

Friends of the South Coastal Library

Board of Directors Meeting

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

School Partnership Committee

Last Tuesday Abraham Keys presented two of his children's books at the Early Learning Center and was met with enthusiastic applause! He came dressed in a cowboy hat, boots and overalls, called himself "Farmer Abe" and the students couldn't get enough! Using his barnyard pets as the subjects, his stories portray love and acceptance.

In addition to the books our Committee purchased for the classrooms, we sent an order form out before Abraham's visit, allowing parents to buy his book(s) ahead of time for their child. This was met with great success.

Also, our principal, Dr. Janet Hickman, wrote a recommendation on Abraham Keys' behalf suggesting we invite Abraham to any upcoming author events the library might be planning.

Next week Nancy Viau will make a return visit to Lord Baltimore Elementary School. Her target audience this time will be the two older grade levels. She will talk about her journey to get to where she is and give an insider's view of the writing business. The students will explore creating characters and perform short writing activities. An assortment of Nancy's titles have been purchased for the classroom's libraries.

The School Partnership Committee would like to thank both schools for their overwhelming support in helping us seek the Freeman Foundation FACES Grant. Dr. Janet Hickman and Pam Webb were instrumental in

providing strong testimonials on the impact our partnership has had on the students. Here's to a successful grant acceptance followed by a celebration!

Our next commitment will be to meet in May to discuss possible authors for our fall author visits.