

## Lunardo Plumbing Inc. Profile – May 2008

Lunardo Plumbing is a company that takes pride in providing interested young people with exposure to and training in the plumbing trade. Each semester, the company welcomes one or more Peel District School Board secondary school students to co-operative education placements. These students have unique opportunities to work with qualified tradespeople in a variety of commercial and industrial settings.

Italo Lunardo, the president of the company, is firmly committed to co-operative education. “I was a co-op student myself, so I know how valuable the experience is. We are happy to help students explore plumbing as a possible career.” Most of the students at Lunardo have registered as apprentices under the Ontario Youth Apprenticeship Program (OYAP), and several have worked out so well they were asked to stay on as paid apprentices at Lunardo after their placements were over.

Ken Logan, a co-op teacher at Heart Lake Secondary School in Brampton, has had many students placed at Lunardo Plumbing. “This is a great company,” he said. “They work the students hard, but they teach important skills and provide very valuable work and life experience. I can’t say enough about Italo and his team.”



Part of the Lunardo “team:” Italo Lunardo, President, Ruth Dugas, Office Manager, Emily Suriano, Office Assistant, Mauro Atoni, Project Coordinator

Lunardo Plumbing both installs new plumbing and services and maintains existing plumbing in a wide range of industrial settings and office towers throughout Southern Ontario. A growing company, Lunardo knows well-trained and motivated young workers are the key to its future success. Its working relationship with Heart Lake and other Peel schools benefits not only the students lucky enough to be placed with Lunardo, but the company itself.