**Testimonials**

# School Reviews

“It was an absolute “joy” to have Ms. Joy Saxton come to Memorial! Our students loved her energy and her enthusiasm as she engaged them in a read aloud. Our students wanted to stay with her and not go back to class! We were fortunate to have her and cannot wait until she comes back! I definitely recommend her to any campus who wants an engaging author to come to speak to your students!”   
Jose Hilario Cordova, Principal, Memorial Elementary

“Joy Saxton’s visit to our school was incredible! There are not enough words of praise and gratitude we can say for what she did for our students. Her presentation was energetic, informative, educational and entertaining. The student audience was captivated every second. Not only did Ms. Saxton talk to our students about the creative process of writing and illustrating a book, but they learned about the business side of publishing a book as well!” Veronica Barrientos, M. Ed., District Librarian Secondary Schools

"Author, Joy Saxton, is a ray of sunshine. She is energetic and our first-grade students loved her. Joy's Puppet Theater provided a message of love and kindness. Her visit was exactly what we needed at Crosby Elementary and we look forward to seeing what other inspirational books she publishes in the future."

Dana Kratky-Fox, Principal Crosby Elementary

“Joy Saxton’s visit to the American Community School in Amman, Jordan was spectacular!

Her energy, passion, and infectious enthusiasm kept students highly engaged and begging for more. Her adorable sidekick, Furry, was the cherry on top.

Thank you for making our Reading Celebration truly memorable.”

Layali Kahook, ES Librarian in Jordan, Amman

“Joy Saxton visited our campus to share her book with our kindergarten and 1st grade students. They loved listening to her positive messages of friendship, kindness, and inclusion. She even had the audience participate in creating a story in a large group setting. It was a wonderful experience that the kids are still talking about!” Lauren Simmons, Librarian at West University Elementary

“We had the honor of having Joy visit our campus and read her book to our K, 2nd and 3rd graders. Joy was incredibly enthusiastic and immediately connected with the students. Our campus has a very diverse and international student body and after her reading the children were able to share stories of their “faraway lands” and they were able to realize how many more similarities they all shared, rather than differences. Chris Brombacher, Teacher, Mark Twain Elementary

“Joy's story is one of peace, love and unity no matter where you might happen to live (in a far-away land…). The writing conveys a positive message for young readers while the illustrations capture the wonder of their imaginations. Thank you for bringing JOY to the world!”

Shana G., Pre-K Teacher, John Cooper School

"What an amazing and impactful opportunity for our budding readers and writers! Ms. Saxton had the audience on the edge of their seat and completely engaged. I know that your visit to our classroom will be one of my students' forever memories of kindergarten!"

Robin Jungnickel, Teacher, Oak Forest Elementary

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"Got this book as a gift and she LOVES it. It’s her absolute favorite, and she loves a lot of books so that is really saying something."  - Chelsea Beauchamp

"Joy has such a strong commitment to make a difference for children. She knows that the future state of world peace will be dependent upon our children and what we teach them. This book exemplifies the joy (pun absolutely intended) she wants to share with everyone. Enjoy the moments you get to spend in Joy’s world." Shannon Sinclair

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"A sweet story with adorable illustrations. Both my kids loved it and it was a classroom favorite!" - Tracie Armand-Bauer

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"Joy and the Far Away Land" offers an explosion of color with a very powerful, yet simple message. If we could remember to look through the eyes of a child the world would be a safer place to live and play."  Joseph R. Petrie

“I personally loved Joy’s colorful illustrations that captured the vibrancy of Mexican life and art. You can tell Joy has an in-depth understanding and love of Mexico. This book fills a unique place in children’s books in that it provides real world information on everything that is special about Mexican life, but presents the information as an accessible story to a child. I highly recommend and can’t wait for more adventures!” Lisa Naeve Bell

“Artwork is imaginative creative fun. My child wants to donate the book to her school Library for other children to enjoy.” Greer Evans

“Joy Saxton shares her heart in her stories. She has a deep love for children and her fellow travelers on this earth! Her message in all her books is to love one another!” Leslie Collier