



## ***Food Brings Hope Elementary School Students Complete Wells Fargo Banking Program***

*Food Brings Hope students at Osceola Elementary School and T.T. Small Elementary School graduated from a Wells Fargo banking program on February 21 and March 5, 2012, respectively. Each student received a \$50 savings bond from the Campaign for Working Families, United Way of Volusia and Flagler Counties.*

Fourth and fifth grade students at the two elementary schools participated in an interactive Wells Fargo Bank program called “Hands on Banking” during the months of January and February. Students were taught how to budget, the importance of saving, how to use bank services to protect money, and how to be a smart shopper. Wells Fargo provided each student with a financial handbook and calculator.

Wells Fargo employees LaToya Carey and Allyn Gildon presented the four seminars. At the last seminar, students’ enthusiastically responded, “I will be able to use this information to keep track of my money!” “I like how the ladies showed me real life examples!” “I can’t believe they are giving me a savings bond!”

*Melanie Rolle, reading coach at T.T. Small Elementary School said, “Thanks to Food Brings Hope, our fifth grade students were able to experience practical applications of managing and saving money. Banking is a life skill our students need to know to increase their chances of securing a financially sound future.”*

*Meredith Gilbert, teacher at Osceola Elementary School commented, “Our students enjoyed the program. It was great seeing them make the connection between math and the real world!”*

Fourth and fifth grader students in the Food Brings Hope program at Westside Elementary School graduated from the banking program last January.

Food Brings Hope believes that equipping young people in their formative years with the basics in financial education will give them the knowledge, skills, and confidence they will need in managing their money.

Food Brings Hope is an initiative founded by local businesswoman Forough B. Hosseini. Mrs. Hosseini is dedicated to helping break the cycle of poverty for homeless and other economically disadvantaged children enrolled in Volusia County Public Schools. For additional information, please contact Food Brings Hope Executive Director Beth Butera. [Beth@FoodBringsHope.org](mailto:Beth@FoodBringsHope.org)

### **Osceola Elementary**



### **Turie T Small Elementary**

