

Children Experience Hospital Careers for a Day

On July 17, some 97 children, from 8 to 13, turned out for South Nassau's annual observance of "Take Your Child to Work" Day. After a breakfast of French toast and cereal and a welcome from administration, members of South Nassau's staff instructed the children on topics ranging from the hospital's green initiatives and proper hand washing to healthy snacking. For the first time this year, the fourth police precinct discussed children's safety tips.

Following the presentations, the youngsters toured the hospital to learn about the work-a-day world of their parents and then settled down to lunch of chicken nuggets and pasta. The children spent the remainder of the afternoon in hands-on workshops learning how to wrap an ACE bandage and observing the use of a fire extinguisher, among other activities. Before leaving the hospital that afternoon, the Department of Human Resources distributed free movie tickets to each child.

Participants pause for a photo while touring the hospital campus.



Participants explore the inside of an ambulance. Sonia Williams, human resources intern, Wayne Bell, environmental services aid, and Arica Austin, human resources assistant, look on.



Dietician Laura Prince discusses the importance of dietary calcium and reviews the sources of the mineral.



Gina Collins, program director, Robert J. Hochstim School of Radiography, demonstrates how the x-ray table can be adjusted for different x-ray images.

Ambulatory Surgery Center Opens

On August 3, the Center for Ambulatory Surgery on E-3 officially opened. Same-day surgeries that are performed include cataract removal and minor orthopedic, gynecologic, hand and podiatric procedures. As of October 6, 274 cases had been performed. The hours are 6 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday to Friday.

"One of the goals of opening this type of unit is to create access for major cases and add-on cases to be added to the schedule in the main OR," said Kathleen Lapkowski, R.N., nurse manager. "The patients, physicians and staff have said their experiences have been phenomenal."

The center's first patient is surrounded by E3 staff.

