

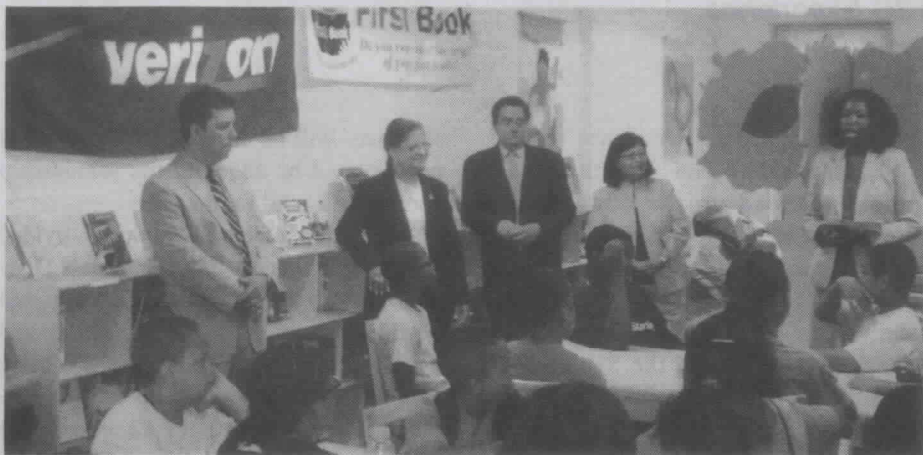
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## VERIZON EMPLOYEE GROUPS HOST EVENT FOR NEW YORK CITY P.A.L. PROGRAM

Representatives from the New York City's Police Department, the Police Athletic League and Verizon's 10 Employee Resource Groups discussed literacy, Internet safety and achievement with 50 elementary school and junior high school students at an event on August 6. During the morning event, hosted by the company's Employee Resource Groups, Verizon's partner, First Book, a nonprofit based in Washington, D.C., will present the children with age-appropriate books.

Each year, Verizon's 10 Employee Resource Groups conduct a weekend leadership conference. This year's conference is being held in New York City, Aug. 7-8. In connection with the yearly conference, the employee groups reach out to the community with an event that spotlights important issues such as literacy, domestic violence and Internet safety. First Book, a national nonprofit organization, provides new books to children in need, addressing one of the most important factors affecting literacy – access to books. During its six-year partnership with Verizon's Employee Resource Groups, First Book has distributed thousands of new books to students in the communities where Verizon employees live and work.



"(l-r) Verizon employees discussing the importance of achievement, literacy and education with PAL youngsters.

(l-r) Verizon employee demonstrating Verizon's Thinkfinity.org educational Web site. Verizon employees and Guy Mitchell, Asst. Attorney General/Harlem Office, standing in the back of room.

(l-r) Guy Mitchell, Asst. Attorney General/Harlem Office, speaking with PAL youngsters about the role of the Attorney General's office and financial literacy (including fraud, importance of saving, how interest rates work).

