

Treasurer Davis Shares Important Lesson with Third Graders

Delaware State Treasurer Colleen Davis recently went to Lord Baltimore Elementary School in Ocean View to read to a group of third grade students and teach them a valuable lesson about leadership.

The book Treasurer Davis read, *Grace Goes to Washington*, the sequel to *Grace for President*, tells a story about a girl who takes a field trip to Washington, DC with her class. Exploring government buildings and national monuments, Grace feels closer than ever to her dream of becoming president someday. But she and her classmates have a lot to learn about what it means to serve the needs of the people, especially when the people want different things! Hearing the story of Grace and meeting Treasurer Davis put women's leadership in the spotlight.

"The ability to get out into the community is one of the best parts of public service," Treasurer Davis said. "I love the chance to talk to our children and remind them they can become anything they dream of. I'm so grateful Mrs. Yuhanick, her students, and Principal Webb for the opportunity."

Grace Goes to Washington, written by Kelly DiPucchio with illustrations by LeUyen Pham, also provides an easily understandable overview of the three branches of government, illustrates checks and balances in an accessible and fun way, highlights girls and women in public leadership, and teaches elementary-age children the value of kindness, courage, and independent thought.

The book, published by Disney-Hyperion, was made available to women lawmakers and other elected officials across the country

by Teach a Girl to Lead®, a program of the non-partisan Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP), a unit of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University. Support for distributing the book came from the Hess Foundation, The Honorable Constance Hess Williams, and Comcast NBCUniversal. After reading the story to children, Treasurer Davis donated her copy to the school.

CAWP created Teach a Girl to Lead® to inspire girls and young women to follow in the footsteps of women leaders, past and present. Making women's political leadership visible to America's youth will help both boys and girls grow up with more inclusive ideas about who can lead.