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Everybody Wins! DC to Host “Senate Day” with Senator Edward M. Kennedy and Senator Tom Harkin

WHAT: Everybody Wins! DC (EW!DC) will host “Senate Day” to celebrate the 13th year of reading and mentoring through the EW!DC Power Lunch program. The **Power Lunch program** brings Senate and House Members and staff together with local elementary students for one-to-one reading and mentoring each week during the lunch hour.

WHO: **Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (D-MA), Sen. Tom Harkin (D-IA), Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH), Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN)** and invited guests including D.C. Mayor Adrian Fenty, Superintendent Michelle Rhee (DCPS) and Senators who mentor or whose staff mentor at Brent Elementary School.

WHEN: Tuesday, February 12, 2008, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Brent Elementary School, 301 North Carolina Ave. SE, Washington DC, 20003.

AGENDA:

11:30 a.m.	Remarks by the Senators and special guests, Principal Clark of Brent Elementary, Mary Salander, executive director of EW!DC
11:45 a.m.	Members read with students
12:30 p.m.	Members depart

WASHINGTON, DC (Feb. 8, 2008) – Everybody Wins! DC is the largest children’s literacy and mentoring organization in the Washington Metropolitan Area.

In 1995, former Senators James Jeffords (I-VT) and Paul Simon (D-IL), with a bipartisan coalition of 130 Senators and staff, helped launch the EW!DC Power Lunch program at Brent Elementary on Capitol Hill. Today, thirteen years later, more than 250 Members and staff from 95 Congressional offices volunteer as EW!DC Reading Mentors. Some 1,100 other professionals from businesses and corporations, government agencies and other organizations also volunteer each week to bring the joy of reading to underserved children.

Senators Kennedy and Harkin have both volunteered as EW!DC Reading Mentors for more than 10 years and Senator Sherrod Brown (D-OH) and Senator Amy Klobuchar (D-MN) will attend to honor their staff who volunteer in the program.

EW!DC reaches more than 3,000 at-risk students each year in Title I public elementary schools throughout the metro region. One of three literacy and mentoring programs run by EW!DC, the Power Lunch program benefits children academically and socially by bringing a diverse selection of children's literature into the schools and pairing students with caring adult readers.

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