



Eastgate Elementary is about to celebrate its 30th Young Authors Day Conference. Young Authors Day was originated by Eastgate teacher Carol Langhurst to encourage and celebrate literacy, creative writing and reading in Eastgate students. For twelve years she was the driving force behind Young Authors Day and with the support of the Eastgate teachers, staff and parent community it has continued to be a highlight of the year for Eastgate families.

Each spring every child at Eastgate writes and illustrates their own book. On Young Authors Day your child will get to listen to an interactive presentation by the Featured Author – this year we are excited to be welcoming Sundee Frazier. After a celebratory BBQ Lunch open to all our families, students will be in a small group of multi-age students that will participate in two additional activities:

- \* Sharing the book that they have written with their small group,
- \* Watching some 5<sup>th</sup> grade students present some of the stories written by Eastgate students as they learn about the different ways writing is used outside of books.

It's a very fun day!

If you have any questions regarding Young Authors Day please send an email to [yad@eastgatepta.org](mailto:yad@eastgatepta.org)

This year we celebrate **30 years** of incredible Young Authors Day conferences! Take a look below to see all of the amazing talent that has come to Eastgate!

### **Eastgate PTA Young Authors Conferences**

1. 1989/1990 - Jasper Tomkins (April 20, 1990)
2. 1990/1991 - Steven Kellogg (1991)
3. 1990/1992 - David Greenberg (1992)
4. 1992/1993 - Ruth Heller (May 14, 1993)
5. 1993/1994 - Patricia Polacco (March 4, 1994)
6. 1994/1995 - Seymour Simon (March 3, 1995)
7. 1995/1996 - Peg Kehret (March 1, 1996), Keith Baker (March 8, 1996)
8. 1996/1997 - Don & Audrey Wood (Nov. 21, 1996), Jasper Tomkins (March 14, 1997)
9. 1997/1998 - Willow Davis Roberts (May 7, 1998), Bernard Waber (May 8, 1998)
10. 1998/1999 - Roland Smith (November 16, 1998), Paul Owen Lewis (May 14, 1999)
11. 1999/2000 - Peter Catalanotto (May 12, 2000)
12. 2000/2001 - Janet Wong (December 1, 2000), Elvira Woodruff (May 11, 2001)
13. 2001/2002 - Ben Mikaelson (November 27, 2001), Nina Laden (May 10, 2002)
14. 2002/2003 - Pam Munoz Ryan (May 16, 2003)
15. 2003/2004 - Peg Kehret (October 28, 2003), Deborah Hopkinson (May 28, 2004)
16. 2004/2005 - Jane & Chris Kurtz (May 27, 2005)
17. 2005/2006 - George Shannon (May 19, 2006)

18. 2006/2007 - Paul O. Zelinsky (May 4, 2007)
19. 2007/2008 - Pam Withers (March 6, 2008), Laura McGee Kvasnosky (May 9, 2008)
20. 2008/2009 - Tedd Arnold (May 15, 2009)
21. 2009/2010 - Patrick Jennings (April 30, 2010)
22. 2010/2011 - Robert Quackenbush (April 29, 2011)
23. 2011/2012 - Margaret Read MacDonald (April 27, 2012)
24. 2012/2013 - Bonny Becker (April 26, 2013)
25. 2013/2014 – Matt Tavares (May 30, 2014)
26. 2014/2015 – Kelly Milner Halls (May 29, 2015)
27. 2015/2016 – Suzanne Williams (May 20, 2016)
28. 2016/2017 – Joe Hayes (May 26, 2017)
29. 2017/2018 – Lenore Look (June 1, 2018)
30. 2018/2019 – Sundee Frazier (May 31, 2019)