



October 5, 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian,

On Wednesday, November 1, 2017 students across Canada will once again be participating in the *Take Our Kids to Work Day* (TOKW) where Grade 9 students spend the day at work with a parent, friend, relative or another caring adult.

At McKinnon Park Secondary School, Grade 9 students will have the opportunity to participate in this experience. A consent form is attached. If you would like to have your son/daughter participate in this day, please complete *The Learning Partnership* parent consent form and return it to the homeroom teacher by Friday, October 20, 2017. We respectfully remind you that it is your responsibility to find a suitable placement for your son/daughter.

#### **HEALTH & SAFETY/PREPARATION**

Parents who allow their son/daughter to participate in TOKW are required to sign an employer designed informed consent that contains workplace health and safety messaging advising the "Elements of Risk" that may be present in a workplace and is to be signed by both students and parents.

Preparation for students includes safety training and awareness and all efforts are to be made to prevent injuries to students. For further information, please visit [www.thelearningpartnership.ca](http://www.thelearningpartnership.ca) where you may register your workplace and review the resources available to employers.

#### **LIABILITY INSURANCE**

Grand Erie DSB students who are excused from school to participate in the "Take Our Kids to Work" activity are covered under the Board's liability insurance for the duration of the event. The student and the employer are protected against a law suit arising out of the negligence of the student while performing the duties within the work program; the employer and other employees are not protected for liability arising from their negligence. This coverage is for liability arising from the student's actions only and does not reimburse any medical expenses incurred should an accident happen involving the student at the workplace.

The liability coverage extends to protect the student in the event that damage is caused accidentally by the student to the employer's property while it is in the student's care, custody and control. However, the school board's insurance does not cover theft or vandalism by students.

#### **WSIB**

The Grand Erie District School Board does not provide accident insurance for students regardless of the activities they participate in and it does not provide Workplace Safety & Insurance for students involved in TOKW.

#### **ACCIDENT INSURANCE**

Parents are informed about low cost, comprehensive insurance opportunities every September, which is made available through Insure My Kids. This coverage may be obtained at any time throughout the school year. Applications forms are available via the school office or from [www.insuremykids.com](http://www.insuremykids.com). Parents wishing to allow their son/daughter to participate are advised to consider purchasing the Reliable Student Insurance **before the November 1, 2017** event. Coverage is not backdated.

Should you have any questions regarding the day please contact N.Bothwright at (905) 765-4466. For more information, please visit [www.takeourkidstowork.ca](http://www.takeourkidstowork.ca)

Yours truly,

Dave MacDonald  
Principal