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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

***Week of the Young Child to be Celebrated at City Hall  
School children to be greeted by Mayor & City Officials during Annual Event***

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy will greet Jersey City school children during the annual Week of the Young Child celebration to be held from **9 a.m. to 12 p.m., on Monday, April 23, 2007 in City Hall Council Chambers, 280 Grove Street.**

The celebration will begin with a procession from the participating schools to City Hall along Christopher Columbus Drive to Montgomery Street. Once at City Hall, the students will meet the Mayor and other officials. They will then partake in song and games and activities led by their teachers.

“Children are the foundation of our future,” **Mayor Healy** said. “As elected officials and leaders, we must do everything in our power to give them the tools they need to grow. As parents and educators, we must work to build strong communities that foster all of our children’s talents and dreams.”

Approximately 400 children will participate in this event, which is held each year in cities across the United States and is sponsored by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), the world's largest early childhood education association, with nearly 100,000 members.

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The Week of the Young Child, which was first held in 1971, is held to raise awareness to the needs of young children and their families and to recognize the early childhood programs and services that meet those needs.

Schools that are participating this year are P.S. # 3, P.S. # 9, P.S. #16, the International Learning Center, St. Bridget's Child Care Center, and Montgomery Head Start.

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