



Pictured in photo are students and teachers of the John F. Kennedy Elementary School and along the back wall are the team of volunteers from Bencorp (L to R): Paul Saia, VP / Retail Banking; Louise St. Pierre, AVP / Marketing Information Officer; Dan Osetek, Commercial Credit Officer / Senior Credit Analyst, and Camille Remus, AVP / Compliance Officer, Senior Auditor / Audit Officer; (not pictured) Monica Turner, Marketing Coordinator; Christine Eames, AVP / Training Officer; and Linda Fortier, AVP, Commercial Credit Officer

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## **Bencorp Visits Local School to Teach Kids Banking, Savings and Money Facts**

**Franklin, MA** –Bencorp, an employee based volunteer group at Benjamin Franklin Bank, participated in the American Bankers Association National “*Teach Children to Save Day*” on April 29, 2008. A group of five volunteers from the Bank visited the John F. Kennedy Elementary School in Franklin and conducted an interactive workshop for almost 200 children on banking, savings and money facts. Third and Fourth Grade students learned about banking and the importance of saving money to achieve goals. In addition, the children studied a dollar bill and were taught about the historical symbolism on paper currency. Bencorp volunteers enjoyed the interactive nature of the session, inviting the kids to take part throughout the presentation. Mrs. Yanuskiewicz, Head Teacher at the School said, “the children thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and appreciated the volunteers spending time with them.” Each child received a goodie bag containing a coloring book, crayons and instructional savings guides. In addition, parents and teachers were provided with follow up lesson materials. The American Bankers Association recognized Bencorp on its 2008 Teach Children to Save Honor Roll for its participation in the national event.

Bencorp is an employee based community outreach program that provides volunteer services and financial education to organizations and communities within the Benjamin Franklin Bank service area. If your organization could benefit from Bencorp’s services, please present a written request to Linda Fortier, Benjamin Franklin Bank, 58 Main Street, Franklin, MA, 02038.

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