

## MILLERSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Dr. Lee Christine Garcia  
*Superintendent*



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*Elementary Principal*

*"Empowering 21<sup>st</sup> Century learners, one student at a time"*

Dear Mr. Frank Kaminski / Faulkner Toyota of Harrisburg,

I would like to thank you for sponsoring our author/publisher visit with Stephen Kozan from the 501c3 nonprofit, *Student Author Movement* on February 27<sup>th</sup>. It was a wonderful experience for our fourth-grade class. They were actively engaged and very excited throughout the presentation. Mr. Kozan provided a very engaging and thought-provoking experience.

He began with instaART, which was a fun experience that dove into the world of illustrations. He chose students who volunteered at random to provide ideas for a character. The illustrator was present with us via Zoom. She heard all the ideas that were presented and at the end she revealed her illustration. The students really enjoyed this experience.

Then, he introduced last year's winner of the flash fiction student writing contest, Ryken Allen. Ryken did a Q&A session about his book, which was released the same day. Stephen also discussed the process of writing a book as a student and mentioned some previous winners of his contest. He emphasized the difference in size between the books, as well as topics. He explained there is no way wrong way to write a book.

Next, the students were able to write their own flash fiction. This is the part of the presentation when the students demonstrated their writing skills. If they were to write a book, what would it be about? The students were very excited to share their ideas with their teachers when they finished.

The students are all excited to find out who will be the next author at Millersburg Elementary! Thank you for providing this opportunity in our little school district. It is a wonderful experience!

Sincerely,

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