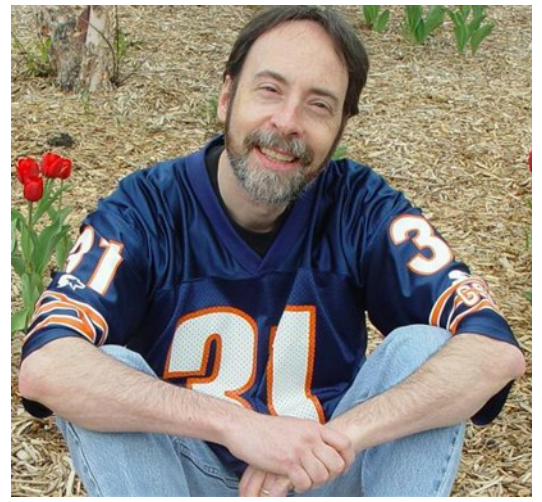


Hillside Elementary School
welcomes

Dan Gutman



We are delighted to announce that best-selling children's author **Dan Gutman** will visit Hillside Elementary School on **Friday, February 3** to discuss his books and the writing process, including his newest book, *The Genius Files #2: Never Say Genius*.

In Dan's new book, today is Coke and Pepsi McDonald's thirteenth birthday. Someone's out to make sure they never make it to thirteen and a half. Racing across America, the twins will nearly be boiled alive in a huge basket of french fries, frozen to death by soft-serve ice cream, stampeded in a wild stadium riot, kidnapped from a high-speed roller coaster, and, worst of all, their parents think they're totally joking! Will they survive? Will they defeat Archie Clone? Will they be dropped out of a helicopter onto the tip of the Washington Monument? Will they ever say "genius"?

When he was a kid, Dan Gutman didn't like to read. But then he grew up, and now he writes cool books like the *Baseball Card Adventures*, the *Genius Files*, the various *My Weird School* series, and many others. Dan lives in Haddonfield, New Jersey with his wife Nina and their children Sam and Emma.

An author visit is a wonderful opportunity for young readers to meet the creators of the books they read. Consider extending this learning experience through the purchase of autographed books. A portion of the proceeds will benefit Hillside Elementary. **The order deadline is Tuesday, January 17.**

Dan Gutman's visit has been made possible through the courtesy of Books, Bytes & Beyond, the independent children's bookstore located in Glen Rock that provides the books for our book fair.