

Good afternoon Seaman Families,

We thank you for your participation in our Holiday Boutique this week. Whether you shopped with your child or let them shop independently, your generosity is greatly appreciated. Our PTA does so much for our students, and sales like these support all the 'extras' our students benefit from. This past week, author, Brian Heinz, met with our third graders to discuss how he generates ideas, his writing process, and bringing his books to publication. In early January, author, Phil Bildner, a Seaman alum, will be meeting with our fifth graders to do the same. Our PTA pays for these authors. We bring in a different one for each grade level. It is always a highlight of the school year.

Report cards were available as of Tuesday afternoon. I hope you had successful conferences with your children's teacher(s). Never hesitate to reach out if additional discussion is needed regarding your child's report card or overall school experience.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate fifth grader, Ava Estrella, who placed third in the national Sandy Hook Promise's *Start With Hello* Student Voices Contest in the elementary school writing category. Over 1,200 students submitted essays and we are so proud that Ava's was selected as an award winner.

Please click the link below to view Tweets from this past week.

Have a great weekend,

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