

## “Meet the Author” Presentation

Most accomplishments in life require a great amount of skill, perseverance and teamwork. When building a house, it takes an idea, the blueprint, money, a construction crew, a Realtor to find a buyer and finally, someone to enjoy the home.



Anti-bullying advocate Stephen Tako, author of the Junga the Dancing Yeti™ children’s book series, teaches children the steps of becoming a published author. He describes his path leading him from an ordinary job, into a career in Hollywood working on hit shows and major motion pictures, before transitioning into becoming an author.

Throughout this presentation, children learn about the importance of teamwork and overcoming hurdles when writing books. They get a glimpse into the creative world of writing and acting before watching a 12 minute video based on the book Junga the Dancing Yeti™. In this video, nominated for two prestigious Voice Arts Awards and recognized by Early Childhood Development Educators for its educational content, Stephen guides children through important anti-discrimination and anti-bullying lessons.

The beautiful illustrations are brought to life in Junga videos/audiobooks by 11 x Emmy recipient James Alburger. The videos also include an international cast of award-winning voiceover artists and Broadway performers, as well as DreamWorks Animation and Nickelodeon actors.

At the conclusion of the video, students have time for questions and answers with the author and leave the presentation inspired to make their own positive difference in the world. Here is a review from a school where Mr. Tako recently presented to two groups of students.

*“We had Stephen Tako come to our school for a virtual presentation to discuss being an author and bullying. By letting kids know that are being bullied that there is nothing wrong with them, but there is something wrong with the bully. It was a heartfelt message our students took with them. His message of standing up for yourself and other people was very empowering, and the students especially enjoyed how Stephen weaved his book, "Junga the Dancing Yeti," into the presentation. He also discussed how to write a book, and how he landed on the idea of coming up with a series and making it happen. Stephen was fantastic with the classes, and I would be more than happy to speak about the presentation and Stephen. He was amazing with the kids and a professional to work with on all levels.”*

**Alexander D. Carter**, Assistant Head of School, Head of Upper and Lower East Woods Schools

Most presentations will take approximately 45-60 minutes. Please visit [www.JungaYeti.com](http://www.JungaYeti.com) today to book a presentation and to learn more about this unique and inspiring opportunity for students. Fees vary based on the type of presentation offered (virtual or in-person). A portion of proceeds will be donated to a charitable organization to help end bullying for children. Interested parties may call Stephen Tako directly at 661-313-9644 for more information.