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Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work at MWRD educates and empowers future leaders to protect their water



Students study water samples during tours of the MWRD's O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant as part of Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day.



Children of MWRD staff received a bird's eye view of plant operations at the MWRD's O'Brien Water Reclamation Plant from above the plant's process control building.

When the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) participates in the national "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work Day," sons and daughters learn valuable lessons about their water environment, and through that process, they foster a newfound appreciation for their parents' roles in protecting the waterways and the health of millions of lives each day.

This year dozens of children of MWRD staff toured the Stickney Water Reclamation Plant (WRP) in Cicero, while others paid a visit to the O'Brien WRP in Skokie. The students, grades seven to 12, listened to informative presentations from MWRD scientists and engineers; toured treatment tanks, labs and greenhouses; conducted experiments; played games; spent time with their parents and learned how they can make a difference in the protecting their future water environment.

The MWRD program is modeled after the national Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work program that



Take our Daughters and Sons to Work participants see treatment tanks up close at the MWRD's Stickney Water Reclamation Plant.

goes beyond the average career day. The program exposes children to the work of parents and mentors and demonstrates the value of their education, especially in STEM fields. The program provides them with an opportunity to envision their futures, allowing them to begin steps toward reaching goals in a hands-on and interactive environment.

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Established in 1889, the MWRD (www.mwrdd.org) is an award winning, special purpose government agency responsible for wastewater treatment and stormwater management in Cook County, Illinois.