

# Preparing for the World of Work



## ***Nose Creek School works with students on the following Essential Universal Skills***

- \* Focusing on the development and application of reading, writing and mathematical literacy, which are essential employability skills.
- \* Making meaningful connections between schooling and personal experiences.
- \* Interpersonal skills to ensure respect, support and cooperation with others.
- \* Becoming responsible and contributing members of society.
- \* Critical thinking promoting the analysis and appropriate applications of information.
- \* Creative thinking promoting the identification of unique connections among ideas and insightful approaches to questions and issues.
- \* Decision-making processes promoting the making of timely and appropriate decisions.
- \* Problem-solving processes promoting the ability to identify or pose problems and apply learning to consider the causes and dimensions of, and the solutions to, problems.
- \* Provide opportunities for students to explore their personal strengths and interests related to future life and career opportunities.

Here at Nose Creek Elementary, your children, our students are being **Prepared for the World of Work!** Yes, even now students are being taught the **Critical Skills** needed to be successful in the adult work environment. The foundation of success in the adult work world as you know is simple and complicated at the same time. Like work, schools expect that a person attend on time, (**Punctuality**) that one is engaged and productive (**Work Ethic**). You also have to take direction (**Follow Orders**) and it is expected that you work positively with others (**Collaboration**). Students are expected to **Dress Appropriately**, **Socialize** with peers in a constructive manner, work **Independently**, take **Responsibility** and take **Initiative**. Later in life in the world of work this will be seen as being **Professional**. Students are being trained to **Read** and **Comprehend Fiction** and **Non – Fiction Literature** since the world of work deals in non-fiction. Students are trained to **Connect Local and Global Ideas**, to **Build Logical Arguments** based on fact and make **Predictions**. Students will create **Presentations**, adhere to **Timelines** and deal with obstacles and challenges. Of course students at Nose Creek work with **Robotics**, use **Computers** and **iPads**, learn **Apps** and prepare for the **Digital World** by learning how to be a **Responsible Digital Citizen**. Each and every day our school citizens add to their foundational knowledge of a **Work Based Skill Set** without being aware of it.

Students are expected to **Study**, complete work away from the school (**Homework**) and be successful at **Different Levels of Academic and Social Difficulty**. To be prepared for the world of work Grade Fours are interacting with the greater community by **Volunteering** at the **Food Bank**, **Growing and Harvesting Vegetables**, (rolling up their sleeves and getting their hands dirty), **Visiting Coal Mines** and **Selling Products to Raise Money** for the Children's Hospital. At school, like work, students have a forum where their input is valued and they **Pitch Ideas**, a place where their voice is heard. **Their Ideas Help Shape Events** at Nose Creek School. It is important to feel that one is a **Valued** and **Contributing Member of School and Society**. In conclusion, the next time you send your child to school, remember that you are actually preparing them for the world of work and the rest of their lives. Children who enter Nose Creek School next year in Kindergarten at the age of 4 will graduate in 2030. Many will take post-secondary courses and enter the workforce anywhere from 2032-2035. If you enter the work force in 2035 and work for 35 years, you may retire in 2070. Presently the life expectancy is 80 years for men and 84 years for women. This translates to boys and girls born in 2013 living until 2093 and 2097 respectively. Your child is not simply going to school, your child is being prepared for the future. Can you imagine 2097 and beyond?