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Dear Gleneagle Grade 9 Parents/Guardians:

Wednesday, November 14th is the 24th annual "Take Our Kids to Work Day". This initiative occurs during National Career Week whereby several events will be taking place around the community in support of the theme.

On this day, hundreds of thousands of Grade 9 students will spend the day at workplaces across Canada. Students will experience a wide variety of job and career options including what it takes to be a paramedic, work on a makeshift assembly line, develop a mock sales presentation or work in the IT department for a large corporation.

This can be a valuable experience for your Gleneagle Grade 9 student and will also impact their career and world-of-work awareness. Career development and awareness is one of the key elements in the learning outcomes of the **Career Education 9** course, as mandated by the Ministry of Education.

We, at Gleneagle, are asking all parents/guardians to accept their Gleneagle Grade 9 student into your workplace for the day on **Wednesday, November 14th**. If a placement is not possible at your own work site, please check with another family member or family friend. **All students should be at a workplace for the day** so that they can report on their experiences through a Career Education 9 assignment. Parents/Guardians need to be aware that these students are not considered part of a formal work experience program, **so they are not covered by the Workers' Compensation Board**. They are no different than any young person visiting the workplace.

Students will be given an assignment to do while/after their workplace visit that will go towards their Career Education 9 mark. The possibilities of experiences open to students are exciting and vast – we look forward to some interesting reports from our students.

This will be a stimulating experience for those involved, so why not "Take Our Kids to Work" next **Wednesday, November 14th** and help our young people explore the world of work. There is more information and related websites in the "Take Our Kids to Work" parent guide found at the link below.

<https://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/events/take-our-kids-to-work-day/parents-and-guardians>

If you have questions/concerns, please contact the appropriate Career Education 9 teacher listed below.

Thank you for your support,

Mr. Jason Bingley (A-H)
Mrs. Billy Demonte (I-P)
Mrs. Michele Wilson (Q-Z)
Career Education 9 Teachers

***Please hand in your permission form
(on the reverse side of this paper) to
the front office no later than
Wednesday, November 7th.***

"Take Our Kids to Work Day" PERMISSION FORM

Parent/Guardian Consent Form:

We need your consent

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

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.

Mr. Bingley (A-H)
Mrs. Demonte (I-P)
Mrs. Wilson (Q-Z)

Student's name: Teacher's name:

My child has my 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 by The Learning Partnership for the purpose of promotion, advertising and public relations purposes related to Take Our Kids to Work Day.
- The workplace is aware that my child will be visiting on Wednesday, November 14, 2018, between the hours of _____ and _____. We have discussed lunch arrangements and appropriate clothing/safety attire.

Parent's name: Workplace name:

Telephone:

Address:

OR

My child will accompany a: (check one)

- relative
- friend
- community host

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 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.

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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To learn more about any of the initiatives mentioned in this guide, or to download Take Our Kids to Work resources, visit our website: thelearningpartnership.ca/tokw