

BRMS Round Table

The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp

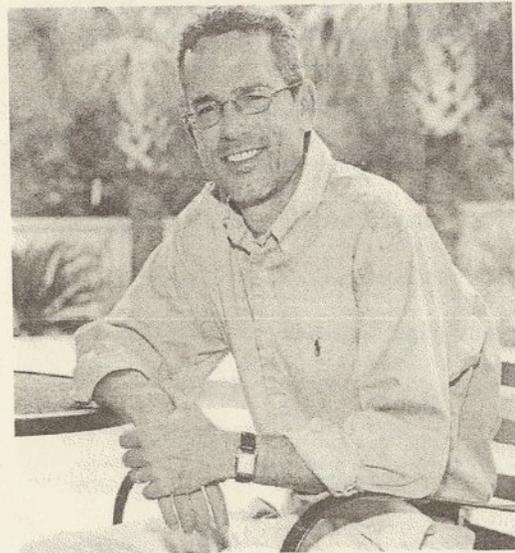
Randall J. Petrilla, Principal
Jane Beach
Chris Brown
Kathleen Brown
Heidi Enneking
Amy Gannon
Lannette Gillen
Paula Gray
Katie Kimbrell
Deb Kinney
Anthony Losada
Geoff Marris
Pat Mikula
Diann Minero
Sonja Perkins
Cheryl Scholl
Erica Timmerman
Tami Zonies



Braden River Middle School

Presents

Rick Yancey



Thursday,
October 11, 2007
7:00 pm

Braden River High School Auditorium

SPONSORS

Little Bookworms
Heidi Allwood and Holly Baracchini, Owners

Braden River Middle School, 2007 Read-a-thon

SUPPORTERS

Deputy Steve Ogline, BRMS School Resource Officer
Deputy Dave Johnson astride Miss Helen as *Mogart*
Major Kevin Webb astride Cody as *Samson*

The Glass Slipper, Sarasota *Costumes*

George D. Hernandez, Sr., Sarasota *Sword*

Todd Alan Kerber, Sarasota *Suzuki Hayabusa*

Keith Johnson, M.D., Venice *Ferrari*

SPECIAL THANKS

Julie Duryea
Betsy Gough
Karin Guida
Matt Miller
National Junior Honor Society
Braden River High School
Sandy Yancey

Program

Call to Assemble	Trumpeters
Welcome	Randall J. Petrilla, Principal
Our Adventure	
One Book, One School	Tami Zonies
Presentation of Shields	Amy Gannon
<i>King's Fiddlers</i> By Keith Sparks	8 th Grade Orchestra
Introduction	Paula Gray, Media Specialist
Guest Speaker	Rick Yancey

Book Signing Immediately Following Program
Books made available by Little Bookworms

'KNIGHTS' BRING BOOK TO LIFE AT BRADEN RIVER MIDDLE SCHOOL



Braden River Middle students seek autographs Wednesday from Mogart the knight, aka sheriff's Deputy Dave Johnson. Mogart is a character from "The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp." **More photos at Bradenton.com.**

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Medieval enchanters

By **RICHARD DYMOND**

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EAST MANATEE

Hundreds of Braden River Middle School students looked up surprised before school Wednesday as trumpets sounded above them.

Eight members from the school's eighth-grade band were on the second floor, above the courtyard, trumpeting

the arrival of — well — what?

Suddenly, a knight on a horse clippety-clopped right into the courtyard as the students stood stunned.

When the medieval-garbed knight was within earshot he said, in an evil-sounding voice, "I am Mogart."

Within seconds, hundreds of children reached into their modern-day armor, their backpacks, to pull out copies of the book from whence the evil knight Mogart appears — "The

Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp," by Rick Yancey.

"It was an extraordinary moment," said Manatee County Sheriff's Deputy Dave Johnson, who played Mogart.

The appearance of Johnson, and sheriff's Deputy Kevin Webb, who played a good knight named Bernard Samson, was part of a schoolwide reading initiative known as "One

KNIGHTS TO 8A



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Bradenton, FL – October 4, 2007

WHO ARE THOSE MASKED MEN? FIREFIGHTERS TO VISIT TILLMAN ELEMENTARY

Firefighters from the North River Fire District will visit Tillman Elementary to talk about fire safety on Friday, October 12, 2007 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The firemen will don their firefighting suits for students in lower grades so the children will know a person is inside and they won't be afraid of that person in case of an emergency. A fire truck and other firefighting equipment are also scheduled to be on hand for students to observe. Tillman is located at 1415 29th St. E., in Palmetto. **For more information, contact Nancy Porter at 723-4530, ext. 2257.**

