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Title: **Julia Cook Visited Hudson Maxim Students!**

Art DiBenedetto, Hopatcong Superintendent of Schools, Announces-

On Wednesday April 10th, renowned author Julia Cook visited Hudson Maxim School students to discuss her book topics with our eager young readers and writers. Mrs. Diana Pinto and Ms. Suzanne Annette planned for Julia's visit by raising enthusiasm, readying the cafeteria hallway with displays of tattle tongues and erupting compliment volcanoes, and coordinating book sales of Julia's books throughout the Hopatcong community.

A "Warm Fuzzies" estimation jar guess circulated all classes and allowed students to have an individual chance of winning something special if they were the closest estimator. "Warm Fuzzies" were used as Julia's books tend to help us understand how to act in order to get that warm and fuzzy feeling that comes when being a good person. Bubbles were distributed for winners at the preschool level. Heightening their experience at the kindergarten and first grade level, winners of the gumball guess enjoyed the Author Pizza Luncheon with Julia Cook in the Middle School library!

During her two presentations, Mrs. Cook discussed many topics like hygiene, sibling rivalry, and listening skills. She entertained the children with the retelling of a few of her own stories and the children were captivated by her! It was a very interactive presentation, with the Hudson Maxim community being "all in" while learning so much of how they can help themselves to be better students and citizens.

We are so lucky to have such a great HEPTO association that funds the Author Visit program annually! Also, with our newest implementation of Writer's Workshop in the elementary grades, our writing focus is at an all-time high and the students could not be more excited about writing their own works of art!

Thank you again, Julia Cook for visiting Hudson Maxim students and instilling a love of reading and writing in our students! The kids will treasure these memories for years to come!

Author Visit Committee,

Diana Pinto and Suzanne Annette

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***April 10, 2019***

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