



## Hopatcong Borough Schools

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## Hopatcong Education Association Sponsored Illustrator Meet-and-Greet Brunch

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Dr. Joanne Mullane, Hopatcong Acting Superintendent of Schools, Announces



The Hopatcong Education Association was the proud sponsor of the PRIDE Author Meet-and-Greet Brunch at the Durban Avenue School on Tuesday, April 11<sup>th</sup>.

Earlier this year, all students were given the opportunity to submit a writing contest entry for a chance to win a “ticket” to have lunch with illustrator, Dave DeVries, following the HEPTO sponsored school-wide assembly that morning. Mr. DeVries has created illustrations for DC and Marvel Comics, as well as done work with Universal Studios and The Lego Movie. He is also the creator of “The Monster Engine”. He is currently an art teacher at the Jefferson Middle School.

Students had to answer a variety of questions and were scored using a rubric. Categories

such as creativity, spelling, punctuation, content, and neatness were all evaluated. Many students entered and approximately two students from each homeroom class were chosen for this honor based on their written work. Michelle Interiano from Mrs. Noonan’s class was this year’s school-wide winner with a perfect score on her entry! A total of 27 students and their guests were invited to join other members of the community for a brunch catered by Hopatcong’s own 3-in-1 Deli.

Guests got to indulge on crumb cakes, fruit platters, bagels, muffins, danish, and donuts. Monsters were seen all around the room and guests got to “illustrate” the tablecloths with their works of art! The brunch provided guests time to meet and sit with illustrator, ask him questions, take pictures, and enjoy their time together. A big thank you to Durban Avenue School’s “Love of Reading” Committee for making this event such a big success!

