

# "HOOT! HOOT!" Student Edition

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Oh! You just tagged someone! Now you're running away! But watch out! You just ran right into this article! Recess is a time to play and be with other people. That is why we should be safe and kind to each other. One way to be safe at recess is to keep your hands to yourself! Give personal space to others. Like everyone has an imaginary bubble around them that can't be popped. One way to be happy during recess is to put your stuff in the bins when you enter the school yard. Then wait to be sent off to play. Finally, be kind. For example, if someone looks lonely, try to cheer them up by including them in a game. Now go finish your game of tag! Make sure to let that kid join!



Everyone deserves kindness. Everyone can show kindness. What does it take to be kind? At PS158, we are committed to be kind - but not only this week, but every day. A small act of kindness can take root and grow and blossom.



Attention, All PS158 Families! We have a Readathon! We want 100% participation for this special fundraiser! Our plan is to easily share it with family and friends to encourage Pre-K through 5th graders Read! Just sign up using our Readathon platform. We will read to be inspired, we will read to a buddy. And on 2/10 you have the chance to dress up as your favorite book character! You have the opportunity to bring in a stuffer! And finally, on 2/17 we are having an in-school celebration! Please, be sure to join us for these exciting days ahead of us!



PS158 is always welcoming, but sometimes we need reminders to practice. We always should be kind, but we want to be extra intentional and committed, because kindness shouldn't be random and showing intentional acts of kindness helps us all. This is a good reminder to be kind all throughout your life. This week, is about showing you how to make the right choices, and make others' lives better by showing them how to be kind and helpful, because if you are kind to others, they'll be kind to you, and the world will be a better place!

# PS158 Student Updates



Nick Bruel is a very funny series, hilarious, and creative. Nick Bruel is the author and illustrator of the phenomenal series Bad Kitty meets the baby and Bad Kitty for President. Award winners.

Grace Lin and Kate Messner both came to our school on 2/8/23 they both just came up with a new book One Upon a Book!" Grace Lin was inspired by a painting, and she said to her friend Kate Messner and is a famous author that has written a bunch of books, over 3 dozen books! Grace Lin loved reading as a kid and in fact the book "The Year of The Dog" was about a girl who entered a drawing contest and won 4th place and the girl was Grace We feel so inspired!

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## Marcus Stroman



Marcus Stroman hits the ball, ran to first, slid to second, sprinted to third and calmly walked into the PS158 auditorium on January 31, visiting grades 3, 4 and 5. But you may be asking why is a baseball player coming for an author visit? Well because Marcus is an author! He wrote his own book called "The Grip" loosely based on Marcus's life including some challenges including not making the team, getting hurt and his persistence. So Go Authors! Go Readers! And Go PS 158!

## James Ponti and... CITY SPIES!

When I learned that the Edgar Award winning author of a book series, read by millions of children, was coming to PS. 158: you know that I was bursting with excitement! A regular girl with AMAZING hacking skills being asked by a "dead" spy to join a team of child spies, working for the British government, while also going to Scotland's best school? Topped off with an author visit, AND a signed copy of the new, 4th book? I was In Book Heaven. James Ponti, the author of the beloved City Spies series has talent that threatens even J.K. Rowling! He hasn't just written City Spies, though, he's also made the equally famous Dead City series and framed series. When I read a copy of the 4th book, I hope that you, too, will be in Book Heaven.