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January is all about Success! Here are some workplace tips – to ensure you are successful on the job!

- Arrive at your workplace a little early. By doing so you will demonstrate that you are prepared.
- Smile and greet people.
- Work hard.
- Learn from your mistakes and don't repeat them.
- If you're not busy, look for work to do. Don't wait around for someone to assign it to you.
- Always speak slowly, clearly, and in a friendly manner.
- Observe your co-workers to see if they need help and then offer to help them.
- Say goodbye to your coworkers and thank them for their help.

If you make this your habit, at the end of your day, you will feel the happiness that comes from good working relationships and the satisfaction of productivity!

Keep in mind these two key words while at work:

- Diligence – Work hard!
- Attitude – Keep a good attitude

Congratulations and good luck!



**Congratulations to Murray Slobozian  
– Winner of the Subway \$10 Gift Card,  
from our December 2011, newsletter  
Word Search draw!**

**Featured Employer:** Wilsons' Fine Foods, Ear Falls

Wilson's Fine Foods has been in operation in Ear Falls for 13 years. The owners, Dave & Candy Wilson take great pride in offering a wide variety of grocery products, along with superior customer service to the residents of Ear Falls.

Over the years, Dave and Candy have been happy to participate in the employment programs offered by Red Lake Career & Employment Services. They have taken a number of trainees under their wing, and provided valuable learning experiences, for those who might otherwise not have the experience to get their first job.

During 2011, two trainees, Nathan Gaudrault and David Mattinas, had the opportunity to train at Wilson's Fine Foods, and both are still currently employed on a full-time basis. These two young men came to Wilson's with different levels of knowledge and experience, and both gained further skills during their training period. Today, they are valued members of the Wilsons' team.

Red Lake Career & Employment Services looks forward to continuing to work with Dave and Candy at Wilsons' Fine Foods (see pic below).



**Success Story:**

Linnette visited Red Lake Career & Employment Services in January of 2011 on the advice of a local employer. Linnette was relatively new to the community and in receipt of Unemployment Insurance Benefits. During her job search, one of our local employers suggested she visit our office – “they may be able to help you out”. Well, that is just what Linnette did! Upon arrival (Judy Valiant, one of our employment advisers) registered her in the Assisted Services Program which is part of the Employment Services/Employment Ontario Initiative. After a general intake was completed, Linnette was assisted with the development of a resume, job search skills were reviewed and she explored a list of local employers, choosing the Employer who referred her, Video Plus. Contact was made with Dave Fetterly of Video Plus and a 3 week training placement was arranged.

Linnette gained valuable work experience which led to permanent employment with that same employer.

Today, close to a year later, Linnette is still employed at Video Plus, serving customers with a smile. Her duties include, among others, customer service, operation of the lottery terminal and cash register and operation of the movie rental computer. She has also helped train new staff and managed the store while the owners were on vacation.

Congratulations Linnette!