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To Whom It May Concern,

On Wednesday, March 30, 2022, Stephan Kozan and Tony Maulfair with the Student Author Movement, conducted a presentation on writing and illustrating to the fifth and sixth graders at Cougar Academy. Stephen Kozan's love of the art of writing was shared in a relatable way that student engagement was high. He explained to the students that his experiences as a child writer bloomed into writing multiple forms of literature.

This gave the students the hope that small steps could give them greater rewards in the end. Mr. Kozan gave students the task of writing a piece of flash fiction. The students were given 20 minutes to type a flash fiction piece that could not exceed one page. Students were excited to begin their assignment. Fingers flew over keyboards and not a single student was off-task during the 20 minute session. Students were excited to share their stories with us and teachers enjoyed reading them. Mr. Kozan encouraged all students to submit their masterpieces and selected the top 3 students from our fifth and sixth grade classes.

Mr. Maulfair engaged students in the love of illustrating by engaging their imaginations. Multiple students provided Mr. Maulfair with various animal parts in order to create a mythical creature. Mr. Maulfair showed them how to bring their descriptions to life through illustration.

I would like to thank Arts for All Partnership for bringing in Student Author Movement in order to provide our students the opportunity to showcase their creativity through writing. It opened their eyes to a potential pathway toward student success through being an author. The presentation was extremely beneficial to students; therefore, having Mr. Kozan and Mr. Maulfair return to our school would be a welcome opportunity for older students in addition to middle school students throughout Cougar Academy.

Warm Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tammeron Cobb".

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