We had an all-school assembly on Friday, January 30th, to announce and kick-off the start of our annual Literacy Week. All the students were gathered in the gym, numbering almost 600, from grades 1 to 8.

Our coordinator, Gary Kohl, announced that authors would be visiting the students beginning that coming Monday. As he read through the names, in order, from authors visiting the grade 1s and up, the students listened intently. A few names were familiar, as they have visited before.

But when Mr. Kohl announced the return of Joyce Grant, a spontaneous and sudden cheer went up into the air. I was surprised to hear it, not because Joyce isn't a dynamic and engaging speaker — she truly is — but because this cheer was so sudden and spontaneous. It's been a pleasure having her.

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