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Woodbine—Mayor William Pikolycky is pleased to announce that Woodbine's annual "Student Government Day" was again a huge success. "The students were extremely engaged," he noted.

On May 22 the eighth grade class from Woodbine Elementary School spent the morning at Borough Hall learning about the workings of their local municipal government.

Planning and Zoning Board secretary explained the vagaries of zoning to the assembled students, followed by CFO and Assessor Jack Miller, who gave insight into assessment, taxes, and the financial ins and outs of municipal government. Municipal Court Administrator Edna Thomas spoke about the working of the court system; she was followed, and joined, by Public Defender Bernard Sypniewski who spoke at length about the criminal justice and judicial systems, and what they meant to the students on a personal level. As Borough webmaster, Mr. Sypniewski also spoke about the Borough website and related technology matters.

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 the weeks of May 19 through 30 are the Borough Arbor-Day Week celebration, the students were each given a red oak, New Jersey's State Tree. Along with each tree came a handout which included acorn flour recipes and information on the Smithsonian traveling Exhibit "Key Ingredients: America by Food" which will be in Woodbine from July 19 through August 31. Borough residents visiting the Municipal Building were also offered either red oaks or white pines during this period and additional trees were distributed to the school and also for distribution by the Woodbine branch of the Cape May County library.

Students participating were: Ronnette Bolling, Tamiya Jones, Maily Cecilia, Tabitha Cooper, Alexis Cosme, Natalie Torres, Jarea Toney, Jerrell Toney, Jahmeek Mitchell, Jesus Lopez, Jose Gomez, Michael Huertas, Tiana Thompson, Natasia Lopez, Jo-Lin Parker, Linda Aviles, Alexander Rivera, Jonathan Sheppard, Charles Blakely, Jorj Foster, Jenna Laracuenta, Ashley Trevino, Sharif Bland, Diamondinique Price.

Accompanying them were teachers: Ralph Putiri, Sharon Popper, Rose Farnan.