

M&T Bank Employees To Teach Dollars and Sense in Local Schools

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M&T Bank employees are going into classrooms to teach what they know. They will be teaching elementary, middle and high school students about effectively using money. Nearly 60 volunteers will teach in classrooms at 42 schools across three states, expecting to reach almost 2,000 students. They are participating in the 13th annual "Teach Children to Save Day" today, with classes continuing next week. The national observance focuses on students learning everything from saving for their much-wanted electronic devices and learning how prices change over time to spending wisely.

M&T employees will join thousands of bankers across the country visiting local schools tomorrow, April 21, as part of the American Bankers Association Education Foundation's National Teach Children to Save Day, a financial literacy program established in 1997.

Volunteers will present lessons on balancing checkbooks, budgeting and much more. They are role models in the classroom and their presence offers examples of professional success as well as commitment to the community.

"The national goal is to reach one million children through this program this year, and we expect a domino effect from that effort. When one child learns a useful saving strategy and shares it with another or one student takes a new, money game home to share with the family, we have achieved our mission. In each case, learning a smart money tactic is advanced beyond one child," said M&T Bank President Mark Czarnecki.

M&T volunteers are teaching students in the following schools:

New York

Edmeston Central School, Edmeston
Theodore Roosevelt Elementary School, Binghamton
Children's School #15, Rochester (4/17)
Walt Disney Elementary School, Gates (4/29)
Union East Elementary School, Cheektowaga
Pembroke Primary School, Pembroke
Beekman Elementary School, Poughquag

Pennsylvania

Samuel B. Huey School, Philadelphia
Theodore Roosevelt Middle School, Philadelphia
West Beaver Elementary, McClure
Everett Elementary, Altoona
Ringtown Elementary, Ringtown
Liberty Elementary, Liberty
Camp Curtin Elementary, Harrisburg
North East Bradford School, Rome
Our Lady of the Angels, Columbia
Pequea Elementary School, Willow Street
Taylor Elementary School, Columbia
Harry S. Truman Elementary, Allentown
Loucks Elementary, York
Eshelman Elementary, Millersville
Maytown Elementary, Maytown
Clearview Elementary, Hanover
Cornwall Terrace, Sinking Springs
Hayshire Elementary, York
Ross Elementary, Lancaster
St. John the Baptist, Altoona
Choconut Valley Elementary, Friendsville
Edgar Moore Elementary, Red Lion
East Freedom Elementary, East Freedom
Wrightsville Elementary, Wrightsville
Spring Grove Elementary, Spring Grove
New Salem Elementary, York
Paradise Elementary, Thomasville
Corpus Christi School, Chambersburg

Maryland

Langston Hughes Elementary, Baltimore
Lansdowne Elementary, Baltimore County (4/29)
Annapolis High School, Annapolis (4/30)
Clear Spring Middle School, Clear Spring
Accident Elementary School, Accident
Yough Glades, Oakland
Hancock Elementary, Hancock

The bank offers the following tips to help parents promote good saving habits:

- It is never too early to start teaching children to value money managing skills.
- Getting a young child a piggy bank is a good start.
- Look for lessons that are inherent in grocery shopping.
- Saving on energy, by turning off lights, equals financial savings as well.
- Teach the importance of balancing a checkbook to keep track of spending.

The ABA Education Foundation's National Teach Children to Save Day is held every April, giving bankers an opportunity to address the importance of saving with children across the country.

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