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**Weekend weather**



Friday  
Isolated  
Storms  
90/77



Saturday  
Mostly  
Sunny  
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Sunday  
Mostly  
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**Inside**

## Dade County Federal Credit Union Hosts West Homestead Elem. students



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Dade County Federal Credit Union's Homestead branch recently teamed up with West Homestead Elementary to teach students about the banking industry.

As part of the Kids and the Power of Work (KAPOW) program, 45

fifth graders had the chance to visit the Dade County Federal Credit Union's Homestead Branch and learn the different jobs done there on a daily basis.

The credit union, which has a long tradition of supporting local education, had the students participate in a series of stations aimed at teaching and demonstrating the day-to-day activities involved in a functioning financial institution.

The group of students had a chance to witness and participate in transactions being made at the drive-thru teller. Students were

instructed on how to input withdrawals, deposits, transfers and how to give cash to the customer.

Students were also given the same instruction at the teller line. The students each completed transactions with other students to practice what they learned at these two stations.

A third station took the students into a room that holds the safe deposit boxes. Students learned what the cost to keep a safe deposit box in the Dade County Federal Credit Union is, along with what can be stored and the

security measures taken for each person's box.

Another station set-up for the students was in the bank's vault. They were taught how to count money, the importance of logging every action taken in the room and how to order money when it was needed.

Students also had the unique opportunity to tour the credit union's mobile banking vehicle – one of the only mobile units in South Florida. They learned the mobile unit was essentially a bank on wheels where customers can

make deposits and/or withdrawals.

An ATM on the side of the vehicle is also available for the convenience of the customer.

The students learned the vehicle travels to many places throughout South Florida and even travels to schools to allow students to deposit money into a bank account.

At the end of the field trip, the students had a better knowledge of the day-to-day activity that takes place at a bank.

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**BANKERS** - Students from West Homestead Elementary learn how to make face-to-face transactions at Dade County Federal Credit Union's Homestead Branch. PHOTO BY MIKE DILL

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Dade County Federal Credit Union's Homestead Branch opened in November of 2009. It is a not-for-profit financial institution owned by the members and operated exclusively for their benefit.

Its membership is open to everyone who lives, works, attends school or worships in Miami-Dade. Founded in 1939 as the credit union exclusively for county employees, DCFCU's change to a community charter in 2003 opened its membership to everyone who lives, works, attends school or worships in Miami-Dade.

Since then, its membership has grown from approximately 56,000 to more than 80,000.

Kids and the Power of Work (KAPOW), a program of the National Child Labor Committee, is a national network of business and elementary school partnerships which introduces students to career awareness through professionally developed lessons taught by business volunteers.

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