COME FOR THE FOOD, STAY FOR THE MATH AT BAYSHORE'S FAMILY MATH NIGHT

Food and math will be the big draws when Bayshore High School holds its first-ever "Family Math Night" on Thursday, October 18th, 2007 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Parents and students are invited to attend the free event in which informational, hands-on sessions will be used to pump up enthusiasm for mathematics. Fun and informative math sessions include "Star Wars Mathematics," "Beach Ball Mathematics," the "Hard Rock Café of Mathematics" and more. Bayshore is located at 5401 34th St. W., in Bradenton. **For more information, contact Joanne Whitley at 751-7004.**

THEY READ HIS BOOK, NOW IT'S TIME TO MEET AUTHOR RICK YANCEY

Popular author Rick Yancey will host an author's forum at Braden River Middle School from 12:30 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, October 11. Students and staff at Braden River Middle recently read Yancey's book, *The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp*, as part of the "One Book, One School" initiative. Later that evening, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Yancey will speak to students, teachers and the public and hold a book signing in the auditorium at Braden River High School. **For more information, contact Braden River Middle Media Specialist Paula Gray at 750-7080, ext. 2031.**

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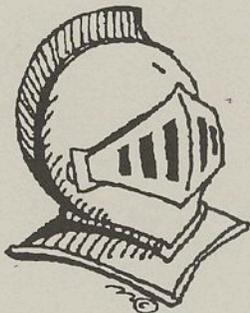
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An Author's Forum with Rick Yancey*

*Author of The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp
The featured book of One Book, One School*

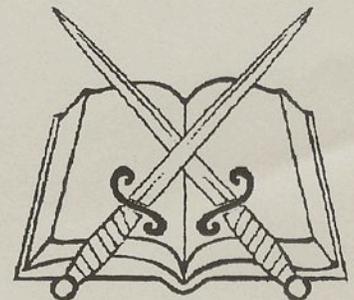
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Thursday, October 11, 2007
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Braden River High School Auditorium
6545 State Road 70 East
Bradenton, Florida 34203*

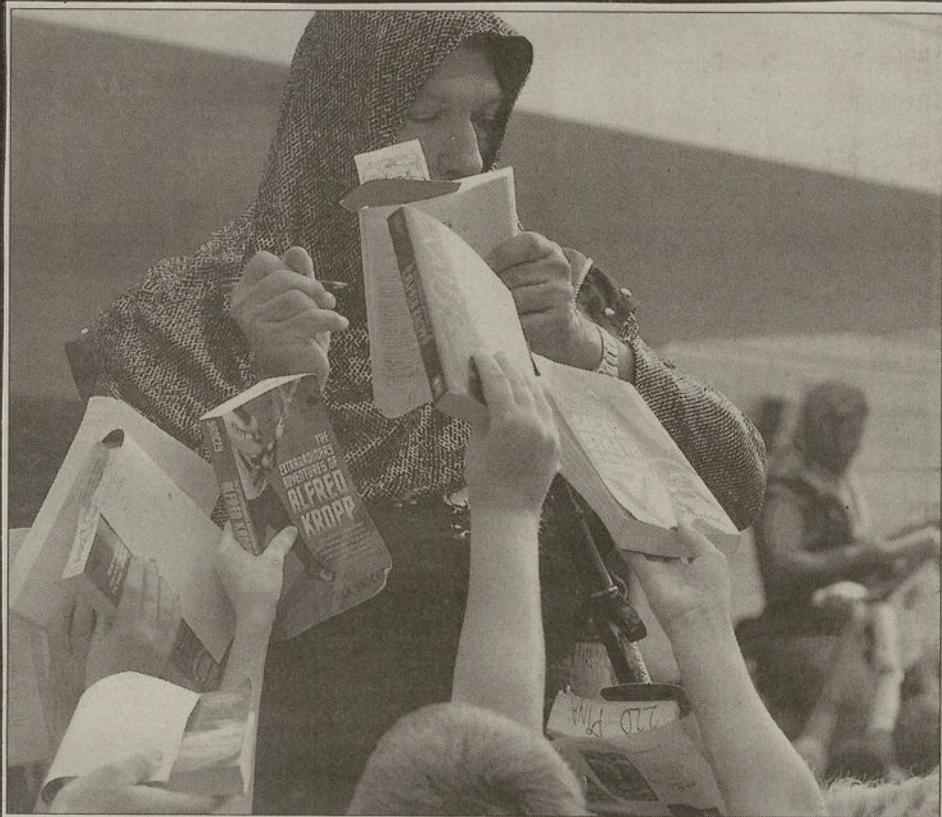
A book-signing will follow the author's presentation

*Copies of Alfred Kropp: The Seal of Solomon (\$16.99), the next
volume in the Alfred Kropp series and The Highly Effective
Detective (\$23.95), Yancey's mystery series for adults, will be
available for purchase from Little Bookworms Children's Bookstore.
Cash, check, and credit cards are accepted.*



*Little Bookworms will donate
20% of all book sales back to
Braden River Middle School.*





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Deputy Kevin Webb, playing the character Bernard Samson from "The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp," signs autographs for Braden River Middle students.

