

IMPROVE SCHOOL ACHIEVEMENT AND SCHOOL CLIMATE

“Children cannot get a quality education if they don’t first feel safe at school.”

Arne Duncan, U.S. Secretary of Education

“160,000 kids per day do not attend school for fear of being bullied” ~ *U.S. Dept of Justice*

“The child who is overweight is the most likely to be bullied” ~ *Journal of Pediatrics*

“The Fat Boy Chronicles is a must see and must read for every teacher, parent and student.”

~*Dr. John Barge, Georgia Superintendent of Schools*

School Climate, a proven predictor of school achievement, is part of many state’s evaluation procedure

THE FAT BOY CHRONICLES Novel

The book is used by middle and high schools around the nation in their anti-bullying and childhood obesity efforts. Told through the English-class journal of 9th grader Jimmy Winterpock, the novel reveals to readers the high school world of a bullied and obese young man who strives to lose weight and win the girl of his dreams.

2010 Mom’s Choice Gold Award and National Parenting Publications 2010 Gold Award for Teens

School discounts start at 30% (100 books) and go up to 60% for orders of 750+ (Retail is \$9.95)

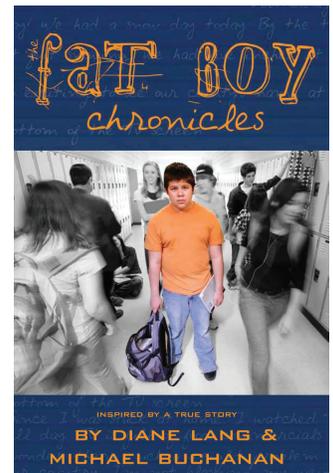
Curriculum Guide: 1 Printed, plus 2 CD versions with each 100 books

The curriculum guide includes lessons in

- *Health/Social issues--anti-bullying activities, empathy, life expectancy, obesity studies, healthy eating habits, the value of civility*
- *Language Arts--the value of journaling, vocabulary, poetry, comprehension and reading skills*
- *Math--how to spend for a healthy diet*
- *Self-esteem and reflection activities*
- *Call to Action plan to help stop bullying*

Also

- *The book/movie can be used in Language Arts, Health, Math and Social Sciences classes*
- *Communities often read the book as parent/child book clubs to initiate family discussion*
- *Local funding can be found through grants and partnerships with Rotary, Lions Club, medical facilities and PTOs.*



THE FAT BOY CHRONICLES Movie

- 1 free with each 100 books purchased
- DVD contains Director and Writer Commentary, interviews with cast, bullying prevention info, excerpts from the novel

“This film will save lives” – *Dr. John Barge, GA Superintendent of Schools*

“*The Fat Boy Chronicles* will help empower our youth to engage in peaceful, respectful relationships, free of bullying”

– *Anna Arnold, President, International Bullying Prevention Association*



Watch the trailer at www.thefatboychronicles.com

AUTHOR VISITS

Diane Lang and Michael Buchanan have presented at national and state conferences around the country and spoken to students in many states. They are available to meet with students, for school-wide one-reads programs, and community events. Their visits include a full day school visit and an evening screening of the movie for students, parents, educators and members of the community and can be structured to meet specific needs.

PRESENTATION FOR SCHOOLS OR COMMUNITY EVENTS

Bullying and Obesity in the School Community

The authors, both former teachers, will discuss their journey in writing the novel (inspired by a true story) along with an in-depth look at the issues of bullying and obesity many students face each day.

- *Individual and joint author appearances are available*
- *Appearances include a screening of the film*

To discuss a Program for your school and/or community, contact mike@tinroofilms.com

HOW IMPORTANT IS THE OBESITY CRISIS?

“This generation of children could be the first in the history of the United States to live less healthful and shorter lives than their parents.”

~ *Dr. David S. Ludwig, director of the obesity program at Children’s Hospital Boston*

HOW IMPORTANT IS SCHOOL CLIMATE?

- Unsafe schools have higher dropout rates, more substance abuse and lower school performance
- #1 reason a student feels unsafe at school is because they are bullied or know that bullying occurs at their school

HOW DO THESE ISSUES CORRELATE?

#1 target for bullying at school is the overweight student

Recent studies show that school climate is a measureable factor in school performance

“I have never seen a book and movie have such a dramatic impact upon middle school students!”

Benjamin Ruby, Ed.D., AP, Northeastern M. S., York, PA

“As a middle school, we have looked at many programs to deal with bullying. I don’t believe that any of them could have been as powerful as the reading of *The Fat Boy Chronicles*. Bringing Diane and Michael to our school only made the experience that much more memorable for our students. We talk about Jimmy Winterpock just about every day. His character has had a profound effect on all of us. Thanks for bringing him alive and into our school!”

Rebecca Holthaus, Principal, Chagrin Falls Middle School

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