

Gaining Valuable Skills at Heartland Colony School

Roman Hofer is not your typical Grade 11 student at Heartland Colony School. Beginning his first year in a life skills program, Roman is learning about the different responsibilities that will await him for when he completes his schooling, and transitions to being a working member on the Colony. As part of his on-the-job training, Roman goes to work at a variety of locations across the Colony each day.



Each morning, Roman's day starts with him sorting and collecting eggs in the chicken barn. Working here with his dad and grandpa, Roman carefully manages collecting the Colony's supply of eggs for that day. Since the mornings start early, Roman stops home for a quick snack before heading to school to meet up with Educational Assistant, Mrs. Donna Casson.

Together, the two of them head over to the Plastics Shop, where Roman has just begun his Colony job training. While at the Plastic Shop, Roman is responsible for sorting, cleaning and boxing a variety of parts before they are sent out for shipping. In the shop, Roman needs to make sure his counts are accurate so that the customers are not out any supplies they may need. Roman carefully counts and packages the shipments, under the careful watch of the EA.

After lunch, Roman returns to school where he completes a variety of general labor positions at the school, including daily fresh fruit delivery to classrooms, recycling and garbage collection. Roman takes great pride in completing these jobs, as he knows how invaluable these are to our community. Students light up when they see Roman coming in with fruit that has been prepared and plated for each student. If you are ever in our school, feel free to stop by and chat with Roman. This hockey buff is ready to give you his honest opinion on the Jets, but also ready to make you feel at home at Heartland Colony School.



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