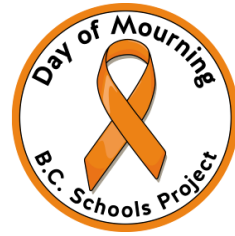


Day of Mourning BC Schools Project



Principal's Script, Friday, April 26, 2024

Good morning, this is _____ *name of principal here* _____ speaking.

Sunday, April 28, is the National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job. On this day in Canada we remember all those who have died or have been hurt while working. These tragic deaths and injuries happen to people who are mothers, fathers, sisters and brothers. They happen to friends and family members. They happen to both the very mature and young.

The group of people most likely to be hurt on the job are people like you – young people, young workers, eager to do a good job, possibly less experienced, possibly less aware of the risks of work.

I know many of the students here have part time jobs and I also know that many of you soon will have full time jobs. I'm hoping that by observing the Day of Mourning today, you all will remain conscious of your own safety at both the jobs you hold today or will hold soon. I hope that you insist your employers give you safety training, that you will follow safety procedures and that you will always exercise your right to refuse unsafe work.

Shortly we will observe a moment of silence to honour those who have died on the job. In Canada, for last year alone, close to 1,000 people have died due to work related injury. I ask that during our moment of silence that you sit still, that you quietly think of these people who have been lost while just trying to provide for themselves and their families, and that you think of your own families and loved ones, and how important your own safety is to them.

We will now observe a moment of silence in remembrance of those we have died working....

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That concludes our moment of silence. Thank you for observing with me the National Day of Mourning for Workers Killed and Injured on the Job today.