



The Reaction

Governor M. Jodi Rell – State of Connecticut

“It is people like you that make the beautiful State of Connecticut such a wonderful place to live. Your continuing concern for early childhood literacy education is important to our future. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.”

“Mr. Shandrowski was unlike any other author that has visited our school (including authors from Scholastic, Random House etc). Instead of merely talking about his craft lecture-style, he had a set with lights, music, and special effects to hold the students’ interest. He adjusted his program for all students, thus both challenging and entertaining students from Kindergarten up to fifth grade. The students and teachers loved his program not only for his message to use your imagination, but also for the creativity and “magic” that he used to entertain and engage. I highly recommend the program to every school. The children are still talking about it,”

Joanna Teodosio, Teacher/Cultural Arts Director - Calf Pen School, Milford CT

“I put the Huga Tuga plush toy you gave our school with your book and he gets checked out from the library and taken home almost nightly for students to read and snuggle with. They love the set. Thank you again for all you have done to enhance literacy at Middle Gate and Newtown!” **Gail Huitt, Language Arts Director – Middle Gate School, Newtown CT**

“The children absolutely loved your program. The teachers all had a wonderful time and thought the program was outstanding. Joe had a wonderful way of relating to all age groups,” **PTA & Office Administration – Branchville School, Ridgefield, CT**

“My daughter goes to Lordship School in Stratford, CT. and she came home talking about Huga Tuga, she was so excited! She’s in Kindergarten and she asked if the blue sea monster could come live with us with his stories? How could I say no to a kid who is fired up about reading. Keep up the good work and keep me informed about the new books coming out,” **Carolyn Leon, Parent, Stratford, CT**

“Joe, your program was something very special. We are so accustomed to author programs that are not age appropriate or authors who just visit to sell books. It was so refreshing to experience a program that not only showed children the world of an author but also how important reading is. The program directly related to each age group and was animated, fun and definitely an experience the children will remember for years to come. This is what enrichment programs should be all about.” **Teaching Staff, Daisy Ingraham School, Westbrook, CT**