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## **NEWS/PHOTO ADVISORY**

### **21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY MEETS 18<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY WHEN BEN FRANKLIN VISITS GREENWICH STUDENTS VIA VIDEOCONFERENCE - The Past Comes to Life at Historic School When Ben Visits for Birthday-**

**EVENT:** Kindergarten – 4<sup>th</sup> Graders Host Benjamin Franklin for a **school-wide birthday bash**, bringing history to life.

**DATE:** Thursday, January 12, 2005

**TIME:** All Day  
1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m. - Long Distance Learning with Ben Franklin

**LOCATION:** Broad Street School Auditorium  
255 West Broad Street  
Gibbstown, NJ 08027

#### **DETAILS:**

Greenwich Township's Broad Street School will mark Dr. Benjamin Franklin's 300<sup>th</sup> with a Ben-approved, school-wide party. Teachers and students, **dressed in period clothing** and accessories, will **experiment with quill pens and early printing** methods in their lessons, enjoy an early American feast and treats, and **play Revolutionary-era games**. In addition, a town crier will ring hourly letting the students know that "all is well." The day's main event occurs at 1:30 p.m. in the school's auditorium when the entire school will gather for a videoconference with Benjamin Franklin (aka world renowned impersonator Dean Bennett). The third and fourth grade students have prepared questions and all students are eager to learn about Ben Franklin's life from the legend himself. Also, Vic Arlington from the Gloucester County Historical Society will bring antique money from New Jersey and Pennsylvania and share with the students what life was like as a child during this time period.

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