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Tuesday, October 28th, 2014

Dear Centennial Grade 9 Parents:

Wednesday, November 5th is our 20th annual “**Take our Kids to Work Day**”. This initiative takes place during National Career Week whereby several events will be taking place around the school 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 son or daughter, and will also impact on their career and world-of-work awareness. Career development and awareness is one of the key elements in the Learning Outcomes of the Careers component of your son or daughter’s **Health & Careers Educations 9 (HCE 9)** course, as mandated by the Ministry of Education.

We, at Centennial, are asking all parents to accept your sons and daughters into your workplace for the day on Wednesday. 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 their experiences when they return to school. Parents 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. **Regular Grade 9 classes are NOT in session that day to allow all Grade 9 students to be at work sites.**

Students will be given a **short assignment** (see attached) to do while/after their workplace visit **that will go towards part of their HCE 9 credit** (consent form return and assignment completion). The possibilities of experiences open to students are exciting and vast – we look forward to some interesting reports from our students.

This will be an exciting experience for yourself and your child, so why not “Take our Kids to Work” next **Wednesday, November 5th** and help our young people explore your world of work. There is more information at <http://www.thelearningpartnership.ca/what-we-do/student-programs/take-our-kids-to-work>.

Thank you for your support,

Robert Zambrano
 Principal

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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, check and sign below.**
Please return the form to the office by November 4, 2014.

- My child, _____, has **permission to participate** in this program.
- The **workplace is aware that my child will be on their premises on Wednesday, November 5, 2014** between the hours of _____ and _____. We have **discussed the lunch arrangements, appropriate clothing/safety attire and proper workplace etiquette.**
- 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 with him/her:

Workplace Information:

Workplace name: _____ Phone number: _____
 Contact name at workplace: _____

Signatures:

Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____
 Student: _____ Date: _____