

## *Impressions from Visits*



*Patrice and Lauren at Easton Area Middle School, May 2010*

"Patrice Domozych touched the hearts of our entire building with her personal story of hope. She was able to make a connection with one of our own students who has been battling brain cancer and bring his story to the forefront as well. The experience was one of compassion and growth for the entire student body!" - **Dan Hunter; Principal Paul J. Bellew, West Islip**

"It is never more important than now to teach our students good character. Hope is Here to Stay was a moving presentation held at Idle Hour Elementary School. It taught the students empathy and kindness for each other. Patrice Domozych was able to relate to the children and bring their understanding of others to a whole new level. In addition to reading, writing and arithmetic, Hope is Here to Stay, instilled Respect, the most important R. I recommend this program without reservation and with much hope that we can all change the world and make it a better place." - **Denise Toscano, Principal of Idle Hour Elementary School**

"Harbor Country Day was grateful to have Patrice Domozych come spend a few hours with us to celebrate her story and beautiful writing. Children were captivated throughout. Patrice is a natural when it comes to writing, children and presenting. Of course, her passion for the cause is clear; however, the focus on strong, effective writing is palpable. We were blessed to have her. I even offered her a job at the end of the day!" - **Christopher C. Pryor, Head of School, Harbor Country Day School**

"I loved the reactions of all the children and the teachers. They told me later that they were very moved by the presentation. Many of the children wanted to write a book about something in their lives after the assembly. My son is a brain tumor survivor and it was the first time he got up after the program to speak about his journey with his classmates. That day was the beginning of his survivorship in my eyes." - **Ann Feminella, mother**

"Mrs. D.'s presentation was delivered with enthusiasm and heart. Our students realized that they too, could play a part in helping others." - **Rhonda Pratt, Principal**

"Patrice Domozych's presentation, Hope Is Here To Stay, was inspirational and age appropriate. She guided the children to recognize that they can make a difference. She helped them

understand how their actions can have a positive effect on others.” - **Karen Gliedman, 3rd grade teacher**

“At the Hope is Here to Stay presentation, author Patrice Domozych shared the dream of Lauren Loose and her parents to create Lauren’s First and Goal Foundation. This is a football camp in Easton that exists to raise funds for research to cure childhood cancer and aid families battling cancer. Our students were inspired by Lauren's courageous battle against cancer in her own life, and by her family's interest in helping children like Lauren through a football camp. Author Patrice Domozych has paired up with a number of artists who each contributed artwork for this special book, the proceeds of which go towards the Foundation. Mrs. Domozych's story is Lauren's story. It was an inspiration to us all to go out and serve in whatever way we are gifted.” - **Claire Fopeano, School Librarian**

“My students are still talking about their visit with you! You have such a gift of speaking with young people! Your comfortability and enthusiasm held their attention and honestly did give each of them hope in a different way.” - **Janie Gillen, second grade teacher**

“Mrs. Domozych's Hope is Here to Stay presentation is uplifting, inspiring, and appropriate for all ages. The 21st Century Elementary Scholars from Central Boulevard Elementary School in Bethpage, New York recently enjoyed a book visit. Several students were planning what they could do to help the cause before the presentation had even ended. Students, Faculty, Staff, and community members will truly be inspired by the Hope is Here to Stay presentation while supporting such a wonderful cause!” - **Erin Austin, third grade teacher**

"Patrice Domozych captures the beauty of Lauren Loose and her courageous battle with cancer. This book is an inspiration to all who have the pleasure of reading it." - **TJ Warren, Grade 6 Principal**

"The Hope Is Here to Stay presentation to our 7th grade students was wonderful! They received great information about the writing process and what it takes to publish a book. They also gained great insight and understanding about Lauren. It was amazing to watch them suddenly understand Lauren, especially for those that had known her for years." - **Jillian Broadhead, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Learning Support Teacher**

“Mrs. Domozych’s love for her craft and children was very evident as she demonstrated how the steps of the writing process are accessible to them and presented the steps at a level the children could understand. Lauren’s story truly encouraged the children to recognize that people and places close to their hearts can serve as an inspiration for writing.” - **Plaza School – second grade teachers**