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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Olympic Gold Medalist & Author Visits Garden City Public Schools

With the Summer Olympics in “Rio” fresh on their minds, students from Hemlock, Homestead, and Locust learned that the special author they were scheduled to hear on October 5th was none other than Olympic Gold Medalist, Kristi Yamaguchi. Ms. Yamaguchi, who won the gold in figure skating in 1992 (an amazing feat in and of itself), has been writing children’s books with a character education message for beginning and young readers. Her first two books were part of a series featuring “Poppy” the pig: “Dream Big, Little Pig” (2011) and “It’s a Big World, Little Pig” (2012). Launching her new book, “Cara’s Kindness,” Ms. Yamaguchi read her story to the kindergarten and first graders of Hemlock and Locust at Hemlock, and to the kindergarten and first graders at Homestead before appearing at the local Barnes & Noble for a reading and book signing.

Garden City’s youngest students listened attentively to hear about the adventures of the ice-skating (of course!) “Cara” the cat and her kind and sharing way of making (and keeping) friends. After the reading, the students had the opportunity to ask questions of the Olympian-turned-author: “How old were you when you started skating? (6 yrs. old); Why do you like skating so much? (The speed, athleticism, and feeling of freedom); How old were you when you won the gold medal? (20 yrs. old); What inspired you to become a writer? (My children – Ms. Yamaguchi has two daughters, 10 & 13 yrs. old); Why is Cara a cat? (Children love animals and the illustrations by John Lee are beautiful).

Thank you, Ms. Yamaguchi, for sharing your new book with Garden City’s aspiring authors and illustrators!



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Olympic Gold Medalist Kristi Yamaguchi read her new book, "Cara's Kindness," to kindergarten and first graders from Hemlock, Homestead and Locust Primary Schools.



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After reading her new book, “Cara’s Kindness,” at Hemlock, Ms. Yamaguchi answered questions posed by kindergartners and first graders from Hemlock and Locust.



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At Homestead, Ms. Yamaguchi posed with the first graders and their teachers after her reading of “Cara’s Kindness.”



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A birthday girl at Homestead had the opportunity to speak, one-on-one, with Ms. Yamaguchi.