



Lost Boy of Sudan

speaks to Heritage Middle School on April 18

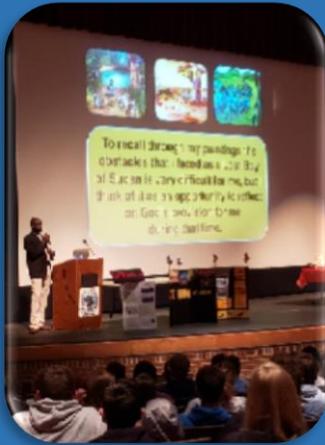


Emily Stout, the Media Specialist, worked on making the arrangements to bring Bol Aweng to Heritage Middle School.

Eight hundred amazing seventh and eighth graders from Hilliard Heritage Middle School walked over to Darby High School's auditorium to hear Bol Aweng share his incredible story of being a Lost Boy of Sudan during the Civil War in Sudan in the late 1980s. He traveled 1,500 miles on foot with 35,000 other Lost Boys looking for a safe place. He spent 14 years in refugee camps before finally being resettled in the United States. The students had read several books on refugees and the Lost Boys. Bol shared how, after returning to Sudan in 2007 and seeing the terrible conditions of his village, he began to raise funds to build a health clinic that he called the Buckeye Clinic.



Ms. Best, the 7th Grade Language Arts teacher, heard Bol speak at the Hilliard Library over the summer. She was instrumental in bringing Bol to Heritage to share his story with the students.

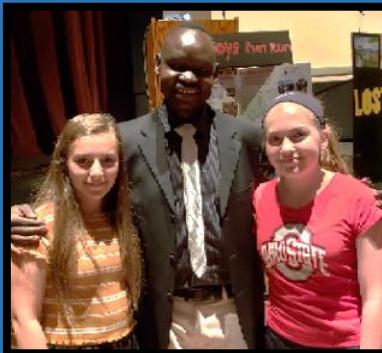


The Buckeye Clinic is hosting a Lost Boys' Fun Run on May 18. There are 150 children in Bol's village who will be joining in that run. A video of the Heritage students was taken at the end of Bol's presentation. It was sent to South Sudan as an encouragement to the students who will be participating in their first 'American 5K'.



A Family Affair
Mr. Daubenmier and his son greeted Bol. Mr. Daubenmier teaches at Heritage and his wife teachers at Hastings Middle School. She has had Bol speak at her school many times.

Bol was given a Heritage Middle School T-shirt. It will be a great way to remember his visit to such a wonderful group of students!



Mrs. Stephens, who joins Bol on his school visits, was delighted to see her former students, Keisi and Brooke.



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