KNIGHTS FROM 1A

Book, One School," said Paula Gray, Braden River Middle media specialist.

Every student and staff member at Braden River Middle has received a copy of the teen-oriented book and is being asked to read it between Aug. 31 and Oct. 11, Gray said.

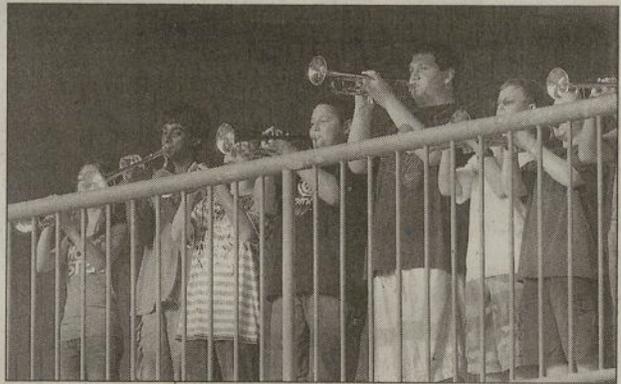
On Oct. 11, Yancey will visit the school to discuss the novel with the students and staff.

The novel tells the story of Alfred Kropp, a modern-day teen who makes a poor decision and helps people steal what turns out to be Excalibur, the sword of King Arthur.

But Alfred takes responsibility for his actions and tries to correct things, Gray said.

The book mixes modern with medieval — car chases and knights on horseback, Gray said.

"I like the book," said school resource officer Steve Oglie, who also read it and volunteered to get some of his colleagues to play knights. "It's perfect for middle school kids. It keeps you



Trumpets herald the arrival Wednesday of the knights.

interested."

Johnson rode his 11-year-old Belgian mare, Miss Helen, and Webb rode his 21-year-old Leopard Appaloosa, Cody.

They had a short mock sword fight and, as hundreds of students crowded in for autographs from the knights, signed book after book.

"I saw a huge mob of kids," Johnson said of the moment he entered the courtyard. "To hear the trumpets heralding my arrival and to see their faces and their enthusiasm was infectious. Then, the way they wanted their books signed was great. The

whole thing was fantastic."

Cameron French, 13, pushed his way to Webb to get his copy autographed by the good knight he had been reading about, Bernard Samson.

"He signed it, 'To Cameron, study hard, Bernard Samson,'" Cameron said, proudly.

If the idea of the program was to make reading contagious, it seemed to work.

"What's the chance of getting a copy of the book?" Johnson asked Oglie after his performance as Mogart.



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TWO KNIGHTS ON STEEDS TO GREET STUDENTS WHO READ

Two knights on horseback will greet students in the courtyard at Braden River Middle School on Wednesday, September 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. as part of a school-wide reading initiative known as “One Book, One School.” The knights, who are actually Manatee County Sheriff’s Deputies in real life, will portray characters from the book *The Extraordinary Adventures of Alfred Kropp*, by Rick Yancey. Every student and staff member at Braden River Middle has received a copy of the book and is being asked to read it between August 31 and October 11. On October 11, Rick Yancey will visit the school to discuss the novel with the students and staff. **For more information, contact Media Specialist Paula Gray at 751-7080, ext. 2031.**

BALLARD STUDENTS SET TO PAY TRIBUTE TO HEROES ON SEPTEMBER 11TH

All the students at Ballard Elementary Global Studies Magnet School will participate in the “Tribute to Heroes” ceremony to be held at Rossi Park in Bradenton on Tuesday, September 11, 2007. The Ballard students are scheduled to sing the National Anthem at the tribute, which begins at 9:30 a.m. This is the third time Ballard students have attended the “Tribute to Heroes” ceremony. Ballard Principal Nanette Rankin said participating in the tribute fits in with Ballard’s emphasis on citizenship, participating in civic activities and being part of a community family. **For more information, contact Ballard at 708-8400.**

GRANDPARENTS FLOCKING TO SCHOOL TO SHARE LUNCH WITH GRANDCHILDREN

More than 70 grandparents are expected to join their grandchildren for lunch when Braden River Elementary holds its 3rd Annual Grandparents Day Celebration between 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Monday, September 10. Every student in kindergarten through fifth grade can invite their grandparents to join them during their lunch period so their grandparents can see where they eat, study and play. **For more information, contact Kathy Keebler at 751-7012, ext. 200.**

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SOUTHEAST SEMINOLES INVITE PARENTS TO BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT

The faculty and staff at Southeast High invite parents to visit the campus during Back-to-School night on Thursday, September 20, at 7 p.m. During the evening, parents will have the opportunity to meet their child's teachers, learn about their courses and experience a shortened school-day schedule. **For more information, contact Assistant Principal Donna Timmons at 741-3366, ext. 2220.**

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