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Frankford Elementary School 5th Graders Celebrate Respect **Seasons of Respect Program End-of-Year Celebration, June 5, 2008**

Frankford, Del. – Fifth graders at Frankford Elementary School will celebrate their completion of an anti-bullying workshop series, Seasons of Respect, with a ceremony, dance, and picnic beginning at 9 am on June 5th at the school. Ceremony activities will include a DVD show, reading of essays, awarding of certificates followed by cake and punch before the dance begins at 11 am.

Seasons of Respect, a program of the nonprofit organization Connecting Generations, is an in-class workshop series for fifth graders designed to prevent peer-to-peer bullying and encourage respectful behaviors. All of the fifth graders at Frankford Elementary participated in the workshops and nominated each other for respectful acts throughout the school year. Jan Bomhardt, the school counselor who has been coordinating the Seasons of Respect program at Frankford, felt that the students deserved a celebration for completing the workshop series and an award for earning so many “respect nominations.” Connecting Generations, with a grant from Christ Church in Wilmington, DE is supporting this celebration.

Seasons of Respect workshops are interactive and designed so children at this crucial age before puberty and middle school creatively learn how to behave with respect towards peers and others. Seasons of Respect activities are tied to State English Language Arts and American School Counselor Association national standards so that time spent does not detract from the goals of teachers and counselors.

Seasons of Respect served more than 1600 children in ten schools, including Frankford Elementary, in Delaware in the 2007/2008 school year. Connecting Generations is a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit organization, offering the programs Creative Mentoring, Seasons of Respect, and Creative Transitions. Their mission is to provide creative programs and services that help Delaware’s children and adults lead purposeful, fulfilling, and self-directed lives. Their website is www.connecting-generations.org.

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