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Principal: Shawn Parris Assistant Principal: Natalie Boone

Dear Parents,

We are honored to have J.E. Thompson, author of the *The Girl from Felony Bay*, returning to Bethel Middle School this year to speak to our students! On Friday, February 27th, 2015, Mr. Thompson will be here to discuss his most recent book, *Disappearance at Hangman’s Bluff*.

Many of our students had the opportunity to meet Mr. Thompson last year when he came to speak with students about his novel, *The Girl from Felony Bay*. When he visited last year, our students asked excellent questions that even surprised our guest, and there were several questions that he would only answer in a very indirect way so as not to give away any surprises in his upcoming book. One year later, his “upcoming” book is now available, and Mr. Thompson is more than willing to come back and chat with our awesome BMS students!

Each student who reads *Disappearance at Hangman’s Bluff*, will be eligible to meet with Mr. Thompson and a group of their peers in a relaxed coffee house atmosphere to talk about the book. Students who purchase a copy of the book will also have the chance to have the author sign their personal copy of the novel. Therefore, we want as many students as possible to purchase and read the book so they will be able to attend this meeting with the author. Students will not only have their book signed, but they will also have the opportunity to ask questions and talk to J.E. Thompson personally about his life as a writer.

Students who choose to read *Disappearance at Hangman’s Bluff* will be allowed to count the book toward their SRC goal for the 9 week grading period. The book can be purchased online and at local book stores; however, if you would like BMS to order a copy of the book for your child, please fill out the bottom portion of this letter and return it, with the money for the book, to your child’s language arts teacher, and we will order for those students through the school. If you would like to write a check, please make the check to Bethel Middle School. Books can be ordered through the school from now through December 18th, 2014. This will ensure that your student receives his/her book and has plenty of time to read it before the visit in February.

We look forward to Mr. Thompson’s visit and ask that you encourage your child to read this thrilling and fast-paced mystery.

Thank you!

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Please order a copy of *Disappearance at Hangman’s Bluff* for \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. I am enclosing the $16.25 to purchase the novel. (Student Name)

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 (Parent Signature)

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