

Dear Parents,

Due to the generosity of our PTO we are excited to have guest author Kevin Kurtz visiting our school on April 23rd (2nd Grade Writers Workshop) and April 25th (K-2 Grade Level Assemblies.)

Kevin is an award-winning author of nonfiction, environmentally themed, books for children.

Getting Ready...

- Students will be introduced to the books during library classes.
- Order forms for the author's books will be sent home and posted in the digital backpack this week.
- Many of Kevin's books are on display in the school library. (Available for loan starting April 6th.)
- Book covers are on display in the library hallway near the art room.
- Check him out at <http://www.kevkurtz.com/>

His video gallery contains short, kid-friendly videos that supplement his books, including a video of illustrator Erin Hunter creating a painting for *A Day in the Deep*: <http://www.kevkurtz.com/videos/>

- We have a free 30-day trial to Arbordale Publishing, which includes his titles and more...

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Many of his books are there!

- Kevin has free eBooks (*Uncovering Earth's Secrets* and *Where Wild Microbes Grow*) about the seafloor science and exploration conducted by the research ship the JOIDES Resolution. Both eBooks are available in interactive iBook versions for iPads and Macs, or as PDFs that can be opened on any computer or tablet. They both can be downloaded for free here: <http://joidesresolution.org/activities/where-wild-microbes-grow/>

We hope you and your students enjoy getting to know author Kevin Kurtz!

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