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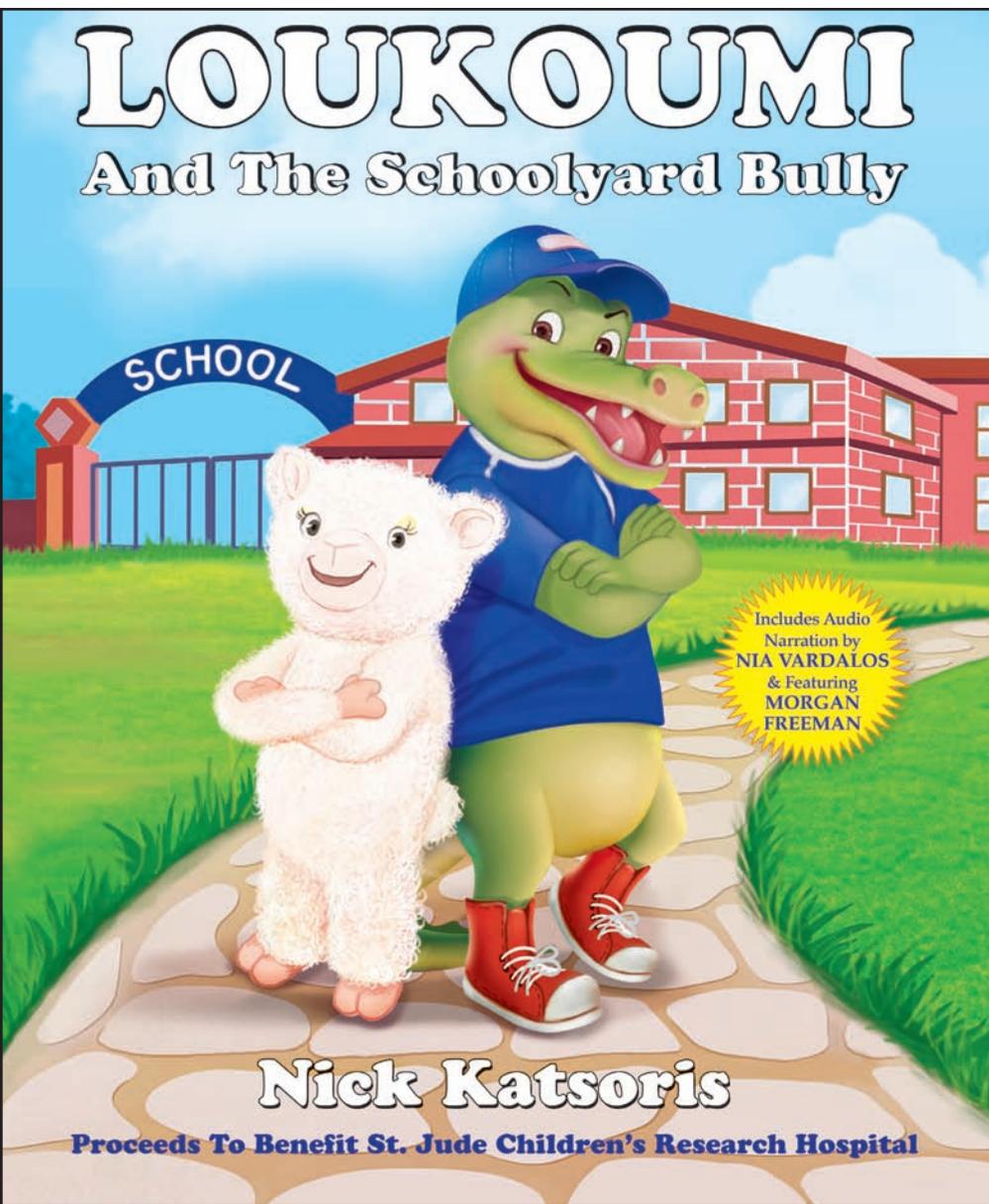
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Anti-Bullying Assembly and Book Signing in Eastchester



Eastchester resident and children's book author Nick Katsoris will talk about his anti-bullying book Jan. 29 at Anne Hutchinson School.

One of the parents of Anne Hutchinson School student Nick Katsoris is the author of the children's book series "Loukoumi" and his new book, released in November, is about bullying.

"Loukoumi and The Schoolyard Bully" is narrated in the audio version of the book by Oscar winner Morgan Freeman as the voice of the schoolyard bully, as well as Nia Vardalos, Olympia Dukakis, John Aniston, Gloria Gaynor and others. Proceeds from the book are being donated to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

As part of the Anne Hutchinson schools Character Education and anti-bullying awareness program, the teachers typically incorporate anti-bullying awareness into their English as a second language and social studies curricula, and one of the ways they do this is by reading

books to the students about anti-bullying.

Katsoris will visit the school and discuss his book during an assembly for students Wednesday, Jan. 29 at 9 a.m. for grades two and three; and 10 a.m. for grades four and five. He is presently participating in a program with PACER's National Bullying Prevention Center where he will be educating children about bullying in schools across the country.

Katsoris will be available for a book signing after the assembly, for those who wish to purchase a book for their children. This is a great opportunity for residents to hear firsthand how important anti-bullying awareness is for students and at the same time, possibly make a donation to a charitable organization by purchasing a book.

More information will follow for book ordering.

Westchester Legislators Elect Kaplowitz, Maisano as Leaders



County Board of Legislators Chairman Michael Kaplowitz, right, with Vice Chairman Jim Maisano.

Last week, the Westchester County Board of Legislators elected Democrat Michael Kaplowitz to serve as chairman and Republican Jim Maisano to serve as vice chairman for the 2014-15 legislative term. The two were sworn in as legislators on the same day as members of the freshman legislative class of 1997. Both have served on numerous committees and held leadership positions during the last 16 years.

Kaplowitz previously served as vice chair-

man of the BOL and played a critical role in the passage of the historic bi-partisan 2013 budget. Throughout his career in public service, Kaplowitz has earned a reputation as a legislator who works diligently to foster an atmosphere of cooperation and bi-partisanship with all of his colleagues. He is a fiscal Conservative and small business owner who has found and eliminated millions of dollars in wasteful government spending.

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