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3rd Graders Host Simulated World Economic System Feb. 27 – 28



HOUSTON COUNTY, GA – **Market Day**, a simulated real world economic system, will be held **Feb. 27 and 28, 2020**, at the Cary W. Martin Conference Center in Warner Robins. More than 1,371 third graders from 19 elementary schools will gather to buy and sell goods and services they have researched and created in their classroom societies as they learned about economics. Schools will attend one session at either 9:30 to 10:45 a.m. or 12:30 to 1:45 p.m.

Teacher training for the Mini Society unit is provided yearly by the Georgia Council on Economic Education. During the 10-week unit, students learn about scarcity, economic principles, allocation mechanisms, advertising strategies and the challenges of being

producers and consumers. They create mini-societies to simulate exchanging goods and services.

Hundreds of parents, administrators and guests browse and shop at Market Day, an event with society flags, “open” and “closed” signs, business licenses, advertisements and appropriately dressed “shop owners.” The student entrepreneurs will make change with currency they have created. Dozens of currencies will trade hands during Market Day. Shoppers may stop by the Currency Exchange booth to trade U.S. dollars for a common currency - at a bargain exchange rate of one American dollar for two Market Day bucks.

Merchandise and services sold at previous Market Days include: sports trading cards, jewelry, games, bookmarks, hair accessories, stress management items, monogramming stations and more. All proceeds are used to provide additional instructional resources in 3rd grade classrooms.



Pictures from last year’s event are shown. The Cary W. Martin Conference Center is located at 1601 Watson Blvd. in Warner Robins. For more information, please contact Gretna Soltis, Social Studies Coordinator K-5, at gretna.soltis@hcbe.net or 478-988-6200, ext. 10349.

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