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Central LA Students to Attend Rail Safety Program at Union Station

- Metro's participation will include Metro Experience mobile theater

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(Jan. 19, 2007) Between 600 and 1,000 fifth-graders from Central Los Angeles area schools will participate next month in a rail safety program at Union Station.

Metro Transit Education Programs along with the San Bernardino Railroad Historical Society, Amtrak, Metrolink and California Operation Lifesaver will take part in the Educational Outreach Program.

Students will learn about railroad safety, modern railroads, railroad history, train travel and the importance of railroads in the economy.

Students will get to see four trains, both historic and modern. The highlight will be locomotive 3751, a fully functional steam locomotive. Locomotive 3751 was built in 1927. Its main job was to haul passenger trains for the Santa Fe Railroad.

The students will also visit the Metro Experience mobile theater, which delivers a message of rail safety through a 3D movie adventure.

On Sunday, Feb. 11 from noon to 5 p.m., there will be an open house for the general public at Union Station Track 13. Metro employees are invited to attend. From Monday Feb. 12 through Friday Feb. 17, the activities are reserved for students only.

