

**TAKE OUR KIDS TO WORK DAY:** Wednesday, November 5, 2025

To all Grade 9s and their parents/guardians,

Take Our Kids To Work Day is Wednesday November 5, 2025. Since 1994, Take Our Kids to Work Day has grown from a regional program into a nationwide project involving more than 200,000 Grade 9 students and 75,000 workplaces. Take Our Kids to Work Day (TOKTWD) is a one-day job shadow event, occurring nation-wide during Canada Career Week each year in the first week of November.

We encourage all parents to provide a meaningful and safe work placement for their child and/or encourage students to explore possible networks who can support a job shadow experience. To be clear, **this is NOT** a Seycove school field trip so no staff will be involved in organizing, supervising, or attending any of the workplaces. Parents are responsible for all aspects of their child's work placement/shadow including transportation and safety for this initiative. Many post-secondary institutions have events on Take Our Kids To Work Day as well.

Your Grade 9 student will receive a copy of the introduction letter, consent form, and reflection activity for Take Our Kids to Work Day in the Grade 9 Teams group. Copies are attached here for you as well and are also available on the school website. Please hand the permission form into the main school office by 3:00 pm on Friday, October 31st, 2025.

All Grade 9 students are expected to spend a day at work with a parent, relative, adult friend, or volunteer host. The student's reflection on this experience will count towards completion of Career Education 9. The required assignment is posted on the Grade 9 Team and able to be completed whether a student visits a job site or not on TOKTWD. The Career 9 assignment is posted on the Grade 9 Teams page and must be handed into the main office before 3pm on Friday November 7, 2025.

The day is most successful when students and their parents find a good work site, a person to shadow through relatives or family friends, or attend one of the many community-based activities happening on this day. The timing and details of the day are completely up to the parent and the work site/shadowed employee. If this date does not work well, parents can arrange another day and contact the school to ensure the student's absence is marked excused. The school's role is to be flexible with the day and plan for any students who arrive at school.

**Take Our Kids to Work Day has three main objectives:**

- To offer students a view of the work world and to foster an understanding of its demands and opportunities.
- To allow students to see their parents/guardians or other adult volunteer hosts in different roles and to understand what they do to support a family.
- To emphasize that education goes far beyond the classroom walls and that the preparation of younger generations for the future is a community responsibility.

**Some further information about the Take Our Kids to Work Day initiative:**

Student benefits because it is an opportunity for them to explore career options through:



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- Understanding the importance of staying in school by learning firsthand what skills are required in today's workplace
- Thinking about what aspects of their "workday" they liked and what they didn't
- Exploring career options in a practical way and gain a better understanding of just how many career choices are open to them.
- By spending a day in the life of a working adult, they develop an appreciation of their parents' work and motivation.

Parents benefit because it helps them prepare their children for the future by:

- Discussing work experience with their child
- Beginning a career discussion based on actual experiences
- Enriching their child's experience with discussion before, during and after the workplace visit.

**Please have your grade 9 return the consent form to the school's main office by 3pm on Friday October 31, 2025,** so that the school can plan for the day and update attendance. ***If you lose this form,*** please visit the Seycove website to print a copy.

If you have any questions about, Take Our Kids to Work day, please contact the school office and the links below. Here are a sample of some of the community events and opportunities for TOKWD:

- Introductory video to TOKWD: [Take Our Kids to Work 2025! Register Now](#)
- Information/Resources/Events from Student Commission Canada: [studentscommission.ca/events/tokwresources2025/#msdynmkt\\_trackingcontext=49de09f6-e8f8-4135-bcae-0b1070440100&msdynmkt\\_prefill=mktprf49b8a26e60ef49aabef189616de67877eoprf](http://studentscommission.ca/events/tokwresources2025/#msdynmkt_trackingcontext=49de09f6-e8f8-4135-bcae-0b1070440100&msdynmkt_prefill=mktprf49b8a26e60ef49aabef189616de67877eoprf)
- Vancouver Police Department Activities for TOKWD: [Take Your Kids To Work Day - Vancouver Police Department](#)
- SFU Careers Chats: [Drop-In Career Chats / Events - Simon Fraser University](#)
- The City of Surrey has several events and activities: [Take Our Kids To Work Day | City of Surrey](#)
- Eventbrite hosts an evolving list of events for November 5: [Vancouver, Canada Family & Education Events | Eventbrite](#)
- More information about TOKTWD can be found here: <https://www.studentscommission.ca/events/tokw2024/>

Your efforts will help ensure that your child enjoys the benefits of a rich and practical learning experience.

Kind Regards,  
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### **Take Our Kids to Work Day™ Parent/Guardian Consent Form**

To be completed and signed by a parent/guardian and student, then returned to the school 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, contact the workplace where the visit has been arranged.

Student'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 5, 2025, 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 risks with my child.

Parent/Guardian signature:.....Date:.....

Student signature: .....Date:.....

***Would the workplace be interested in providing up to 90 hours of work place experience for students in grade 10, 11 or 12 who are in the Work Experience/Internship programs at the school?  Yes  No***



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