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April 22 is 'Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day'

By KIM SIM

(April 2, 2004) Every April, parents are invited to bring their youngsters to work for "Take Our Daughters and Sons To Work Day" — a nationwide program geared to show girls and boys opportunities at an early age.

This year, the event is set for Thursday, April 22. MTA employees can bring their children — in grades three through eight — to work with them.

The theme for 2004 is "Today's Vision, Tomorrow's Reality." This is the 10th year MTA will participate in the program.

"What the MTA does is take the kids and show them what it's like to work here, in the transportation industry," says event coordinator Georgia Miller.

Several tours are being planned for the day, including tours of the operating divisions, the Design Studio, print shop and copy center. Other activities tentatively scheduled are workshops about setting career goals and job interviews, as well as visits with deputies in the Sheriff's Transit Services Bureau.

The goal is "to let children see what it's like to be out in the workplace, to show them the importance of doing well in school so they can move in the direction they choose for their career," Miller says.

Employees who are interested in participating in "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day" must register with their department coordinators no later than April 14.