

April 16, 2009

Superintendent's Message: Take Our Children to Work Day

Thursday, April 23, is the 2009 "Take Our Children to Work Day". This event was designed to expand opportunities for boys and girls, expose them to what adults in their lives do during the work day, show them the value of their education, and give them an opportunity to share how they envision their futures.

Hospital employees may bring son, daughter, relative, or friend between the ages of eight and seventeen years to work that day. In order to accommodate this event, I ask that all employees intending to bring a child to work that day to notify and get permission from their supervisors in advance.

Given the nature of the hospital, children will not be allowed to enter the secure perimeter, to enter any of the hospital's wards, or to participate in work areas where direct patient care activities are performed. Employees in these areas may arrange with co-workers in non-patient care areas the opportunity for their child to spend time there.

Given the construction that is occurring at the hospital, children will not be able to tour the grounds. Please be diligent in watching your children when outside the buildings to ensure their safety.

On April 23rd, children may accompany employees in State or private cars while on hospital business, with prior supervisory approval. The employee must be the parent or legal guardian of the child accompanying the employee. The child must be protected by legal safety restraints while in the vehicle. Other ride-a-long, adult passengers also are authorized for that day as necessary to support the event. Only hospital employees may be in vehicles transporting patients.

There will be donuts and juice for the children and their parents at 8:15 a.m. in the Brooks Conference Room. I look forward to meeting with the children at this time.

If you have questions regarding this event, please contact your supervisor or my office. I hope that this event is informative and enjoyable for the children who are able to participate.

