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Local author to share story about “Elephant in the Yard” with DPES students

Deer Park Elementary School kindergarten students will welcome local author Hannah Goebel to their classrooms on Friday, Jan. 3.

Goebel recently published a children’s book titled “There’s an Elephant in the Yard” – based on a true story that was experienced by Owensboro resident Doug Wetzel, who passed away in July 2019. When he was a child growing up in Ohio, he went outside to play and reported that there really was an elephant in his yard! In fact, an elephant had escaped from a circus that was traveling through town.

Goebel first heard the story when she accompanied her college roommate Langley Wetzel, daughter of Doug Wetzel, as Langley visited members of her father’s family in Ohio, and knew it would make a great story for children. In addition to writing the story, Goebel also created the illustrations.

That book, featuring a little boy named Dougie, is now available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Goebel’s summary of the story is as follows: “Based on a true story, ‘There’s an Elephant in the Yard’ chronicles the journey of two unlikely friends. This inspiring book shows the necessity of embracing diversity while following rules to help a stranger in need. Join Dougie, Heppie and all their friends on their adventure.”

“Our Deer Park kindergarten students have just finished writing their first story so the timing is perfect,” said teacher Julia Boling. “We are looking forward to hearing Hannah read her book and talk to the children about becoming an author.”

Notes for Media – Our media partners are invited to join Hannah Goebel at Deer Park Elementary School on Friday, Jan. 3. DPES is located at 4959 New Hartford Road. Her schedule includes visiting kindergarten classrooms from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. and from 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

Learn more at <https://hannah-writes.org/>

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