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**Take Our Kids to Work
Wednesday, November 14, 2018**

Dear Parents/guardians of Grade 9 students:

The Peel District School Board, in cooperation with The Learning Partnership, business, labour, and the community, is proud to be involved in this exciting career exploration activity. Since 1994, Take Our Kids To Work has grown from a regional program into a nation-wide project involving over 250,000 Grade 9 students and 75,000 workplaces. This year, based on the strong support for Take Our Kids to Work, we expect that even more students and workplaces will participate.

Wednesday, November 14, 2018 is the date of this event. Grade 9 students across Canada will go to work with a parent, relative, or adult friend. Students who are unable to accompany a parent, relative or adult friend to their workplace will be matched, if possible, with a volunteer host. As well, some students may go with a classmate's parent.

Learning first-hand about work and a range of career opportunities is an integral part of the curriculum. Take Our Kids to Work will provide opportunities for our Grade 9 students to:

- see their parents 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;
- see the realities and demands of the workplace;
- understand the importance of staying in school.

Students should access myBlueprint.ca/peel to gain background information to help them prepare for the experience and to further the career/life planning process.

Workplaces are encouraged to download [Workplace Guide](#) to help them make the day meaningful for both students and employees. 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

1. Please encourage your Grade 9 student to become enthusiastically involved.
2. Consider allowing a second Grade 9 student to accompany you and your child to work that day.
3. Talk to your friends and colleagues about the opportunities for them to become involved.
4. Encourage your place of employment to endorse this program and to consider offering an invitation not only to Grade 9 children of employees but to other Grade 9 students who could benefit from the experience.
5. Read the [2018 Family Guide](#) so that you can become more involved in planning the day with your child.

This initiative is beneficial from all perspectives-workplaces, educators, parents, and most importantly, our youth.

Sincerely,
Meadowvale S.S. Counselling Department