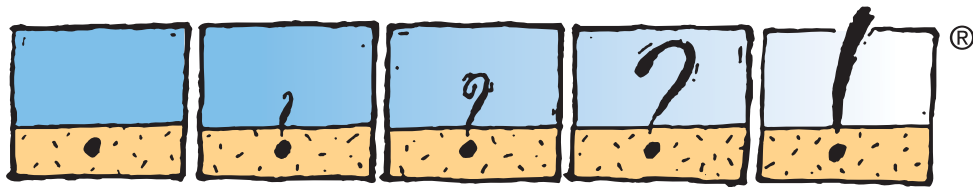


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The Learning Partnership

The Learning Partnership is a national not-for-profit organization dedicated to championing a strong public education system in Canada with its partners through innovative programs, credible research, executive leadership, policy initiatives and public engagement of Canadians. In partnership with government, the private sector, labour, education and community groups, The Learning Partnership delivers nine programs to students and educators across Canada each year.

Take Our Kids to Work™ is The Learning Partnership's first and most well-known program.

16th Annual Take Our Kids to Work™ Program

On Wednesday November 3, 2010, over 200,000 grade 9, Senior 1 (Manitoba) and Secondary III (Quebec) students across Canada will spend the day at work, job shadowing a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host.

What will students get out of the program?

- Develop an appreciation for the importance of staying in school and getting a high school diploma and pursuing post-secondary studies.
 - Gain exposure to the skills required in today's workplaces.
 - Develop an appreciation for their parents' roles in making a living and supporting their families.
 - Begin career discussions with adults about the work they do.
 - Gain a better understanding of the complexity of career choices and the benefits of early exploration.
 - Explore career options in practical ways.
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What will parents get out of the program?

- Participate in a shared experience with your child.
 - Begin career discussions and dialogue based on actual experiences.
 - Enrich the experience for your child by providing opportunities to talk before, during and after the visit.
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Where can students go for the day?

Where possible, parents invite their own child to spend a day on the job. If you are unable to host your own child, there are still ways for your child to participate. Here are some suggestions:

- Ask a relative, neighbour or family friend to host your child at his/her workplace.
- Contact the school, speak with the principal, career studies or co-op teacher, ask if they can assist you with finding a suitable placement.
- Ask the parent of another grade 9 student who is participating if your child could join him/her for the day.
- Contact local businesses. Ask if they are hosting students for Take Our Kids to Work™. Inquire if someone within their organization would be willing to host your child providing you make the necessary transportation arrangements.

Safety First

Workplace health and safety are vital aspects of the program. It is important that young people receive information about health and safety prior to their workplace visit. They also need to know their rights and responsibilities for jobs they may hold now and in the future. Parents of working students need this same information.

Parents need to be aware of the work that their children engage in and ask questions about the health and safety provisions. Links to other organizations with workplace health and safety expertise and materials can be accessed through The Learning Partnership website at www.thelearningpartnership.ca.

The Ultimate Dream Job Contest

In the fall of 2010, The Learning Partnership in partnership with Scotiabank® launched the second annual Ultimate Dream Job Contest. This on-line photo contest was designed to encourage students to explore career options and to start planning for the future. To enter the contest, students are required to submit a photo representing their 'Dream Job', along with a short description. The photographs on the cover of this guide are just a few examples of the many photographs students submitted from across Canada in the debut year.

The winner of the 2009 Ultimate Dream Job Contest is well on her way to realizing her dream of becoming a Manga artist. (Note: Manga is the Japanese word for comics.)

"I lost my hearing when I was 3 years old and drawing has always been a good way for me to communicate. But now, it is my best talent. I practise drawing everyday and I dream about making people enjoy and laugh when they read my comics."

The winner of the 2009 Ultimate Dream Job Contest won an all-expense-paid trip for two to Ottawa on Take Our Kids to Work™ day. Highlights of the trip included meeting The Right Honourable Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada, touring Parliament Hill, The National Gallery of Canada and The Canadian Museum of Civilization.

For more information on this year's Ultimate Dream Job Contest, visit our website at www.dreamjobcontest.ca.

The Learning Partnership thanks the following supporters who make Take Our Kids to Work™ a great success across Canada.

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All the Provincial and Territorial coordinators who help The Learning Partnership deliver Take Our Kids to Work™ to participating students, teachers, parents, school boards and workplaces across Canada.



We Need Your Consent

To be filled out and signed by the parent or guardian and student, then returned to the school.

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 school or the workplace.

Student's Name: _____ Teacher's Name: _____

- My child has my permission to participate in this program.
- My child may be photographed, interviewed or videotaped on this day.
- My workplace is aware that I am bringing my child to work on Wednesday November 3, 2010 between the hours of _____ and _____. We have discussed lunch arrangements and appropriate clothing/safety attire.

Parent's Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Workplace Name: _____

Address: _____

OR

My child will accompany a: (check one)

- relative**
- friend**
- community host**

to their workplace on Wednesday November 3, 2010 between the hours of _____ and _____. We have discussed lunch arrangements and appropriate clothing/safety attire for this particular workplace.

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.

For more information see the recommendations for Workplace Health & Safety at www.thelearningpartnership.ca.

- I understand that there are risks associated with my child visiting a workplace and I have reviewed the Elements of Risk section above with my child.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Student Signature: _____ Date _____

Visit www.thelearningpartnership.ca to register your participation, to download resources and posters, to learn more about workplace Health and Safety, or to find answers to frequently asked questions.

