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October 11, 2022

Take Our Kids to Work Day

Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 9 Students:

Each year, more than 250,000 students across Canada participate with their parent/guardians in *Take Our Kids to Work*. The Richmond School Board, in cooperation with The Students Commission of Canada (SCC), business, labour and the community, is proud to be involved in the 26th year of this exciting initiative.

<u>Wednesday, November 2nd, 2022</u> is the date for this event. Grade 9 students in Richmond will go to work with a parent, relative, or adult friend. Some students may go with a classmate's parent.

Learning firsthand about work and the 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.

A day at work will demonstrate the relevance of classroom lessons to students and adults. 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?

- 1. Please encourage your Grade 9 student to become enthusiastically involved.
- 2. Consider allowing a second Grade 9 student to accompany you and your child to work that day.
- 3. Talk to your friends and colleagues about this day and the opportunity it provides for them to become involved.
- 4. Encourage your place of employment to endorse this program and to consider offering an invitation not only to Grade 9 children of employees, but to other Grade 9 students who could benefit from the experience.

This initiative appears to be beneficial from all perspectives – workplaces, educators, parents and most importantly, **our youth**. <u>Attached to this letter is a Parent Permission Form for you to fill out</u>. <u>Please take the time to assist us by completing the form and returning it to the school office by **Thursday**, **October 27**th, **2022**.</u>

Should you require more information regarding Take Our Kids to Work day, it can be found at the TOKW 2022 Website.

Sincerely,

Mr. L. Banta Vice Principal

Take Our Kids to Work – Permission Form

Please complete & return this form to the school office by: <u>Thursday, October 27th, 2022</u>

PART 1 – STUDENT						
I would like to investigate an occupation on Wednesday, November 2 nd , 2022. I agree to arrive at the specified time and to abide by all the rules of the workplace. I understand that I am under the authority of the adult I am accompanying to work.						
STUDENT NAME (PRINT) STUDENT SIG			SIGNATURE	PUPIL	PUPIL NUMBER	
PART 2 – PARENT						
Please check the following items that may apply:						
	Yes, my child will accompany me to work on November 2 nd .					
	Yes, my child will acco	Yes, my child will accompany a relative, neighbour or friend to work.				
	Yes, I can host another student along with my own child.					
	Yes, my child may participate but I am unable to have my child accompany me. My child has permission to participate if a placement can be arranged by the school.					
	Yes, my son/daughter may be photographed, interviewed, or videotaped during this day.					
	No, I do not want my child to participate in this program.					
All experiential learning programs, such as field trips, cooperative education and Take Your 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.						
PARENT SIGNATURE				DATE		
PART 3 - WORKPLACE INFORMATION						
I will be taking the above-named student to work on Wednesday, November 2 nd , 2022 and acknowledge that the student will be under my supervision for the hours indicated.						
NAME (PRINT)				OCCUPATION		
Relatio	nship to the student:	🗆 Parent/Guardian	□ Relative	□ Neighbour	□ Friend	
Place of	f employment:					
	Address:					
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Phone Number:						
The student will be present at my workplace between the hours of & on November 2 nd , 2022.						
My workplace is willing to provide a placement for additional Grade 9 students.						
SIGNATURE DATE						