

Work Experience STORIES

Hands-On in the Classroom – Lily Returns to Kindergarten

Lily is a busy senior student with a full plate. Beyond her school course load, Lily is a member of Grad Council, works as a lifeguard, plays school sports and volunteers with a swim club. Yet with all these responsibilities, Lily added the WEX course so she could have a chance to try out her dream career as a teacher.



The WEX facilitator placed Lily in the kindergarten class at Seymour Heights with co-teachers Donna Norman and Julie Zinck. Going back to kindergarten has been fun but also revealing for Lily. “I’m so grateful to get the opportunity to work alongside amazing, intelligent women in the teaching field,” says Lily, “I’m able to obtain first-hand knowledge I wouldn’t be able to get anywhere else.”

The class benefitted from having Lily be a part of it too. Lily’s kindergarten teachers and students loved having her in the class. “Lily has been an absolute pleasure to have in the class!” says Norman, “she takes initiative to connect with the

kids and to look for things to do...she is fully engaged with the students and willing to help out with anything we ask.”

Lily is glad for her Work Experience opportunity as a student teacher and it has solidified her choice to go into teaching. She adds, “I have discovered a newfound appreciation for the work teachers do to constantly inspire and help expand children’s knowledge.”

Lily is looking forward to attending UBC next year to study Humanities. She plans to continue on to complete a Bachelor of Education that will lead to the start of her teaching career and her very own classroom.

If you have a student currently in grade 9-11, it is not too late to add the Work Experience course to their schedule for next year. The course is worth four credits and students gain valuable work experience and opportunities that will help them better determine and understand their career focus. For more information on the course, please contact the WEX Facilitator, Janice Knapp – jknapp@sd44.ca. To add the course, please contact your student's grade counsellor.