**Author:** Dan Gemeinhart  
**School:** Sanford Junior High School

**Visit Reflection:** “This was a great author visit. All the 8th grade learning communities were able to attend and had read (or heard) quite a bit of Dan Gemeinhart’s book Scar Island. His message was about pursuing your goals even through rejection, based on his experience in the publishing world. He also talked about being the hero in both your own life story and in the story of someone else. This message hit a chord and made students think about standing up for peers. Dan Gemeinhart did a good job relating to the students and keeping things moving.”

- Julie Williams, librarian Sanford Junior High School, October 1, 2018