

WYNGATE ELEMENTARY WELCOMES

# KAZU KIBUISHI

author, illustrator + graphic novelist

Dear Wyngate families,

The Wyngate PTA and the Wyngate Foundation are pleased to announce this year's "One Author, One School" program. On Dec. 4, award-winning, New York Times bestselling graphic novelist and author/illustrator Kazu Kibuishi will visit with our students during grade-specific assemblies at school. The PTA has sponsored his visit, and the Foundation has purchased a copy of one of Mr. Kibuishi's books for every Wyngate classroom, as well as a set of his books for our school's media center.

This special program will provide our children with the opportunity to interact with an accomplished writer and artist while enjoying a shared reading experience with our community. In a survey of Wyngate students and staff, Mr. Kibuishi was the first choice of our students; further, Mr. Wiebe was supportive of our selection of a graphic novelist for this year's program.

Mr. Kibuishi's books are clever, poignant and beautifully illustrated. Prior to Mr. Kibuishi's visit, we strongly encourage you to read at least one of his books with your children. Mr. Kibuishi is best known for *Amulet*, a graphic novel series that follows the adventures of two children through a fantastic, richly detailed parallel world. A thrilling tale inhabited by talking animals and giant robots, it's an engaging series imparting virtues such as courage and resilience. Mr. Kibuishi's other books include the *Explorer* and *Flight* book series as well as his popular web comic, *Copper*, which may be of particular interest to our kindergartners and first graders. For more information on the author and his books, please visit <http://boltcity.com/>.

Another note of interest: Mr. Kibuishi was selected to re-illustrate the covers of the Harry Potter books to celebrate the 15th anniversary of their publication.

If you purchase Mr. Kibuishi's books using the attached Scholastic Book Fair presale order form, a portion of the proceeds will enable the school to order materials for the media center and support the PTA. Please return your completed order form and a check made payable to "Wyngate PTA," by **Friday, Nov. 2**. Mr. Kibuishi's books will be for sale during the fair, but we encourage families to order books in advance through the presale order form. Mr. Kibuishi will be signing books after school on Dec. 4 outside the media center.

We hope that students enjoy the art page and bookmark contests. The Wyngate classroom with the most number of art page submissions (one per student, please) will participate in a private graphic novel workshop with Mr. Kibuishi on the afternoon of his visit. Also, the winner of the bookmark contest will have his or her bookmark printed and distributed to every Wyngate student as a special keepsake of the event. All art pages and bookmark contest entries must be submitted to your child's teacher by **Friday, Nov. 2**.

Thank you for supporting our community of young readers. We look forward to Mr. Kibuishi's visit!

Happy reading!

Wyngate Foundation and Wyngate PTA

ONE AUTHOR, ONE SCHOOL

Wyngate Elementary School  
welcomes...

# Kazu Kibuishi



**Tuesday, December 4**

**Preorder your books today!**  
Have them signed by the  
author during the event.

## About the Author & Illustrator:

Kazu Kibuishi is the founder and editor of the Flight Anthologies, a critically acclaimed comics series, as well as the creator of Daisy Cutter: The Last Train, a winner of the YALSA Best Books for Young Adults Award.

Born in Tokyo, Japan, Kazu moved to the U.S. with his mother and brother when he was a child. He graduated from Film Studies at the University of California Santa Barbara, and then moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career in the entertainment industry. He currently works as a full-time comic book artist.

# Books by Kazu Kibuishi!

**Meet Kazu Kibuishi  
on Tuesday, December 4!  
Have him sign the  
books you buy!**

Student: \_\_\_\_\_

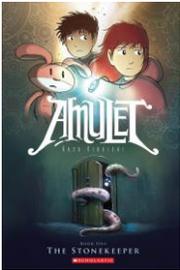
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Presale order forms due:  
Friday, November 2



**Copper**

Copper is curious, Fred is fearful. And together boy and dog are off on a series of adventures through marvelous worlds, powered by Copper's limitless enthusiasm and imagination.  
Grades: K-2



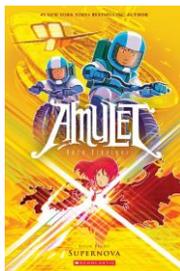
**Amulet #1: The Stonekeeper**

Emily and Navin move with their mother to the home of her deceased great-grandfather, but the strange house proves to be dangerous. Before long, a sinister creature lures the kids' mom through a door in the basement. Em and Navin, desperate not to lose her, follow her into an underground world inhabited by demons, robots, and talking animals.  
Grades: 3<sup>rd</sup> +



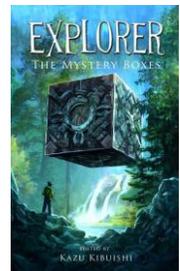
**Amulet #2: The Stonekeeper's Curse**

Emily and her brother Navin head for Kanalis, a beautiful and mysterious city of waterfalls, where they hope to find the antidote for the poison that felled their mother. That cure lies in the eggs of a giant serpent atop Demon's Head Mountain, but the kids' archenemy, Trellis, is headed for the peak, too.  
Grades: 3<sup>rd</sup> +



**JUST RELEASED! Amulet #8: Supernova**

Emily has lost control of her Amulet and is imprisoned in the Void, where she must find a way to escape the influence of the Voice. Meanwhile, Emily's brother, Navin, travels to Lighthouse One, a space station where the Resistance is preparing to battle the approaching Shadow forces that would drain planet Alledia of all its resources.  
Grades: 3<sup>rd</sup> +



**Explorer #1: The Mystery Boxes**

Seven clever stories answer one simple question: What's in the box? Funny, fantastic, spooky, and suspenseful, each of these unique and beautifully illustrated short graphic works revolves around a central theme: a mysterious box and the marvels or mayhem — inside.  
Grades: 3<sup>rd</sup> and up

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Please make checks payable to  
**Wyngate Elementary School PTA**

# ART PAGE

Let's welcome author/illustrator Kazu Kibuishi to Wyngate by showing off our amazing community of artists and writers! Students in kindergarten through third grade can draw a response to the prompt on this page; fourth- and fifth-graders can write a response on the next page. The classroom with the most number of art page submissions (one per student, please!) will participate in a private graphic novel workshop with Mr. Kibuishi when he visits Wyngate on Dec. 4.

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE: FRIDAY, NOV. 2, TO YOUR TEACHER**

## **KINDERGARTEN - THIRD GRADE**

Draw yourself as a character in a scene from one of Mr. Kibuishi's books.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE/TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_



# BOOKMARK CONTEST

When author/illustrator Kazu Kibuishi visits Wyngate on Dec. 4, every Wyngate student will receive a bookmark to commemorate his visit. Wouldn't it be cool if your artwork is on the bookmark?!

Use the template on this page to illustrate a bookmark for Mr. Kibuishi's visit. One student's artwork will be chosen as the design for hundreds of bookmarks to be distributed that day. Read these quick tips before you start drawing:

- \* The back of the bookmark will include Mr. Kibuishi's name and the date of his visit. You can include those things in your drawing, but you don't have to.
- \* Keep your design inside the solid black line. Make sure any words or important details are inside the gray dotted line. You can draw right up to the black line, but **anything outside the dotted line may not print!**
- \* Use bright colors and make sure any words can be read easily. Remember, this template is the actual size of the printed bookmark.
- \* Need ideas? Try drawing:
  - Your favorite part of one of Mr. Kibuishi's books.
  - A character or characters from the book.
  - A picture that shows how reading the book made you feel.
  - You and your classmates reading the book.
  - A picture that shows why you love to read.

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