

### Field Family Teen Author Series

Benjamin Franklin Elementary proudly participates in The Field Family Teen Author Series. This program promotes a lifetime love of reading by creating a personal connection between author and student. In addition, students get to know their local Free Library branch, an essential public resource for academic enrichment, recreational reading materials, cultural opportunities, and internet

This program is a prestigious, invitation-only opportunity for Franklin scholars to participate in expeditionary style learning. Franklin scholars are exposed to and gifted high interest novels that tackle real world issues. Scholars, also, travel to local libraries around Philadelphia for book signings and intimate discussions with the author about topics and themes discussed in the novels.

In 2018-19, Franklin Elementary has had the opportunity to meet authors Jewell Parker Rhodes, writer of 'Ghost Boys'; Zetta Elliott, writer of 'Ship of Souls'; and Jarrett Krosoczka, writer of 'Hey Kiddo.'" Each of these novels address real word racial and family scenarios in the urban community in a meaningful way. The Teen Author series has worked in conjunction with Benjamin Franklin Elementary to develop and keep a meaningful culture of academic and social enrichment in these young Franklin scholars.