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Author Paul Feig Visits Saklan Valley School

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During his recent book promotion tour, author Paul Feig visited with Saklan Valley School's 5th, 6th and 7th graders. His visit with the students was both informative and highly entertaining. The students were swept away into the real life of a Hollywood actor, writer, director, comedian and now, children's book author. Mr. Feig has published his first book in a new series entitled, "Ignatius MacFarland: Frequenaut!"

Saklan students were quickly drawn into Mr. Feig's childhood stories which were, in part, inspiration for the main character, Ignatius MacFarland. The story revolves around Ignatius, or Iggy, who after being teased one too many times, decides to build a rocket. Maybe extraterrestrials are nicer than his classmates? When his rocket takes an explosive wrong turn, Ignatius ends up in another frequency run by former English-teacher-turned-dictator, Chester Arthur. Mr. Arthur has taken the art, culture, and advancements of our world, shared them with this new frequency, and convinced the creatures around him that he's a genius. It's up to Iggy and Karen, another trapped frequenaut, to expose Mr. Arthur for the fraud that he is - and to hopefully make it home alive. Ignatius MacFarland: Frequenaut! is part comedy, part science fiction, and part fantasy, and as Mr. Feig told the Saklan students, "this debut novel makes being a geek, well,

kind of cool."

Mr. Feig read one of the opening chapters and discussed the steps involved in creating a storyline. He also shared details of the writing process and the discipline that every writer must have in his/her writing schedule to successfully publish a book. He graciously answered student questions and inspired all of the students to dream big. Mr. Feig directs the popular TV series, The Office and 30 Rock but is best known for creating the NBC television series Freaks and Geeks, a semi-autobiographical comedy-drama set in a Michigan high school in 1980-1981, and for playing Mr. Eugene Pool during the first season of the sitcom Sabrina, The Teenage Witch.

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