

PATRICIA POLACCO VISITS WASHINGTON SCHOOL

One of children's favorite authors, Patricia Polacco, visited our school on Tuesday, September 9, 2008. She told stories about her life and her books. Her message was to be kind to each other and make sure no one is bullied. She also talked about her "Babushka" and Richie, her rotten redheaded older brother.



Ms. Polacco told the story of The Keeping Quilt, which has been in her family for many generations. She brought with her not only the original keeping quilt, but also a replica made by her daughter.

The highlight of the morning was her telling the story, Meteor, which was the first book she wrote. It is a story about her family and the day a real meteor landed on their farm. The meteor stayed at the farm until her grandmother died. It was then moved to her grandmother's grave site in Union City, Michigan, where it remains to this day. She shared with us that the meteor may have special powers to grant a wish. Everyone was invited to touch a small piece of the original meteor and make a wish. However, no wishes could be made for money, possessions, or to change people for your own purposes.

