



LICKING HEIGHTS LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT



On November 5, 2018 Bol Aweng, one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, spoke to over 300 fifth graders in the Licking Heights School District. The students will be reading *A Long Walk to Water*. They were surprised to find out that Bol had met Salva in a refugee camp in Kenya. Special thanks to Sandra Phillips, the assistant principal, for setting up this wonderful learning experience for her amazing staff and students!

For over a half an hour, the students sat on the floor listening to Bol share about the many challenges he faced as he fled his country during the civil war in Sudan in 1987. They were an incredible audience and listened eagerly as they learned what the Lost Boys went through. They learned how the Lost Boys escaped many hardships as they sought to finally find refuge in Kenya. We were surprised to see so many nationalities represented in the school. Several students had been refugees and/or had family members who had been.



It's always a special moment when Bol finds a student who also lived in a refugee camp.

Bol enjoyed talking with a man from Ethiopia who works at the school.



We discovered that Carah, on the right, had met Bol over a year ago at his book dedication.



Students had an opportunity to file pass the displays of Bol's art work. Bol enjoyed all the wonderful art work that the students had displayed in the hallways.



Many of the students were eager to shake Bol's hand and meet him up close. You can be sure they will not forget his story and what it taught them about over-coming challenges that seem impossible.



We were delighted with the many questions the students asked while Bol visited during their lunch hour. Here is a sample:
*What are the markings on your forehead for?
*What were your greatest challenges?
*What caused the war in Sudan?
*How did you survive being bitten by a snake?
*How were you born if there were no doctors?
*Where is your family living now?



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