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Children's author to visit Nathan Hale Elementary School

(Manchester, CT—March 30, 2009) A noted children's author will visit Nathan Hale Elementary School as part of the school's efforts to promote literacy; this marks the school's tenth annual visiting author program. Elisa Carbone, who is the author of several books including, "Night Running: How James Escaped with the Help of his Faithful Dog," "Blood on the River: James Town 1607," and "Storm Warriors," will discuss her craft and the writing process with students.

"Carbone's unique presentation style engages students and affords them a 'behind-the-scenes-look' at the author's writing process," said Darcy Fiano, reading consultant. "She utilizes an ethnographic approach to researching her historical fiction pieces through immersing herself in the period, reading books, articles, conducting interviews and inhabiting historical sites as part of the process," explained Fiano.

On the author's web site, Carbone describes the writing process as the following: "I use my imagination and then, by putting down on paper what I have imagined, I create a doorway that invites others to see what I have seen in my mind's eye. It leaves me with a sense of satisfaction that virtually nothing else in my life can give me."

Carbone will visit Nathan Hale Elementary School Friday, April 3 and hold three sessions at the school's media center along with a student/parent book club luncheon and a Grade 3 and 4 mini-writing workshop.

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