BUSLOAD OF BOOKS

SCHOOL VISIT AND RESEARCH INFORMATION

In a few weeks, critically acclaimed children's book author/illustrator duo Matthew Swanson and Robbi Behr will be visiting your school, giving assemblies and donating a book to every student and teacher. Their visit is part of the Busload of Books, a national literacy access and awareness project in which Robbi and Matthew visit Title 1 elementary schools across the country to foster reading, creativity, and storytelling.

RESEARCH INFORMATION

The Busload of Books project provides a rare opportunity for educational researchers to better understand the impact of author and illustrator visits on students, teachers, and schools. To that end, we've designed a survey that measures how your students think and feel about reading and writing. Participating students will complete a 5-minute survey before the assembly, another immediately after, and third one month later. Because the surveys are anonymous, researchers will not know your child's name or any identifying information.

This research is being conducted by professors in the Departments of Education and Sociology at Washington College in Chestertown, Maryland. Additional information about the project will be shared via a second document and online video.

CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE IN SURVEY RESEARCH

You have the right to decide whether your student participates in this research project. In the coming days, you will receive a permission form that allows you to opt your student in or out of this study. Your student will also be asked if they want to complete the survey, and there is no penalty if they decline.

QUESTIONS?

» **To learn more about Robbi and Matthew, visit their website or social accounts:**

Website: https://robbiandmatthew.com/
Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/robbi.and.matthew/

» **To learn more about the Busload of Books project,** read this article from Forbes:

"Why This Family Of Six Has Spent A Year Delivering A Busload Of Books To Elementary Schools": https://bit.ly/BusloadForbes

» **If you have questions about the research,** please reach out to the research team at Washington College:

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