



THE BRIDGES ACADEMY

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September 27, 2013

Dear Denis,

On behalf of all at the Bridges Academy, I'd like to thank you for your visit to our students and evening presentation to their families. As you know, the film, *In the Footsteps of Marco Polo*, was shown to the students prior to your arrival and the story of Marco Polo was shared with them as well. You entered the assembly to a "hero's" welcome and spontaneous applause.

The Children were engrossed by your presentation and their questions for you displayed their interest and enthusiasm. Although your audience consisted of students from kindergarten through grade eight, you captured the interest of each child. You connected with each age level- a rare feat! The classes have been writing you letters of appreciation, which you will receive shortly.

Numerous parents were interested enough to pack our library at 7:00p.m. to see your film and participate in a lively question and answer session. Judging from their applause, the length of the line to buy your book and have it autographed, and their comments afterwards, your program was a great success on many levels. It was entertaining, enriching and informative. One father related that he felt "energized" after the presentation and thanked me for arranging your visit. Others commented on the quality of the photos in your film and their accompanying music. Still others appreciated the simple message that "... all people are good..." and that we all exist in a diverse environment, and we all are more alike than different.

On a personal note, I felt fortunate to have "discovered" your presentation and allowed our students to hear your message. Young children need role models and your message of "...following your dreams...", and "never giving up..." resonated with our young minds. We are hoping to meet with you again, in the near future, and wish you the best in your future endeavors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Frank J. Fallon". The signature is fluid and cursive, written over a light-colored background.

Frank J. Fallon
Headmaster