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Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that Woodbine's annual "Student Government Day" was again a huge success this year.

On April 7 the eighth grade students from Woodbine Elementary School spent the morning at Borough Hall learning about the workings of their local municipal government.

Municipal Court Administrator spoke briefly about the court system, followed by her deputy, Monserrate Gallardo who discussed the court's working in detail. Ms. Gallardo , who also serves as Woodbine's Planning and Zoning Board secretary, explained the vagaries of zoning to the assembled students. Lisa Garrison, Municipal Clerk and Municipal Tax Collector, gave insight into the workings of her offices. She in turn was followed by CFO and Assessor Jack Miller, who gave insight into assessment and other financial ins and outs of municipal government. Bernard Sypniewski spoke about the Borough website and related technology matters and then at length about the criminal justice and judicial systems, and what they meant to the students on a personal level. Mr. Sypniewski serves as both Municipal Public Defender and Borough Webmaster.

The students then took a tour of the Municipal Services Building in order to gain a better understanding of how each office functions.

Mayor William Pikolycky concluded the day by giving an overview of municipal government and answering the various questions the students, as residents and future voters, put to him. The Mayor then presented each student with a certificate of attendance.

Being as Arbor Day was also being commemorated, the students were each given a spruce tubeling. Borough residents visiting the Municipal Building were also offered trees during this week and additional trees were distributed to the school and also for distribution by the Woodbine branch of the Cape May County library and to the Sam Azeez Museum of Woodbine Heritage.

Students participating were Evalysse Amaro, Joshua Bloodworth, Robert Broughton, Luis Cartegena II, Allee Dickerson, Michael Figueroa, Jon Fisher, Shadera Gibbs, Mariel Gold, Isaiah Hendon, Kevin Holton, Marcus Jefferson, Arianna Kunkle, Kabryni Kunkle, Mark Kunkle, Gage Maldonado, NyeJai Price, Juan Rodriguez, Ulysses Rodriguez, Tanisha Zeda:

Accompanying them were teachers: Rose Farnan, Sharon Popper, student teacher Kelly McCorristin, and parent (and Recreation Commission Chairman) Lisa Fisher.