



Take Our Kids to Work Day
Wednesday, November 4th, 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians of Grade 9 Students:

The Richmond School Board, in co-operation with The Learning Partnership, business, labour and the community, is proud to be involved in this exciting initiative. Since 1994, **Take Our Kids to Work Day** has grown from a regional program into a nation-wide project involving more than 200,000 Grade 9 students and 75,000 workplaces. 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 4, 2026, is the date of this year's event. Grade 9 students across Canada will go to work with a parent, relative, or adult friend (students may also go with a classmate's parent).

Learning first-hand about work and a range of career opportunities is an integral part of the Health and Career Education curriculum. **Take Our Kids to Work Day** will provide students with some or all the following benefits:

- The opportunity to see their parents/guardians 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.
- Increase awareness of personal interests and passions.

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?

- Please encourage your Grade 9 student to become enthusiastically involved.
- Consider allowing a second Grade 9 student to accompany you and your child to work that day.
- Talk to your friends and colleagues about this day and its opportunities for them to become involved.

Attached to this letter is a Parent Permission Form for you to fill out. Students who do not complete this form will be expected to be in attendance during the day. Regular grade 9 classes will not be in session, but students will be provided with a space to work independently for the day. If your child is planning to participate, please take the time to assist us by completing the form and either email it to mcroberts@sd38.bc.ca OR return it to the school office by **Wednesday, October 28th, 2026**.

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Take Our Kids to Work – Permission Form

*****Please complete & return this form to the school office by: Wednesday, October 28, 2026**

PART 1 – STUDENT

I would like to investigate an occupation on *Wednesday, November 4, 2026*. 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 4, 2026.
- ☐ 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 be photographed, interviewed, or videotaped during this day.
- ☐ No. I do not want my child to participate in this program. My child 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 4, 2026 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 4, 2026.

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____