

CAG VISITING AUTHORS



2007 **Justin Matott** Author Justin Matott visited CAG in 2007. His aim was to get kids excited about reading and writing and to bring parents and kids together to share in this activity. Justin's most popular books include *Go Ask Mom* and *The World According to Gabe*. justinmatott.com



2008 **Marc Levitt** Storyteller Marc Levitt visited CAG in 2008. He has been visiting schools for over 25 years. His Halloween story collection won the Golden Head Set Award for Best Children's Audio Tape when it was published. The goal of his visit was to inspire parents and children as well as teachers and students to talk and listen to each other's stories.



2009 **David Greenberg** Poet David Greenberg visited CAG in March of 2009. At the time of his visit, David had just published his first novel, after a string of 10 poetry books. He has won a Children's Choice award and Oregon Spirit Award for his writing. David's goals were to share with children the joy of language and writing as well as giving them a lesson in perseverance in doing what they love to do. David's most popular books include *Skunks!*, *Crocs!* and *Don't Forget Your Etiquette*.



2010 **Jeff Savage** Non-fiction writer Jeff Savage visited CAG in February of 2010. At the time of his visit, Jeff had nearly 200 books published. He is an eight time winner of the International Reading Association-Children's Book Council Children's Choice Award and winner of the Voice of Youth Advocates Non-Fiction Honor Award. Jeff's presentations were meant to inspire students to read and write and to show how winners make good choices. Jeff's sports biographies include athletes such as Aaron Rodgers, Kevin Durant and Usain Bolt. Jeff is online at: www.jeffsavage.com



2011 **Francisco X. Alarcon** Bilingual poet and educator Francisco X. Alarcon visited CAG in February of 2011. His poetry has won several awards including the Chicano Literary Prize, the American Book Award, and the Pura Belpre Honor award, amongst others. His presentations highlighted pride in your heritage and he presented workshops on Family, Community, and Dreams. Some of his books are *Animal Poems of the Iguazu*, *Laughing Tomatoes and Other Spring Poems* and *From the Bellybutton of the Moon*. Francisco died on January 15th, 2016.



2012 **Patricia Lakin** Author Patricia Lakin visited CAG January 16th - 20th 2012. She is the author of over 50 books - both fiction and non-fiction. She spoke to all of Early Childhood and Elementary, with small group sessions to grade 1 and all elementary students. Her books include biographies of Steve Jobs and Abigail Adams, the Max and Mo series, Stuart Little sequels and Clarence the Copy Cat. She encouraged parents to spend quality time with their children in books each day - <http://www.makeareadingpromise.com/>



2013 **David Schwartz** David Schwartz visited CAG March 11th – 15th 2013. He has written over 50 books, several of which are staples in the math and science curriculum, including G is for Googol, How Much is a Million?, Where in the Wild? and On Beyond a Million. He saw all students from grades K – 8. He wanted all students to know that it is great to follow up on things you wonder about.



2014 **John Coy** John Coy visited CAG from March 3rd – 7th, 2014. John specializes in sports-themed fiction. Some of his works include Hoop Genius, Night Driving and Two Old Potatoes and Me. John repeatedly told the kids not to worry about spelling and language conventions when writing a first draft – just get the ideas down. He also helped students in selecting good titles and left them with the message that one is never “done” writing, as their stories evolve into something “better, better, better, better.”



2015 **Yangsook Choi** Author/illustrator Yangsook Choi visited our campus from March 2nd – 6th, 2015. She has written and illustrated her own works, as well as illustrating the works of other authors. Her art can be found in her books The Name Jar and Peach Heaven as well as in Landed (by Milly Lee) Rice is Life (by Rita Golden Gelman). The students enjoyed drawing a Chinese dragon in her workshops and the early childhood students were able to name and describe a character. Her message was to “practice, practice, practice.” Her online presence is at: www.yangsookchoi.com



2016 **Richard Sobol** We began the third trimester of the school year by welcoming the “Traveling Photographer” Richard Sobol to campus from February 29th – March 4th, 2016. With the youngest students, Richard shared from his book *Elephant Twins*, and had the students help him with the tone of a new book, as they can set the tone as writers. With the older students, Richard shared his journey with mountain gorillas in *Breakfast in the Rainforest* and encouraged writers to, “Just write it down.” Find his latest books and images on his site at: www.richardsobol.com



2017 **Kristy Dempsey** Kristy Dempsey is an author and international school librarian who visited the CAG campus from February 27th to March 3rd, 2017. Her books “*Surver Chick*” and “*Mini Racer*” were favorites with our students. She took our students on a poetry jam and talked about visual literacy with the teachers. She can be found online at: www.kristydempsey.com



2018 **Marc Tyler Nobleman** February 12th – 16th at CAG!