



# Take Our to Kids Work Day™

Wednesday, November 6, 2019

Family Guide

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## What is Take Our Kids to Work Day?

Launched in 1994, Take Our Kids to Work Day is the most recognized career exploration event in Canada. Developed by The Learning Partnership, the annual event occurs in November each year. It is an opportunity for students to explore career options and navigate their interests in a fun and engaging way.

On Wednesday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2019, Grade 9, Senior 1 (Manitoba), and Secondary III (Quebec) students across Canada will spend the day at the workplace of a parent, relative, friend or volunteer host.



## How do I ensure my child's safety?

It is essential that both students and parents receive information about health and safety prior to their workplace visit. Parents need to be aware of the work that their children are engaging in on this day and ask questions about the health and safety provisions.

Consult with your organization's health and safety committee to advise in preparation for November 6<sup>th</sup>. Information on workplace health and safety can be accessed on The Learning Partnership's website.



## Where can students go for the day?

Parents/guardians are encouraged to invite their children to join them at work, but if this is not possible, there are other ways for your child to participate:

- Ask a relative, neighbour or family friend to take your child to work.
- Ask another parent who is taking their child to work, if your child can join them for the day.
- Contact your child's school and inquire if they can assist you with finding a suitable placement.
- Contact local businesses and ask if they are participating in Take Our Kids to Work Day. Inquire if someone within their organization would be willing to host your child, providing you make the necessary transportation arrangements.



## About The Learning Partnership

The Learning Partnership is a Canadian charity that prepares students to thrive in a diverse, connected and changing world. We celebrate excellence, leveraging the best thinking from educators, business and government to deliver experiential programs for students that cultivate entrepreneurial thinking and innovation, and support social-emotional learning. Since 1993, we have been helping build the foundations for students to solve tomorrow's challenges.



## RBC Future Launch

Our youth are full of potential. With the world of work changing, we need to help ensure that they're prepared for what's next. That's why RBC created Future Launch, a program that increases access to skill development, networking opportunities, work experience and mental wellbeing empowering the youth of today for the jobs of tomorrow.

[rbc.com/futurelaunch](http://rbc.com/futurelaunch)

## What happens after November 6<sup>th</sup>?

- Encourage your child to write thank you notes to those they worked with.
- Look for opportunities that may further build on what students have learned.
- Follow-up on whether the experience sparked future career plans.
- Complete some of the activities on the Take Our Kids to Work Day website.



## Are there any other resources my child can use?

**Real Talk** - Real Talk is designed to help students make better choices about their post-secondary options by offering them peer-to-peer perspectives, tips and advice from young people who have recently made the school-to-work transition – visit [realtalk.careers](http://realtalk.careers)

**Virtual reality workplace experiences** - These videos let students explore a range of work environments and meet employees who share insights on their jobs. They are available for free on YouTube and compatible with most virtual reality headsets - visit [vrworkplaces.ca](http://vrworkplaces.ca)



## How can I create an exciting day for my child?

Speak with your HR department. Some workplaces plan larger events or have multiple employees bringing students to work. Workplaces can register on our website to access resources to help plan a great Take Our Kids to Work Day!

[thelearningpartnership.ca](http://thelearningpartnership.ca)





## We need your consent

**To be filled out and signed by a 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 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 Take Our Kids to Work day by the workplace or by The Learning Partnership for the purpose of promotion, advertising and public relations related to Take Our Kids to Work Day.
- My workplace is aware that I am bringing my child to work on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, 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. For more information see the recommendations for Workplace Health & Safety at [thelearningpartnership.ca](http://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:.....

To learn more about any of the initiatives mentioned in this guide, or to download Take Our Kids to Work Day resources, visit our website: [thelearningpartnership.ca](http://thelearningpartnership.ca)

