



Students onto the train.



Children enjoy a tour of the railroad yard before returning to school.

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Sister Barbara Kuhn, SSJ, principal of Guardian Angels said, "It gives the children the opportunity to ride a train while the 'Iron Horse' is still visible in this area, and another opportunity to build community among the student body."

The train carried the children into the outlying farm country, through wooded areas, cow pastures, and, in the spirit of the day, children exchanged smiles and waves with the occupants of automobiles at crossings. Along the way, children turned their attention to the sandwiches that stuffed the lunches, invariably packed in crumpled brown bags.

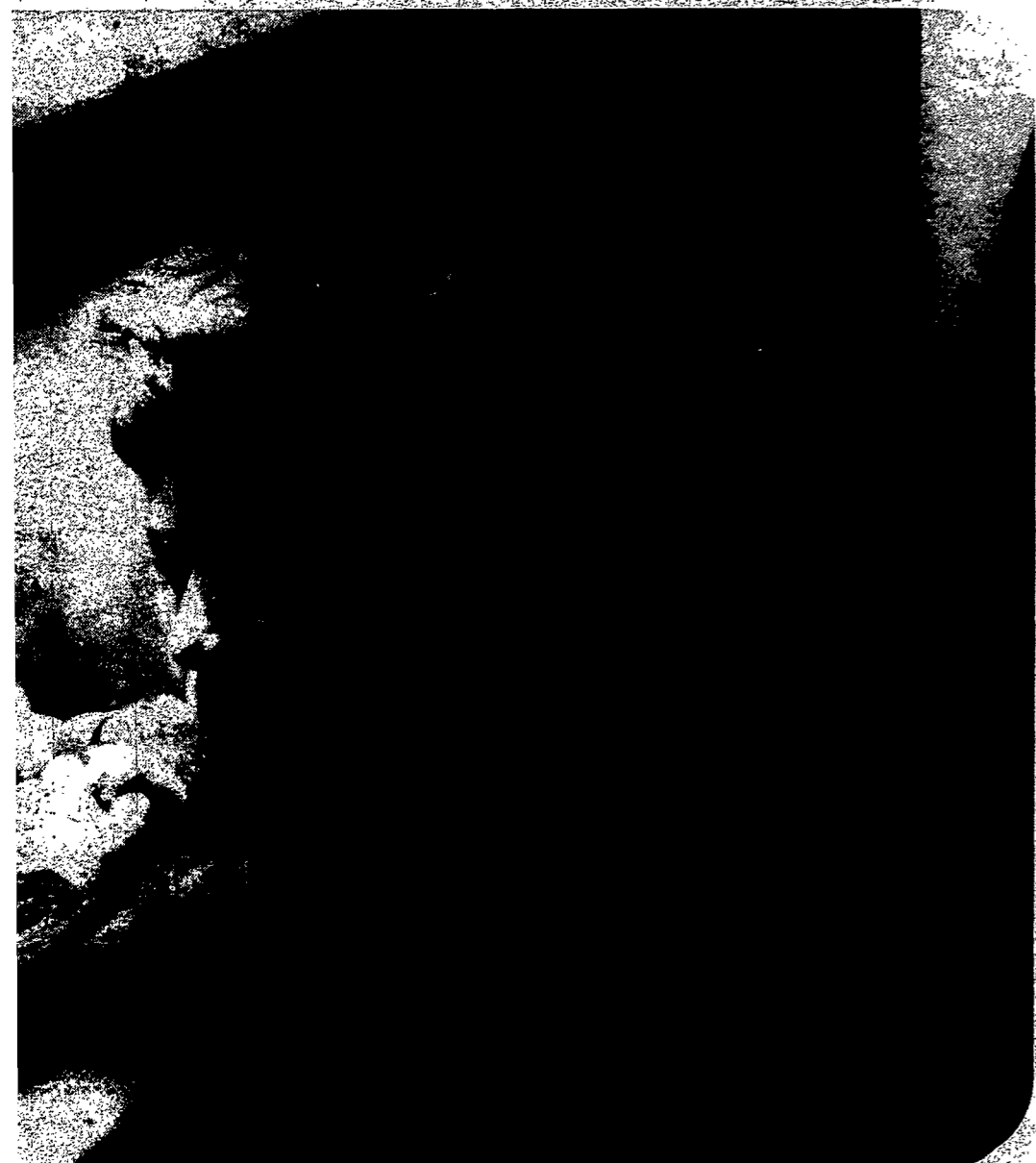
Tantillo furnished cookies for dessert. Wearing a trainman's cap, he circulated the length of the train, giving explanations and chatting with the children.

During the ride the children visited the observation platform, keeping a delicate balance as they worked their way through the cars. The day's excursion was capped by a tour of the train yard before children boarded buses for the less exciting ride back to school.



John Mueller enjoys the view from the engine's windows during a tour by the train's fireman Kevin Quinlan.

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ching his hand outside the window to enjoy the rush of fresh air.



Michael Triassi gives his approval with a smile.



Dominic Tantillo helps John Benite, Chris Eckert and Barbara Flaherty, top to bottom, off after the ride.