

Find out more about

VIRTUAL VISITS



Have Michigan
Children's Author
visit your school---
through the internet!

THE NEW TREND IN AUTHOR VISITS...

Having me visit your school through a Virtual Visit has it's pros and cons. Pros: It is much less expensive, especially for those schools out of Michigan. You will not need to pay travel and lodging fees (let alone the cost to feed me while I am visiting you out of state)! It is also less expensive. My cost to travel out of state is over \$1,000 for just the program fee. Cons:

It is much more fun to have me there in person but hosting a Virtual Visit is much better than no visit at all.

Read below to find out the ins and outs of the visit. Contact me at info@mariadismondy.com if you have any other questions!

Virtual Visit Fees:

\$250 for one session

\$350 for two sessions scheduled for the same day.

VIRTUAL VISITS

... made simple

How does it work?

Skype is a free, downloadable software you can install on your school computer. With Skype, we can hold a free videoconference over the Web. Unlike a long-distance phone call, Skype-to-Skype calls carry no toll charges.

If you schedule a Virtual Visit, we will test the set-up the day before the visit to make sure everything is working properly.

In the event that the connection does not work (the internet doesn't always come through for us) we will reschedule the visit within a few days.

Format:

My presentation will talk about how I got the idea to write my books. It will then go into teaching children about the ins and outs of bullying. We will make connections to my books and

children will walk away with skills to help them if they are faced with a bully situation.

Grades K-5

One 45 minute program.

Group Size:

If you can arrange to have the computer screen projected onto a large wall or screen with audio, a group up to 150 students will work. Teacher participation is a must in the crowd management during a Virtual Visit.

Otherwise, the Virtual Visit will be more effective for single grade levels or smaller groups so that everyone has the ability to see the screen.



Ready to schedule a visit? Email me at info@mariadismond.com

Payment:

\$250 for one session

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Payment is expected one week prior to the visit. To find out how to get books ordered, read below and you will get your personalized books to pass out the day of the Virtual Visit.

Handling Book Orders:

1. Pass out the book order form attached in this document 4 weeks prior to the visit.
2. I will email you a form to fill out with the name of the student the book will be autographed to and which books they ordered. This needs to

be emailed to me two weeks before the visit.

3. I will email you an invoice that includes the cost of the books, shipping and handling as well as the cost of the virtual visit within 24 hours after I receive your book orders. Put a check in the mail so that it gets to me a few days before the visit.

4. Your personalized student books will arrive to be passed out the day of your virtual visit.

PAYMENT:

Maria Dismond Inc.

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Wixom, MI 48393

GETTING YOUR STUDENTS READY FOR THE VIRTUAL VISIT!

1. Visit my website to learn more about me as an author at www.mariadismondy.com
2. Be sure students have heard one of my books.
3. To help students prepare, download a Reader's Guide found on my website. There are lesson plans that align with both Spaghetti in A Hot Dog Bun and The Juice Box Bully.
4. Encourage children to brainstorm a list of questions to ask me. Choose 5 student questions (total) from the entire group attending the presentation. Children will come up to the computer one by one to ask me questions. Monitor the questions so that they will provide valuable information other than how old I am!

Getting the technology ready for the Virtual Visit:

1. Download and set-up your FREE Skype account

2. Here's the link:

<http://www.skype.com/>

Click the DOWNLOAD icon that's meant for your computer system (mac or pc)

3. Install the software on your computer.

4. You will set up a skype name. Be sure to email me your name so I can call you for our practice session.

5. After the software is installed, check PREFERENCES (under the Skype pull-down menu) to be sure that your correct video input/output and audio input/output have

been selected. If you have an external webcam plugged into your USB port, you should select the *Unknown USB Audio Device* for audio input, and the *USB Video Device* for camera.

6. My skype name is:

maria.dismondy

7. Add me to your list of contacts by clicking on the Contacts menu and choosing Add a contact. Type in my skype name and hit enter!

8. We will be sure to practice to make sure everything is set up properly. You will want to set up your computer to an LCD projector at your school so that several children can see the program. Be sure to have



Have spaghetti in a hot dog bun for school lunch the day of the visit!

Student Name: _____

Teacher: _____

Book Sale

We are having children's book author, Maria Dismundy visit us on _____ Your child will meet Maria during a virtual visit where they will learn how an idea grows into a book and much more! You have the opportunity to purchase a few of her books. Order and return forms to your child's teacher and they will let you know when your book is available.

To find out more about Maria Dismundy and her books, visit www.mariadismundy.com

Order Forms due by: _____



Spaghetti In A Hot Dog Bun Quantity _____ at \$10.00 each
Pink Tiara Cookies for Three Quantity _____ at \$11.00 each
Total: _____

Make checks payable to _____.

Spaghetti In A Hot Dog Bun is available as an **ebook** for **\$1.99** at:
Apple's iBookstore, Amazon Kindle, Barnes & Noble NOOK, and the Sony Reader