Press Release

Freehold: Four 5th grade students from Park Avenue Elementary School in Freehold Borough have won 1st Place in the Southern Elementary School division of The Stock Market Game™ for the Fall 2014 competition. All students are in the 5th grade class of teacher Danielle Fekete. Ms. Fekete’s class also had a team of four students win 2nd place in the competition. Both teams will attend Stockton University this coming Spring to receive their awards.

The Stock Market Game™ is sponsored by the Securities Industry and Financial Market Association (SIFMA) Foundation, which is dedicated to fostering knowledge and understanding of the financial markets. In the Stock Market Game™, students are given $100,000 in fictitious money to invest in the market and SIFMA keeps track of how their stocks perform.

On the first place team was Ka’more Gill, Brenda Fierro, Daniel Gonzalez and Jimena Paz. On the second place team was Shariar Uddin, Samira Parra, Emily Navarro and Ryland Holley.

Freehold Borough’s 1st place team earned equity of $111,428 competing against 50 other elementary school teams.

Over 14 million students have enjoyed the Stock Market Game™, which was founded in 1977. Students use internet research and news updates, making the simulation an even better mirror of the real marketplace. Competitive gameplay increases student excitement. The program is made possible through the support of more than 650 securities firms and is the only market simulation supported by the New York Stock Exchange.

The Freehold Borough Public School District serves students PK-8 and comprises over 1,600 students. The district has two elementary schools and one middle school. Students attend high school in the Freehold Regional High School District.

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Pictured below, winning team members (l to r) Daniel Gonzalez, Jimena Paz and Brenda Fierro work on monitoring their stocks. Not pictured is team member Ka’More Gill.