



# Students go to work

*Program emphasizes classroom skills in the real world*



*Marathon Middle School students Michael Goheen and Emilio Marin get some real-world job experience from Publix Assistant Produce Manager Carlos Lagos during their visit to his store.*

Marathon Middle School uses the KAPOW program, taught by business and community volunteers in monthly sessions, to integrate workplace lessons with concepts learned in reading, math, science and other subject matter. According to organizers, students also learn the importance of teamwork, positive work habits and decision-making.

For more information about volunteering, or to become a participating business member, visit [www.kapowlfs.org](http://www.kapowlfs.org) or email [john.casbarro@gmail.com](mailto:john.casbarro@gmail.com).

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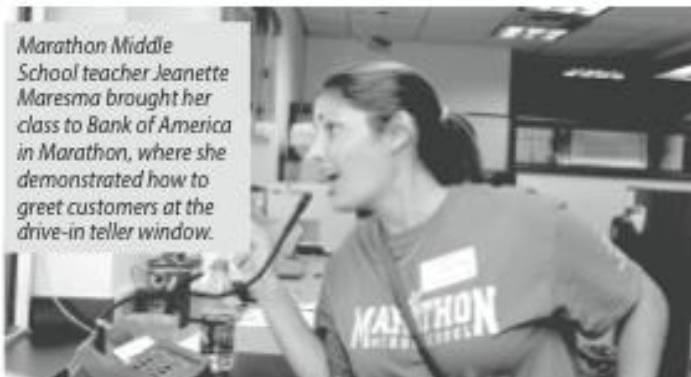
Last month, a group of Marathon Middle School students made the connection between school and work on visits to Publix and Bank of America. They were participating in a program called KAPOW — Kids and the Power of Work.

At Publix, the middle schoolers decorated cookies, checked out customers, bagged groceries and scanned merchandise.

At Bank of America, they learned about teller transactions, how to write checks, security methods and good customer service practices.

According to a press release, "Teachers and business volunteers collaborate to teach lessons that connect classroom learning with the real-world workplace and expose students to career options."

*Marathon Middle School teacher Jeanette Maresma brought her class to Bank of America in Marathon, where she demonstrated how to greet customers at the drive-in teller window.*



*Bank of America Manager Darlene Corbin shows Marathon Middle School students Becca Boucher, Michael Martone, and Evelyn Cisneros how to process customer transactions*