

# Press Release



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### Public welcome at appearance by anti-bullying author Wilhelm

The second time should be a charm for author Doug Wilhelm, who will discuss bullying in an appearance before parents, students and the public at 6:30 p.m. Nov. 7, at Chief Umtuch Middle School, 700 NW Ninth St., Battle Ground.

Wilhelm is the author of “The Revealers,” a 2003 anti-bullying book that has been widely used by schools. Last month, students and staff at Chief Umtuch (grades 5-8) read “The Revealers” as a “One School, One Book” event. Wilhelm will spend the school day Nov. 7 visiting with Chief Umtuch students about writing and the message of the book, which they have discussed in class.

Wilhelm was scheduled to visit Chief Umtuch on Oct. 20 and speak to the public that night. But flight delays and cancellations in the Northeast prevented him from making the trip that day. His visit was re-scheduled for Nov. 7.

“Bullying is something that is not usually talked about within a school”, Wilhelm has said. “It’s a form of abuse, and all abusers try and keep it in the dark. When a school says ‘We are going to talk about this,’ there’s a lot of courage in that.”

His one-hour public presentation in the evening will include stories from his own childhood experiences as a bullying victim. From 7:30 to 8 p.m. he will autograph copies of his book, available for \$8.

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