



St Kitts and Nevis Customs and Excise Department

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CUSTOMS OFFICERS GO TO SCHOOL

BASSETERRE, ST. KITTS, JANUARY 23, 2017 (Customs PRO) – Customs and Excise visited nine schools in the federation today as part of the Customs Week 2017. The emphasis of the schools visit was to expose the children of the nation to Customs border management operations and the opportunities that exist in the department for future career choices.

The staff and students of the Washington Archibald High School, the Saddler's Secondary School, the St. James' Primary School, the St. Thomas' Primary School, the Violet O. Jeffers-Nisbett Primary School, the Dr. William Connor Primary School, the Sandy Point Primary School, the Violet Petty Primary School and the Maurice Hillier Primary School were all treated to informative and entertaining presentations by officers of the department. All presentations were based on the theme for Customs Week 2017, "Data Analysis for Effective Border Management".

The sessions were each ably conducted by Customs Officers Ozbert France, Sherima Stanley, Diane Henderson-Phipps, Oswald Patrick, Karim Herbert, Travonne Bryant, Laurell Liburd-Claxton, Thyronne Jeffers, Kaymoye David, Xarriah Browne, Ivor Wrensford, Kiwani Joseph, Delando Levine, Desroy Daniel, Leon Natta-Nelson, Vibert Whattley, Alrick Mulrairie, Rezzaro Ribeiro and Jarid Sutton.

Mr. Ivor Wrensford, Customs Officer IV described the school environment as ready for learning. "The children of the Dr. William Connor Primary School were excited and ready to hear from us. They were bubbling with enthusiasm and as a result we made sure that we too were ready to deliver."

Mr. Dale Phipps, Principal of the Violet Petty Primary School said, "Today's session with the officers of the Customs and Excise Department was both entertaining and informative and the children really enjoyed it. I can even say that by the end they were eager looking for more as it was truly engaging.

"The demonstrations by the canine officer helped our children to understand that we all need to be honest in our dealings with the law, both now and in the future, for if we are not honest, we can and will be found out," Principal Phipps ended.

The Customs and Excise Department thanks the Departments of Education on both islands as well as the management of the Maurice Hillier Primary School for the opportunity to engage with our future traders, importers and Customs officers in this public education initiative which is an integral part of its week of activities.



