

2010 Thomas Street Grade 8 Career Fair

The Grade 8 Career Fair is being held on February 4, 2010. This event is the culmination of a year of planning and several months of working with the Grade 8 students, giving them exposure to the concepts that they will need to get the most out of this event.

Morning Session

Students will start the day with an assembly and keynote speaker. With their homeroom classes, students will rotate through eight activity sessions on the Neurodevelopmental Constructs led by teachers with *All Kinds of Minds* experience.

Students will have an opportunity to reflect on the activities at the end of each session through debrief questions. These activities will help students to understand where their strengths and interests lie, and how these can help to guide them to enjoyable and rewarding careers.

Afternoon Session

After lunch, students will have three opportunities to hear volunteer presenters talk about their own strengths and interests, and how these have helped to shape their particular career choices. Students will be asked to pick one speaker who has made an impression on them, and to reflect on what they have learned about the speaker's choices, and what they have learned about how to start thinking about their own career choices in the years ahead.

Thomas Street Middle School is grateful to the volunteer presenters, many of whom are parents of TSMS students, and some of whom are members of the TSMS community, who have agreed to lend their time, effort, and experience to making this event a success.

About All Kinds of Minds

All Kinds of Minds is a not-for-profit organization that translates the latest research from neuroscience and other disciplines on how children learn — and vary in their learning — into a powerful framework that educators can use in the classroom. Their mission is to help students who struggle with learning measurably improve their success in school and life by providing programs that integrate educational, scientific, and clinical expertise.

Several members of the Thomas Street Middle School staff have been trained in All Kinds of Minds. The Peel District School Board uses this framework to help give teachers the tools they need to help every student be successful. At Thomas Street, we are excited to be the first middle school in Peel to apply the constructs of All Kinds of Minds to understanding and making career choices. There are many pathways from school to the working world, and starting with an understanding of their individual strengths, affinities, and interests, our students will be better able to make decisions about the path that is best for each of them.

For additional information about All Kinds of Minds, please visit:

www.allkindsofminds.org

Career Descriptions

Students will be able to hear from the following presenters:

Retail Buyer. Our presenter has purchased both fashion and hard goods for national retailers. Product development and international travel are integral parts of the job.

Esthetician. Our presenter runs her own business and does everything from nails, to make up, to skin care to waxing etc.

Consulting Civil Engineer. Our presenter is an Associate Partner with a Transportation Engineering Consulting firm providing Canadian and International clients with planning and designs for Transportation Infrastructure.

Software Developer. Our presenter is self-employed and builds custom business application software for his clients across Canada.

Registered Massage Therapist. Self-employed. Over the last 3 years, our presenter has applied her skills to a wide variety of work scenarios: working on the Hamilton Tiger cats, Hospice massage (elderly care), in-home massage, on-site corporate massage and within a spa.

Chiropractor. Our presenter owns and operates Align Chiropractic focussing on health and wellness, the natural way.

Information Technology Delivery Manager. Our presenter is employed by Canadian Tire Corporation and oversees the delivery of computer hardware and software solutions to over 480 stores across Canada.

Interior Designer/Contractor. Our presenter owns a professional firm specializing in both commercial and residential projects. From initial concepts through to completion, they offer clients an inclusive design / build service.

Vice President of Sales. Our presenter is employed by Able Translations, a linguistic services provider. She is responsible along with her sales team to develop new and manage existing business across Canada.

Certified Personal Trainer. Our presenter's purpose is to help his clients achieve their competitive and personal goals. He is also a professional triathlete who competes locally and internationally.

Advertising. Our presenter has over 15 years of experience in advertising, having worked in many countries for global advertising agencies developing multi-media campaigns for clients such as Ford, Johnson & Johnson, P&G, Sony, and others.

National Servicing Representative. Our presenter is employed by Canada's largest national union who represents workers through negotiating their contracts and advocating for workers rights.

SAP Security Administrator. Our presenter works for RIM, the makers of BlackBerry phones, helping with Governance, Risk & Compliance on SAP from a technical perspective.