

On February 1, the ALT students will meet **Meghan McCarthy**, author and illustrator many wonderful fiction and nonfiction books for young readers. Meghan's books have been honored as IRA-CBC Children's Choice, ALA Notable, Kirkus Reviews Reviewer's Choice, Booklist Best Books, NYPL 100 Best Books, and School Library Journal Best Books. Ms. McCarthy is a graduate of The Rhode Island School of Design. All books are in hardcover format except where noted.

Should you wish to purchase an autographed book, please complete the information below. Please make your check payable to ALT PTO. Deadline for orders is January 22.

All That Trash! BRAND NEW RELEASE! ----- **\$18.00** _____

A garbage barge that can't find a place to welcome it sparks a recycling movement in the United States.
****For pre-order*** Book released at end of February. The author will sign bookplates and the book will be delivered as soon as released!

POP! The Invention of Bubble Gum ----- **\$19.00** _____

Gum. It's been around for centuries, from the ancient Greeks to the American Indians, everyone's chewed it. But the best kind of gum-bubble gum wasn't invented until 1928.

Earmuffs for Everyone! ----- **\$18.00** _____

When your ears are cold, you can wear earmuffs, but that wasn't true for Chester Greenwood back in 1873. Earmuffs didn't exist yet! But during yet another long and cold Maine winter, Chester decided to do something about his freezing ears, and he designed the first pair of ear protectors (a.k.a. earmuffs) out of wire, beaver fur, and cloth. He received a patent for his design by the time he was nineteen, and within a decade the Chester Greenwood & Company factory was producing and shipping "Champion Ear Protectors" worldwide! And more inventions came!

Daredevil: The Daring Life of Betty Kelton ----- **\$18.00** _____

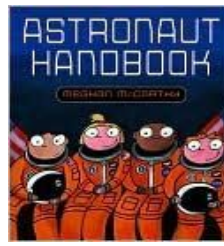
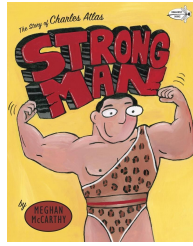
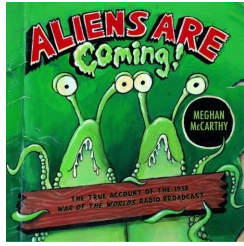
When Betty Skelton was young there weren't many women flying airplanes or racing cars, but she wouldn't let that stop her. She was always ready to take on a challenge, and she loved to have fun. Betty rode motorcycles, raced cars, jumped out of planes, and flew jets, helicopters, gliders, and blimps. And by the time she was an adult, Betty was known in the press as the "First Lady of Firsts!"

City Hawk ----- **\$19.00** _____

McCarthy concisely chronicles the true, reportedly unprecedented occurrence of two red-tailed hawks' construction of a nest in the cornice of a swanky apartment building on Manhattan's Upper East Side.

Seabiscuit ----- **\$17.00** _____

One of the most famous stories in horse racing history told through stylized cartoon illustrations that convey the excitement of the track. The easy-to-read text delivers facts about Seabiscuit's "family"—his owner, trainer, and jockey—and about the big race.



Astronaut Handbook (Paperback) ----- \$ 8.00 _____
PTO GIFTING TO K and 1st

Do you have what it takes to be an astronaut? Meghan McCarthy blasts readers off to astronaut school in her nonfiction picture book for younger readers. Take a ride and and learn how it feels to be weightless.

Strong Man: The Story of Charles Atlas (paperback) ----- \$ 8.00 _____
PTO GIFTING TO 2nd and 3rd

Meghan McCarthy brings to life the story of Charles Atlas, the man who would become "the World's Most Perfectly Developed Man" and, with his fitness campaign, inspired the entire nation to get in shape, eat right, and take charge of our lives.

Aliens Are Coming! (paperback) ----- \$ 8.00 _____
PTO GIFTING to 4th and 5th

Meghan McCarthy's hilarious *Aliens Are Coming!* tells the true story of the Halloween radio prank that duped much of the country into believing that Martians had invaded. The book uses excerpts from the actual *War of the Worlds* radio broadcast and includes information about the importance of radios in the 1930s (before the time of televisions and computers) as well as facts about Orson Welles and H. G. Wells, author of the novel on which the broadcast was based.

Student Name: _____ **(please print clearly)** **Class/Grade:** _____