

October 23, 2023

## ***Take Our Kids to Work Day***

Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 9 Students:

The Richmond School Board, in cooperation with The Learning Partnership of British Columbia, business, labour and the community, is proud to be involved in this exciting initiative. Each year, more than 200,000 students across Canada participate with their parent/guardians in ***Take Our Kids to Work Day***. Career Education curriculum supports students as they begin to identify and develop personal interests, passions and competencies. Learning from work-related experiences helps to foster this growing awareness.

**Wednesday, November 1, 2023** is the date for this year's 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 first-hand about work and the range of career opportunities is an integral part of the curriculum. ***Take Our Kids to Work Day*** 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 its opportunities for them to become involved.
4. Encourage your place of employment to endorse this program and to consider offering an invitation not just to Grade 9 children of employees but to other Grade 9 students who could benefit from the experience.

This initiative is a beneficial one from all perspectives – workplaces, educators, parents and most importantly, **our youth**. Attached to this letter is a Permission Form for you to fill out. Please complete the form and return it to the school office by **Friday, October 27th, 2023.**

Sincerely,

**Take Our Kids to Work – Permission Form**

**\*\*\*Please complete & return this form to the school office by: Friday, October 27, 2023**

**PART 1 – STUDENT**

I would like to investigate an occupation on *Wednesday, November 1, 2023*. 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 SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
PUPIL NUMBER

**PART 2 – PARENT**

Please check the following items that may apply:

- Yes, my child will accompany me to work on November 1, 2023.
- 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 son/daughter may be photographed, interviewed, or videotaped during this day.
- No. I do not want my child to participate in this program. He or she will come to school on that day.

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 1, 2023 and acknowledge that the student will be under my supervision.

\_\_\_\_\_  
NAME (PRINT)

\_\_\_\_\_  
OCCUPATION

Relationship to the student:  Parent/Guardian  Relative  Neighbour  Friend

Place of employment: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

The student will be present at my workplace on November 1, 2023

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE

\_\_\_\_\_  
DATE