

Holden School Job Shadowing

This past month, Holden School children experienced everyday work routines of many people in our Village, supposedly as if the kids were “shadowing” their selected adult villagers. Afterwards, the children wrote about what it was like to do their person’s job.

Maverick, by Francis (age 8)

Katy is a Village Maverick. I got to shadow Katy for an hour.

A Maverick is important because they keep the outside tidy and safe. We chipped ice to make the paths more even. I

shoveled the ice that was left by the chipper. We helped load luggage onto buses. I liked it. I think I want to do the job if I come back to the Village.



Operations Manager, by Claire (age 6)

Ben is the Operations Manager. First I watched him talk about the morning jobs. Then I went up to the garage to organize the bus chains. Next I hooked up the battery, but we needed a wire. We found one, but it did not work. I helped the bus go down to the lake.

Potter, by Poppy (age 9)

In my job shadow with the potter Ms. Megan we started with cleaning up. We mopped the floors and made them nice and shiny before a bunch of people came in. Then we taught Nick

how to trim! Rebecca and Ra came in also and finished up some pottery. During that time we checked the payment. After all that we threw some pottery! I loved being a potter for an hour and I would love to be a potter again.





Food Services Lead, by Greta (age 10)

Food Service Lead Maria needs an assistant. After seeing what she does, it's hard to imagine that she does that and also cooks for us. Well, it's insane! So let's dive deeper into what she actually does. She goes around to all the lockers and sees what we have then orders what we need. She occasionally works both the 1 and 2 shifts because of people being sick. Maria also schedules who's the lead for each shift and what meal they will cook. And with the floor replacement she's working harder than ever. There's so much she does which is why she needs a helper and so staffing I'm begging you please get Maria an assistant!

Utilities Assistant, by Leif (age 6)

I worked with Ryan. He works in Utilities. We walked to the Hydro. Then, we oiled the machine. Then, we walked to the maintenance garage. Then, we changed the water filter. Sometimes the water sprays up! The job's fun.



Creative Technician, by August (age 13)

This past week, I job-shadowed two people, Hannah and Elli, who are both creative technicians. Hannah, who mainly works on the Holden Village website, taught me the basics of editing the summer staff page. I found joy in working with the coding and inserting certain pictures for certain people. Elli, who usually works as Holden Videographer, showed me the simple version of making social media posts. I had fun writing an interesting caption and selecting beautiful pictures that I didn't even have to take! This was an amazing experience and I would certainly do it again!