

Author/Illustrator Inspires Penn-Delco Students & Parents to Explore Their Creativity

Author/illustrator, Bruce Van Patter presented a writing workshop to an audience of over 250 Penn-Delco School District students and parents on Thursday, October 7th. The goal of Mr. Van Patter's workshop was to demonstrate to parents that by involving the imaginations of their children, even the youngest students are capable of creating original stories. Parents also took away practical ideas to develop creativity at home.

Energetic and passionate about writing, Mr. Van Patter moved throughout the Pennell Elementary School auditorium, gathering ideas from the audience. This resulted in drawings and story ideas created on the spot. Working with the parents and children, he demonstrated how to create "Wacky Headlines" through brainstorming. Afterwards, Mr. Van Patter illustrated one of the headlines for all to see.

Mr. Van Patter is the author of the children's books Max Bonker and the Howling Thieves, Farley Found It!, and Tucker Took It!. He has visited over 250 schools and worked with nearly 100,000 students. Summaries of Mr. Van Patter's visits to Aston, Coebourn, and Pennell Elementary Schools can be viewed by visiting www.brucevanpatter.com.

