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To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing this letter of support on behalf of Stephen Kozan and Read Aim Write Publishing. Mr. Kozan came to Tri-Community to engage our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students in creative writing...all at once! Mr. Kozan did not disappoint! He was able to get over 200 students feverishly writing their ideas of a creative story for submission and possible opportunity to publish a book! Picture a cafeteria FULL of eight, nine, and eleven year olds focused on their writing with such passion and enthusiasm, asking any adult that walked by to read their work. That was amazing, and that was just the final product.

Mr. Kozan opened the assembly by telling the students he was back "home" as both he and Mr. Maulfair, his illustrator, were both former Tri-C students. He told a story about how his class voted on the mascot, The Bulldogs! Students were immediately engaged and had a connection to the men standing before them.

One activity that had all of the students engaged was when students were providing animal body parts to Mr. Maulfair to create a special mythical creature. Mr. Kozan would call on two students, then would get the whole cafeteria to count them down into a game of rocks, paper, scissors, then the winner would give a body part. Students were cheering for each other and nearly all were raising their hand to participate.

By the end, students were pumped up from the chance to share their writing, check out the creature they helped inspire, and could really connect with the career and real possibility of becoming an author or illustrator.

We were so fortunate to have Mr. Kozan and Mr. Maulfair visit us at Tri-C and would welcome them back anytime!

Sincerely,

Alexis Wertz
Principal

