity. **There will be no scheduled classes for Grade 9 students on Nov. 4.** In the event that a student is unable to accompany a parent, relative or adult friend to their workplace, he/she will attend school and complete a careers-related assignment under the supervision of a Stephen Lewis staff member.

Learning first-hand about work and a range of career opportunities is an integral part of the curriculum. **Take Our Kids to Work** will provide opportunities for our Grade 9 students to:

- See their parents in different roles and responsibilities and understand what they do to support the family;
- Develop a closer dialogue with their parents or another caring adult;
- Enhance their understanding of individual jobs in the context of the diverse working community;
- Directly link classroom and workplace experiences;
- Recognize the importance of continuous learning in pursuing career opportunities;
- See the realities and demands of the workplace;
- Understand the importance of staying in school.

The project provides companies with an opportunity to showcase their work and to connect with members of tomorrow's workforce. Employees can demonstrate how they work and the skills they require to work effectively.

**What Can Parents/Guardians Do to Assist**

- Please encourage your Grade 9 student to become enthusiastically involved.
- Consider allowing a second Grade 9 student to accompany you and your son/daughter to work that day.
- Talk to your friends and colleagues about this day and the opportunity for them to become involved.
- Encourage your place of employment to endorse this program and to consider offering an invitation not only to sons/daughters of employees but to other Grade 9 students who could benefit from the experience.
- Read the "Resources for Parents" so that you can become more involved in planning the day with your child. (available at [www.takeourkidstowork.ca](http://www.takeourkidstowork.ca))

Take Our Kids To Work is beneficial from all perspectives-workplaces, educators, parents, and most importantly, our youth.

Sincerely,

Ms. M. Wood  
Principal



## We Need Your 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 with your child and sign below. If you have additional questions about safety, contact the school or the workplace.

Please check off the appropriate boxes and fill out the required information. This form should be returned to the homeform teacher.

Student's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student # \_\_\_\_\_

Homeform Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- My child has my permission to participate in this program.
- My workplace is aware that I am bringing my child to work on **Wednesday, November 4, 2009** between the hours of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. We have discussed lunch arrangements and appropriate clothing/safety attire for this particular workplace.
- My child is going to work on **Wednesday, November 4, 2009** with a trusted relative or adult friend between the hours of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. The workplace is aware that my child will be coming. We have discussed lunch arrangements and appropriate clothing/safety attire for this particular workplace.

Workplace Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- My child may be photographed, interviewed or videotaped on this day.

### 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.

For more information see the recommendations for Workplace Health & Safety at [www.takeourkidstowork.ca](http://www.takeourkidstowork.ca)

- I understand that there are risks associated with my child visiting a workplace and I have reviewed the Elements of Risk section above with my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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