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AUTHOR LAURENCE PRINGLE TO VISIT SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL; SPECIAL PROGRAM MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH FOUNDATION GRANT

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT, PA – Children’s book author Laurence Pringle will visit the South Williamsport Area School District on Tuesday, March 27, 2007. Pringle, who has been named “one of America’s top nonfiction writers for young readers” by the Chicago Tribune, will present a series of talks to students in kindergarten through sixth grade at Rommelt Elementary School, South Williamsport. The program has been organized by elementary librarian Manny Tsikitas, and has been funded through a grant from the South Williamsport Area School District Foundation, a component of the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation.

Pringle has written over one hundred published children’s books related to science and nature. His book titles include Dog of Discovery: A Newfoundland’s Adventures With Lewis and Clark (2004), Nature! Wild and Wonderful (1997), and An Extraordinary Life: The Story of a Monarch Butterfly (1997). He won a lifetime achievement award from the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2005, and the National Council of Teachers of English recognized him with its Orbis Pictus Award for Outstanding Nonfiction for Children in 1998. He holds degrees in wildlife conservation from Cornell University and the University of Massachusetts. Pringle has traveled throughout the country to share his books with children. More information on Pringle may be found on his website, www.laurencepringle.com.

Pringle’s assembly schedule at Rommelt Elementary will be:

- 9:00-9:45 a.m. - Kindergarten through 2nd grade
- 1:00-1:45 p.m. – 5th and 6th grades
- 2:00-2:45 p.m. – 3rd and 4th grades

About the Foundation

The South Williamsport Area School District Foundation, formed in 2001, is a component fund of the Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation. The South Williamsport Area School District Foundation has a community-based committee that works to build endowed funds that benefit the district's students.

The Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation is one of the oldest community foundations in the country. The Foundation has been making grants to community organizations since 1932, and has distributed over \$42 million in charitable funding to the region. The Williamsport-Lycoming Community Foundation is also the founding affiliate of the First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania. The First Community Foundation of Pennsylvania maximizes the power of people and their donated assets to build vibrant communities within Central and Northcentral Pennsylvania now and in the future. The Foundation focuses on sincerity and integrity in all of its relationships - including those with donors, estate and financial planning professionals, financial partners, current and potential grant recipients, government and business leaders, and the many individuals and families living in its service area.

For more information on the programs and services offered by the Foundation, or to learn more about ways to make a difference in the community, contact the Foundation office at (570) 321-1500, or visit the Foundation's website at www.fcfpa.org.

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