Teaching Students about Weights and Measures
Auditor Speaks to 17 Classes of 3rd and 4th Graders

HAMILTON, Ohio – Butler County Auditor Roger Reynolds and his Weights and Measures manager, Tom Kamphaus, recently spent three days sharing with several classes of 3rd and 4th grade students at schools in the Lakota and Talawanda school districts the importance of Weights and Measures.

As part of National Weights and Measures Week and National Consumer Protection Week, Reynolds and Kamphaus presented to five classes of Lakota 4th graders at Hopewell Elementary on March 5, four classes of Lakota 3rd graders at Woodland Elementary on March 7 and then spoke to four 3rd grade classes and four 4th grade classes at Talawanda’s Kramer Elementary on March 9.

“I enjoy these talks with the students during Weights and Measures Week more than just about anything else I do as the Auditor,” said Reynolds. “They get very excited when we talk about the illegal credit card skimmers at the gas pumps and have come up with good ideas on how to combat this theft.”

Weights and Measures Week is celebrated March 1-7 each year to commemorate President John Adams signing the first United States weights and measures law on March 2, 1799. National Consumer Protection Week, which is March 4-10 this year, is closely related.

Our Weights and Measures efforts at the Auditor’s Office are directly related to consumer protection and our office shared that information with the students and staff members.
Weights and measures officials operate in today’s marketplace to protect consumers and provide fair competition among businesses. Inspectors examine price scanners in electronic point-of-sale systems to make sure customers are charged the right price for their items. Inspectors check signage, advertising and price computations in all types of businesses to make sure consumers are not misled or cheated. In the last few years officials across the country have been teaming up with law enforcement to combat the use of credit card skimmers.

Auditor weights and measures inspectors check fuel pumps weekly for skimmers and have provided evidence to local law enforcement agencies as well as the FBI.

One Woodland 3rd grade teacher said following the Auditor’s presentation to her class, “This presentation opened their eyes to a whole new aspect of our local government. They were fascinated by the things your team does and were still talking about it when they went home yesterday! We appreciate you taking the time and energy to offer us this informative, captivating, and fun presentation!”