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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Michael Dooling, a local illustrator (and author) specializing in "history through picture books," will be visiting Woodbury 4th & 5th graders on **Wednesday, March 11, 2009**. This event will be held at West End School; buses will transport Evergreen and Walnut Street Schools' 4th & 5th grade classes to West End.

We are excited about his upcoming presentation, which takes students through the process of illustrating a picture book and includes a costume introduction, a 15-minute slide show, a 15-minute painting demonstration, and a question/answer period. You can learn more about him and view some of his work on his website, www.michaeldooling.com.

To help make the day more memorable, we have arranged to have some of Mr. Dooling's books available for purchase at a discounted price. He has agreed to autograph them for the students.* If you would like to purchase books for your child, please complete the attached form and return your order to the main office with the correct cash by **Monday, February 23rd**. Books will be sold on a first come basis because supplies are limited, and late orders will not be accepted. Students will receive their autographed books some time after Mr. Dooling's presentation (either on that day or, if the books have not arrived by that time, immediately after the signed books have come in).

Sincerely,
Stephanie Foran
Enrichment Teacher

*Please note: Only books purchased during this sale will be signed by Mr. Dooling.

Books For Sale – Illustrated by Michael Dooling

The Memory Coat - Written by Elvira Woodruff

“This book traces the courageous journey of a family of Russian Jews as they uproot their lives, abandon their homeland, and make their way to New York in search of religious and economic freedom. Woodruff’s carefully chosen text and Michael Dooling’s rich, realistic illustrations put young readers in the thick of it, by honestly depicting the sites, sounds, and smells of the immigrant experience.”

—Hungry Mind Review

A Smithsonian Magazine Notable Book for Children, 1999; a CBC/NCSS Notable Social Studies Trade Book for Young People, 2000; a Selector’s Choice; recipient of The Carolyn Field Award (PA Library Association)

Lewis and Clark and Me: A Dog’s Tale - Written by Laurie Myers

“The dog’s eye-view is well done and refreshing, excerpts from Lewis’s actual journal enliven the text, and Dooling’s beautiful oil paintings seem just right, as full of action, beauty, danger, and majesty as the land they portray.”

—Kirkus

Nominated for fifteen awards and received the Pennsylvania Young Readers’ Choice Award 2004, Cochecho Readers Award 2004, IRA Teachers’ Choice List 2003, and IRA Parents’ Choice List 2003

The Amazing Life of Benjamin Franklin - Written by James Cross Giblin

“This biography is remarkable for its readable, interesting, and yet strictly reportorial tone, which results nonetheless in bringing Franklin to vibrant life. Dooling’s oil illustrations, as well as his sketches of the important figures who surrounded Franklin, extend the book’s accessibility and compound its readability.”

—Kirkus

Chosen as an Orbis Pictus Honor Book, a New York Public Library Best Book of Year, and Hornbook Best Book of Year. Received starred reviews from Booklist, HornBook, and School Library Journal.

