

Employer Update

PASSPORT
to prosperity

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What's New?

Experiential Learning Week

Who...

will be working for you

in the next 10 years?

Connecting Employers and Tomorrow's Workforce

Experiential Learning Week (ELW), introduced by the Ministry of Education in 2010, will happen again in Bruce, Grey and the Georgian Triangle this year. Planning for the second ELW is well underway with area schools as we celebrate the rich world of learning as students participate in the workforce. A Tourism Career Fair is being held in Meaford for students in Grade 7-12. Career talks are arranged for Walkerton District SS with a focus on Wetlands and Grey Highlands SS will have Kelly Lantz of Botanical Design speak to the Horticultural class. The Skills Opportunity Showcase (SOS) Trailer will be present at the Tourism Career Fair and an all-day event at John Diefenbaker SS in Hanover. Sacred Heart HS in Walkerton has planned a day for First Aid and CPR certification for students, and the Chesley District SS Agriculture Specialist High Skills Major program is planning to "work up" a field during the week. It's sure to be a busy week highlighting great student experiences in our schools. For dates and information please go to: www.planningboard.ca

Tapping into Your Future Workforce:

First Graduate from Bervie Construction Program



Paul Douglas, Terry Fox and Greg Shipp

Terry Fox of Kincardine is the first graduate from the Specialist High Skills Major Construction program at the Bervie Campus of Kincardine District Secondary School. Terry is pictured with his instructors Paul Douglas and Greg Shipp. Terry specialized in Bricklaying. The garage in the background of the picture is an example of his work. While at Bervie he was able to complete the necessary compulsory credits to graduate, at the same time working in the community under the supervision of teaching staff on construction projects. Terry credits the staff and the opportunity to attend school at the Bervie Campus for staying in school. He stated, two things to remember : come to school each day and work hard. Terry had received job offers before the school year ended. Congratulations Terry on your success!



Terry being congratulated by Jean Stephenson, Superintendent of Student Success, Bluewater District School Board.

Discover Your FUTURE Workforce

To learn how to bring energetic students and employers together, please visit www.employerregistry.ca



Four County Labour Market Planning Board *Serving Bruce Grey Huron Perth*

Passport to Prosperity is an Ontario-wide initiative to promote the benefits of school-work partnerships, recruit employers to partner with schools, and provide resources to facilitate these partnerships, for the benefit of employers and students. The Four County Labour Market Planning Board is pleased to be delivering Passport to Prosperity again in 2011-12 in Bruce, Grey and the Georgian Triangle .

For more information on how to get involved, please contact The Four County Labour Market Planning Board:

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Community Involvement

Employer Appreciation Breakfast

Each school thanks their co-op employers yearly for the commitment to the youth in our area and for the learning opportunities they offer to local students.



Technology teacher, Ray Morrison from JDSS puts his own twist on things by inviting

employers and community partners for a steak and eggs breakfast, cooked and served in the Auto shop by the students in the program. A great way to say THANKS!



Bruce Grey Medquest 2011

MedQUEST Health Career Exploration Program is designed to provide secondary school students, in rural and regional Southwestern Ontario, with realistic, hands-on experiences in various disciplines of health care, including medicine. Led by the students of the Schulich School of Medicine & Dentistry as well as former MedQUEST high school participants, program activities include interactive workshops, state-of-the-art simulator training and the opportunity to watch health care professionals in a clinical setting. Students learn how babies are delivered using a birthing simulator, read x-rays, splint and cast fractures, participate in a community mock disaster, and gain an understanding of the training requirements needed to work in the field of health care. This years mock disaster was held at Maple Court Villa in Walkerton.

Is the program successful? You BET! Former Bruce Grey participants say yes! Two have applied to Medical school, three are graduate nurses and one is in the Emergency Medical Services.

