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Phillis Wheatley Middle School 5th Graders Celebrate Respect and Philanthropy **Seasons of Respect Program End-of-Year Celebration, June 3, 2008**

Bridgeville, Del. – Fifth graders at Phillis Wheatley Middle School will celebrate their completion of an anti-bullying workshop series, Seasons of Respect, with an ice cream social and DJ dance party on June 3rd from 1:30pm to 3:00pm in the school cafeteria. At the celebration they will also be presenting a check to the school's Conservation Club to show that respect includes helping others and taking care of the environment.

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 Phillis Wheatley participated in the workshops and nominated each other for respectful acts throughout the school year. Josie Hunsberger, the school counselor who has been coordinating the Seasons of Respect program at PWMS, felt that the students deserved a celebration for completing the workshop series and a reward for earning so many "respect nominations." Connecting Generations, with a grant from Christ Church in Wilmington, De., is supporting this celebration.

Connecting Generations is also matching a donation from the Woodbridge School District, for a total of \$100.00, which the fifth graders will present to the school's Conservation Club, as part of the idea that respect includes reaching outside of oneself to appreciate and help others. Students chose to support the PWMS Conservation Club because the club's activities show they care about nature, taking care of the environment, and school pride.

Seasons of Respect workshops are interactive and designed so children at this crucial age before puberty and high 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 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 Phillis Wheatley Middle, 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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