

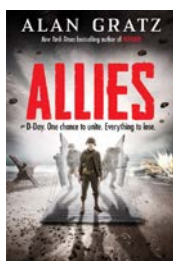
Redmond Middle School and Mann Elementary School **will host a visit from Alan Gratz!!**



Thanks to the generosity of *Third Place Books*, Horace Mann and Redmond Middle School are teaming up to welcome **award-winning** author **Alan Gratz** on **Tuesday, October 29th** for interested students.

We will be joined by 5th grade students from Mann for a special visit by author **Alan Gratz** from **9:15 a.m.- 10:00 a.m.** Students may stay after for their personalized/autographed copies of books. They will miss the end of 1st period and most of 2nd period. Following Alan's visit, students will return to their regular class schedules.

Alan Gratz is widely recognized for his 2017 novel *Refugee* which spent over a year on the New York Times bestseller list and received numerous awards including the Cybils Middle Grade Fiction Award and the National Jewish Book Award. During his presentation, Alan Gratz will promote his latest novel, *Allies*, which beautifully weaves the historical events of D-Day through the diverse points of view of everyday people demonstrating extraordinary acts of bravery to help end Nazi regime.



We are so thankful for Third Place Books and this rare opportunity for students to meet **Alan Gratz**, visiting from North Carolina.

Sign up using the Library PSL—look for the tab for Alan Gratz Visit. Sign-ups are open until Friday, October 11, 2019 to attend. This list will be available to teachers.

Books are available for purchase prior to the visit and can be autographed and personalized. Attached to this letter is a printed copy of the order form if you would like a personalized book. Completed pre-order forms **must** be returned to Ms. Metcalf by **Thursday, October 17, 2019.** Payment can be made with the order form or can be brought the day of Alan's visit.