

## NATIONAL ME TO WE DAY 2008: LOGISTICS

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE REVIEW CAREFULLY

**Event Date:** Friday October 17, 2008

**Doors:** The doors to National Me to We Day will open at 8:00 AM and seating will begin at 8:30am. **We are expecting line-ups for entrance, so schools are advised to arrive no later than 8:00 AM for the best seats.**

**Tickets:** **TDSB & TCDSB:**  
**Tickets and wristbands will be shipped to all TDSB schools. You will be receiving them in the weeks to come before National Me to We Day.** Please ensure you have your tickets and wristbands with you on October 17<sup>th</sup>. Admission will not be permitted without your ticket.

**All other schools:**  
**You can pick up your tickets, wristbands, and Me to We shirts at the School Registration booth upon entering at the school entrance (there will be signage and volunteers to direct you).**

Your school will be assigned to sit in a specific section which will be indicated on your tickets and will correspond to the color of your wristbands. **Exact seats are not assigned and are on a first come first serve basis.** Volunteers will be located on-site to assist you and your students. **Best seats within your section come on a first come first serve basis so arrive early! Once you have selected your seat, please keep the same seat throughout the day.**

**Meeting Spots:** Please note: there will be a designated area (zoned by colour to correlate with the wristbands given to you upon registration). There will be volunteers on-site to direct you to your designated meeting location.

**Event Time:** 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM.  
All attendees must remain in the stadium until the end of the event. Students will not be permitted to leave the premises without adult accompaniment.

**Location:** Ricoh Coliseum  
100 Princes' Blvd.  
Toronto, ON  
M6K 3C3  
Tel: 416 263 3900  
Fax: 416 263 3901  
[www.ricohcoliseum.com](http://www.ricohcoliseum.com)

**Food Service:** The lunch break will be approximately 1 hour long and students should bring their own bag lunch. **Tupperware is preferable to reduce waste. \* Please ask your students not to pack lunch items containing nuts or nut products.**

**Attire:** Casual dress. **Please wear your National Me to We Day shirts, and ask your students to do the same!**

**Web-cast:** National Me to We Day will be broadcast LIVE! For those students and teachers not attending, please log on to: [www.ctv.ca/metowe](http://www.ctv.ca/metowe) for more information on how you can watch the event from 9:30 till 2:30! Please also visit this website for the agenda for the day.

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**Media Release:** All students and adults must sign a media release form. These will need to be housed at your respective school. If you have not yet signed your media release forms, please ensure that you do immediately. Please visit <http://freethechildren.com/metoweday/educators/mediareleaseform.php> for a copy of the Free The Children Media Release Form.

**Permission forms required by your school must be completed for this trip and kept by the school as well.**

**Hospitals:** The closest Hospital to the Ricoh Coliseum is: **TORONTO WESTERN HOSPITAL**, 399 BATHRUST STREET, M5T 1A1, 416.603.2581. There will be paramedics on site during National Me to We day.

### **Transportation:**

#### **Driving Directions:**

**FROM THE EAST:** Take the Gardiner Expressway west to Spadina/Lake Shore Boulevard cutoff and follow the signs for Lakeshore Boulevard. Take Lake Shore Boulevard to the Princes' Gates (just west of Strachan Avenue). As you enter the Princes' Gates via Princes' Blvd, you can continue straight ahead to Parking Lots D, E, or F, or turn right on to Canada Blvd. to park in the indoor lot of the National Trade Centre.

**FROM THE WEST:** Take the Gardiner Expressway east to Lake Shore Boulevard or Jameson Avenue. There are entrance points to Exhibition Place from Lake Shore Boulevard at Ontario Drive and Newfoundland Drive. From the Ontario Drive entrance, turn right on Princes' Blvd. and follow the road to Parking Lots D, E, or F on your right hand side. To access the underground/indoor lot of the National Trade Centre, turn right on Princes' Blvd. to Nunavut Road. Turn left at Nunavut Rd., and enter the lot on your right. From the Newfoundland Drive entrance, turn left on Princes' Blvd., and follow the road to Parking Lots D, E or F on our left hand side. To access the underground/indoor lot of the National Trade Centre, turn right on Princes' Blvd. to Canada Boulevard. Turn left at Canada Boulevard and enter the lot on your left.

There are well over 7000 parking slots at the Ricoh Coliseum can be found all over the Exhibition Place grounds.

Parking costs approximately \$10 at lots on the Exhibition Place grounds

Volunteers on-site will direct you to parking.

#### **Access Via Public Transportation:**

##### **GO Transit**

Take the East-West Lakeshore GO Train to the Exhibition station, one stop west of Union Station. Follow the covered walkway east towards the TTC station, and then take the covered walkway south and follow the signage towards Ricoh Coliseum.

##### **TTC:**

**There will be TTC shuttles to take you directly to the Ricoh Coliseum from both Dufferin Station and Union Station.** There will be volunteers at both stations to direct you. The TTC stops directly in front of the Ricoh Coliseum where volunteers will meet you and guide you inside.

**Questions:** Please direct all questions and concerns to [metoweday@freethechildren.com](mailto:metoweday@freethechildren.com) or your International Youth Coordinator.

*Please note: Transportation will not be provided by Free The Children to individual schools for the day. We recommend that you take the TTC. Greyhound busses have been reserved and will await for students at Union and Dufferin subway Stations. Streetcars will also be in operation on the day of the event and stop directly behind the Ricoh Coliseum. GO Transit also stops directly behind the Ricoh Coliseum.*

*We strongly discourage you from taking school busses as they do not guarantee you will reach the event on time.*

**\*Latecomers may not be permitted once the doors are locked at 9:45 AM.**

Thank you very much! We are looking forward to seeing you on October 17<sup>th</sup>!