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“Take Our Kids to Work” Day
Wednesday, November 1st, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 9 Students:

The Richmond School Board, in cooperation with The Student Commission of Canada, businesses, and the community, is proud to be involved in this exciting initiative which started in 1994. Each year, more than 200,000 students across Canada participate with their parent/guardians in **Take Our Kids to Work**.

Wednesday, November 1st, 2023, is the date for this event. Grade 9 students in Richmond will have the opportunity to go to work with a parent, relative, or adult friend. Some students may go with a classmate's parent.

Learning first-hand 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 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 its opportunities for them to become involved.
4. Encourage your place of employment to endorse this program and to consider offering an invitation not to Grade 9 children of employees, but to other Grade 9 students who could benefit from the experience.
5. Complete the Careers 9 Connections Class Assignment for TOKTW Day (after placement or interview on Nov. 1st).

Should your child not have a placement for this day, they are still required to interview an adult about their career/job in the to fulfill the requirement for Careers 9. **Attached to this email is the TOKTW Day Mandatory Assignment for ALL students. It will also be found in your child's Teams Connections Class.**

This initiative appears to be a beneficial one from all perspectives – workplaces, educators, parents and most importantly, *our youth*. On page 2 of this letter is a **Parent/Guardian Consent Form** for you to fill out. Please take the time to assist us by completing the form and returning it to the school office by **Friday, October 27th, 2023**. Classroom support will be available for students who choose to attend school.

Thank you,

SLSS

Parent/Guardian Consent Form:

We need your consent.

To be filled out by a parent/guardian and student, then returned to the school's main office.

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, please contact the school or workplace.

Student's Name: _____ Student Number: _____ School: **SLSS**

- My child has 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 *The Student Commission of Canada* for the purpose of promotion, advertising, and public relations related to Take Our Kids To Work Day.
- The hosting workplace is aware that my child will be brought to work on **November 1st, 2023**, between the hours of _____ and _____. We have discussed lunch arrangements, transportation, and appropriate clothing/safety attire.

Parent's Name: _____ Parent's Workplace Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Address: _____

OR

My child will accompany a: (check one)

- relative
- friend
- community host

Contact's Name: _____ Contact's Workplace Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Address: _____

Element 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 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 above Element of Risk section with my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Student Signature: _____ Date: _____