

HOW TO HAVE THE GREATEST AUTHOR VISIT IN THE HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSE.

I've been writing books and visiting schools for over 20 years. After visiting hundreds of schools and presenting to tens of thousands of students, I know that hosting an author visit can be an amazing opportunity to inspire even your most reluctant writers.

I will always work my hardest to give your school the best presentation I can, but I can only do so much. Advance preparation by teachers, librarians, and administration will assure that the visit is an unforgettable experience for your students and staff.

Teachers make a huge difference during presentations by modeling excellent audience behavior. Get involved! Have fun! Ask questions! Here are some tips to get you started.

Make sure that the students know an author is coming!

It sounds simple, but I have visited schools only to find that the students had no idea who I was or why I was at their school.



Decorate your lobby.



Make a bulletin board.



Create masterpieces in art class.

Introduce students to the author's work!

Students will be much more excited about a presentation if they have some sort of connection with the author and some knowledge about what that author does.

- Ask trivia questions during your daily announcements
- Have a school newspaper write a story about the visit
- Share books in classrooms
- Write and share reviews of the author's books



Make a hallway display.



Make an author spotlight.



Author website bingo!

Get staff and students involved. Make it fun!

Teachers and students are amazingly creative. Include art, music, and PE classes! •Involve specials: make music, create P.E. Games, make art, do a science experiment, write your own math problems, create food based on the author's books. Here are some ingenious ideas to get you started.



Make author bucks!



Tattoo your students!



Write a class play based on a book!



Name school hallways after the author!



Dress up like characters!



Decorate classroom doors!



Write new versions of the author's books!



Create huge new art for the book!



Make science experiments based on the books!

The more you put into an author presentation, the more your students will benefit.

[Click here to check out even more ideas on my website!](#)

Please feel free to contact me with any questions. Thank you!

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