

TIPS ON MAKING THE MOST OUT OF YOUR VISIT:

Once your school visit date has been set, your day will be customized to fit your needs. A half day program includes 2 presentations and a full day program includes up to 4 presentations. The duration and content of each presentation will depend on the grades represented at each assembly.

Before the Visit:

- **Celebrate the visit.** In the weeks leading up to the visit, read Tanja's books, download coloring pages and activities from her web site (www.tanjabauerle.com), make posters and draw pictures to get everyone excited about the visit. When the kids are involved their excitement grows and they will gain more from the visit.
- **Read the books again!** Allow the students to become familiar with Tanja's books and compile questions for Tanja.
- **Hold an introduction contest.** Have students research the author and write an introduction. Then have the principal pick a winning entry. The student with the winning entry will meet Tanja in person and then introduce her to the assembly.

The Day of the Visit:

- **Take advantage of ordering books.** Tanja will be happy to personalize each book purchased! You might even want to consider a meet and greet session for the students. When kids get the opportunity to personally meet the creators of books, they form a special connection with the author/illustrator. They are excited and inspired to read and write and draw.
- **Use the opportunity.** Consider the visit as an opportunity that supports classroom instruction. Tanja talks about the creation process, which includes rough drafts, revisions and research. These elements echo what the students learn in their classroom. Make sure that you attend the program so that you can reinforce the message and hold discussions with the students after the visit.
- **Be prepared.** On the day of the visit make sure that all equipment is set-up and working before Tanja arrives. All she needs is an LCD projector that she can connect her laptop to, a screen for the visual part of her presentation, a table to display books and artwork, and possibly a microphone if the presentation will be held in a large hall.

Most important of all:

Enjoy the day and have fun!

Contact Tanja if you have any questions about preparing for the program at tanja@bauerle.com

