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Author Gordon Korman Visits Demarest Middle School

Demarest, NJ April 23, 2019 - (DMS) Demarest Middle School was happy to host a New York Times best-selling author Gordon Korman for students in grades five through eight. Mr. Korman is the author of more than ninety novels for children and young adults. His popular books include *Ungifted*, *What's His Face*, *Restart*, *Bruno and Boots*, and *Swindle*.

To prepare for his visit to Demarest, all students at DMS engaged in a "whole school novel" where they collectively read his latest novel *Restart*. This novel focuses on a middle school bully named Chase Ambrose, who after a fall, loses his memory to amnesia. Chase then has the opportunity to restart his life building positive relationships while reinventing a new sense of self.

During the visit to DMS, students had the opportunity to hear about the writing, revising, and publishing process. Mr. Korman discussed his history as a writer and shared his insights on transferring novels to a film based format. Lastly, he discussed the concept of "what if" as a means of facilitating the creative writing process.

The school community would like to thank the Demarest PTO for their facilitation of this event. The visit was enjoyed by students and faculty alike.



DMS Language Arts Teachers

From left to right: Mr. Toby Murphy, Ms. Danielle Ruberto, Author Gordon Korman, Ms. Wendy Heffler, Mrs. Michelle Greenberg.