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Intermediate School Students to Skype with Author on West Coast

Photo/video opportunity:

Thursday, February 25, 2010

2:15 – 2:45 p.m.

Ephrata Intermediate School (957 Hammon Ave., Ephrata)

February 19, 2010 – A class of Ephrata Intermediate School 6th Grade students will have the unique opportunity to take a trip to Washington state without leaving their classroom. Students in Ms. Robin Stryker's class will be able to talk live with Patrick Carman, an author of popular multi-media books for young adults, using Skype, an internet audio and video connection.

Mr. Carman's works include *Skeleton Creek*, *Rivers of Fire*, and *The Black Circle*, which are part of *The 39 Clues* series. *The 39 Clues* series is an interactive, multi-media reading experience for students in grades 3 through 7. A portion of each story is told in the book; the remainder is told on an interactive website. Readers can also visit a special website where they can watch interactive videos and play a role in the story.

Mr. Carman received several writing awards, including the 2007 and 2008 Lamplight Awards and the iParenting Media Award. His works have also been selected to the Voice of Youth Advocates Top Shelf Fiction for Middle School Readings, the National Literacy Explore New Worlds Booklist, and the Junior Library Guild Premiere Selection.

The Skype session offers many unique learning opportunities for Ms. Stryker and her students. "The fact that Mr. Carman is in Washington lets me tie this into social studies as we are learning about how longitude creates our time zones. We will use writing and thinking skills to come up with good questions, plus the students will have a chance to practice their manners in learning how to present themselves in front of the camera," said Ms. Stryker. "And most importantly, it shows how good books can catch our imagination and have a direct impact on our lives!"

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