



News from the IMC

May 2008

End of the Year Issue

Mackler Makes a Positive Impression

On Friday, May 9th, the high school IMC was abuzz with activity as staff and students eagerly anticipated hearing the author of *The Earth, My Butt & Other Big Round Things* discuss the novel that had sparked interest and discussions for so many. Carolyn Mackler did not disappoint as she read comical, personal high school journal entries that serve as an inspiration for many of her novels before telling the students that “reading these books saved me... they got me where I am.” Mackler went on to share what she experienced during her struggle to become a writer and why writing a book that included a teenage girl who begins the story uncomfortable with her body

but in the end finds the strength to overcome her insecurities was so important. She “wanted her to be the heroine of her own story and to get the guy in the end without having to lose a million pounds, get the Hollywood make-over... I wanted her to be herself and be the star.” WTHS students seemed to truly appreciate Mackler’s use of a “real” character with a positive message as multiple copies of the book circulated the school throughout the year. Many students attended after school discussions that were led by members of the student book club or posted their responses to discussion questions for an invitation to meet the author. The positive response

was evident in the over eighty students that attended each of the two discussions that concluded with a question and answer period. Mackler also signed copies of her books and answered personal questions at the end of each period.

In addition to speaking to the large groups of staff and students for two periods, Mackler was also the guest of honor at a PTO sponsored luncheon hosted by the student book club. This gave the students a chance to ask Mackler a variety of questions about her experience with publishers, decisions she made regarding specific characters, her future plans for additional novels and her

relationships with other young adult novelists. Mackler was very open about her reading preferences, experiences and her joy at being part of the writing community. It was particularly interesting to hear her talk about her role as a member of the committee of five authors meeting to choose the National Book Award for 2008. Her love of reading was infectious and friendly nature was much appreciated. “It was such a cool experience because she was so personal and easy to talk to.” Kate Nawoyski (‘09).



There’s an Ocean of Reading@Your Library
 IMC Summer Reading Spectacular
 May 28 - June 10

Take a Book to the Beach

During the Summer Reading Spectacular, stop in the IMC and stock up on summer reading materials. Summer favorites will be on display including:

- New titles
- Read -a-likes
- Popular Non fiction
- Do It Yourself Titles
- DVDs, CDs, audio books & Playaways

All will be available for you to check out until September. Don’t leave for summer vacation empty handed.



We will use Express Checkout at the end of the year. If you don't owe anything to the IMC, you don't have to stop in to get your paper signed, although we would love to see you.

We will email a form around June 9th that says everything has been returned to the IMC, and you can attach that to your obligation form.

Don't delete the email with the subject - Express Checkout



Beach Books List

We thought we would give you a head start on your beach reading and distribute the beach book list a bit earlier this year.

We will put the list in your mailboxes during the first week of June so you can have time to look it over and decide which books you want to check out over the summer.

Don't forget to stop in the IMC during the Summer Reading Spectacular so you can

Browse the books displays for some good reads.

HELP



Please let your students know that they may take out books from the IMC during the summer

Thank you so much for using the services of the IMC this year.

We wish you a relaxing and peaceful summer.

The IMC Staff

