



To: Principal/ Librarian/ director of Curriculum

From: Maurice Lamont- Author/Poet/ Playwriter/ Veteran

Re: Author Reading and Hopper Squirrel Mascot Visit

Greetings Educators!!

Just in time for the school year and ready to do intellectual battle with today's intolerant social climate comes- Hopper Squirrel and The

Learning Life Lessons with Hopper Squirrel Children's Empowerment Chapter Book Series. This personally inspired collection was once a bunch of jotted down thoughts and ideas to my son, that I have now masterfully woven into five stories written in prose style and delivered by chapter and rhythmically to young and old readers and listeners alike. The series covers: topics of love and respect, the importance of schooling and education, family values and friendships, observing nature and the natural order, fire safety, planet conservation and all types of common-sense ideas and quotes.

My education and training are in Human Resources and bookkeeping. Yet, I have worked in various industries and school districts throughout Cape May County as a substitute schoolteacher, an in-school suspension proctor, and an athletic coach for various sports and age groups. I believe that I have some valuable insight on how the youth mind works and many of the issues they face in today's times. Having also served honorably in our country's military-USMC and lived in various states; as well as in Japan for two years, I just "get it"- understand life from many perspectives and cultures. I feel that your students as well as your community will benefit from some of these stories and life lessons. These tales transcend age, gender, race, and includes all as equals. As the subtitles of the books suggests, these stories are about making oneself better people and better world citizens.

The cost of our visit is **\$275 for a half-day or \$500 for the entire day and for as many classes as you can muster. The visit will include an Author reading, a visit from Hopper Squirrel the Mascot and a Signed Copy of Book title or story you have chosen (listed below). A signed copy of the story will be presented to your librarian** to add to your school's collection. I will be offering this opportunity to other elementary schools in your district and would be willing to work out a date that is beneficial to all.

These stories have been recited in many locations and schools to include: Middle Township #2 CMCH, NJ; Glenwood Elem. Wildwood N.J; Cecil Elementary Baltimore, MD; Massanutten Library in Harrisonburg, VA; in elementary schools in Atlantic City and Camden; Cape May County library and at 2 local Daycare Centers. Please feel free to reach out and verify with librarians and teachers alike. Here is the link to preview the audio book <https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B02pj3hVwcBRVmQ5ZjFiQThDOXM/view?usp=sharing>

If this is something you believe will improve the well-being of your students and increase morale throughout your district, please don't hesitate to schedule ASAP. Dates be discussed and times will be agreed to by both parties all parties. I have my Covid Vaccinations and will provide proof upon your request. If you have any questions or need further assistance, references, or other concerns, reach out by email (listed above) or call me directly at **609.531.5116**.

<p>Love, Warmth & Happiness Book #1</p> <p>Hopper awakens at the end of summertime wanting it to last longer but he is informed by Sammy the Sunshine that it's time for him to get back the business at hand...School. Hopper is then informed that he has some things in his home that perhaps he has never seen before.</p> <p>Obj: find love within and share it with the world</p>	<p>Just Be You Book # 2</p> <p>Hopper Squirrel and Sammy Sunshine are finishing their morning chat, when suddenly, Hopper sees his own reflection and doesn't like the person he sees. Hopper is then schooled that he can only be himself and that pretending will be a waste of time.</p> <p>Obj: learn to love the person in the mirror</p>	<p>It's Up to Us Book # 3</p> <p>Finally ready to go out the door and get his day started, Hopper heads outside and sees his friend Tonto Robins wants to wear a mask and informs him to be himself. The boys are confronted by a gang and is rescued by someone who they never expected.</p> <p>Obj: Caring for friends' strangers; anti-bullying</p>	<p>It's Only a Stamp Book # 4</p> <p>Exercise and a good night sleep are very important, but Hopper has a longer than usual night when a friends mom gets burned and during a house fire. Hopper teaches fire safety, the importance of family and he even learns to pray to the "creator" (Spiritual)</p> <p>Obj: Family and prayer over riches and "things"</p>
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