**Visit Reflection:** “Many teachers commented on how thrilled their students were to learn from Ben Hatke and praised the energy and enthusiasm he conveyed for his craft. This was evidenced in several incidents. As Ben was demonstrating his craft, students were oohing and aahing aloud. During the question and answer time about half the students had their hands raised. After his presentation, students lined up to meet him. One of our fifth-grade boys, an aspiring graphic novelist who often spends his recess time drawing, was invited to join a select number of students to take a special art class with Ben Hatke. He couldn't pull his chair close enough to Ben as Ben was demonstrating and drawing. His ability to interact with a successful graphic novelist as a role model was extremely meaningful to him. Another student reported she learned that in graphic novels, drawings have to convey emotion through gesture. She has spent more time honing that since his visit. Another learned the importance of sitting, observing and drawing whatever is happening.”

- Julia Colvin, Library Teacher, Mast Landing School, Freeport, March 15, 2018