



EDITOR'S NOTE: Kids who participated in "Take Our Sons to Work Day" took time out to drop the MTA thoughtful notes of appreciation. (7/11/01)

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'Take Our Sons Day' Was a 'Great Day' for Kids

By JEFF RYDELL, Age 15

Last Friday, June 29, 2001, I came into work with my Dad. It was "Take Your Sons to Work" day. My Dad works at Division 20, Metro Red Line yard, in the Vehicle Maintenance Department.

I started the day with breakfast and a safety class. We took a tour of the rail shops and I met a lot of people who work with my Dad.

After that, we went to the Gateway Boardroom and learned more about what other types of jobs people do at the MTA and we also met Julian Burke.

The best part of the day is when I went on a tour to division 10 because it was the first time I got to see how maintenance is done on buses. We toured the bus maintenance shops and rode a bus through the bus wash.

Also, at Division 10 there was a LAPD S.W.A.T. display. We were able to check out the weapons they use and try on some of their equipment.

After the tour, my Dad and I rode the Metro Red Line subway to Universal Studios and had lunch. I had a great day visiting with everyone and learning all the things people do at the MTA.

I want to thank everyone who helped to make "Take Your Sons to Work" day possible.

Jeff Rydell is the son of Brian Rydell, a Senior Rail Equipment Maintenance Supervisor.

On Friday, June 29, 2001, my Dad took me to his work and showed me what he does at work. He also took me on the Red Line stations. It was a lot of fun because I love to ride trains.

Also, I enjoy visiting my Dad's workers and the trains stop at Division 20. I also enjoyed the ride on the Metrolink. I also enjoyed the snacks that they gave us. I hope my Dad takes me next year again.

Jonathan Becerra, age 12

Jonathan Becerra is the son of Jesus Becerra, a General Services Supervisor.

To Whom It May Concern:

We very much enjoyed our Facilities Maintenance tour today. It was really fun and I am looking forward to coming here next year.

Thank you for everything you have done to make this possible.

Lawrence Luna, Jr., age 14

To Whom It May Concern:

I really enjoyed my time at Metro and I really learned a lot. Thank you really much.

Adrian Luna, age 11

Lawrence Jr. and Adrian Luna are the children of Lawrence Luna, a Track Inspector in Heavy Rail Maintenance of Way.

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