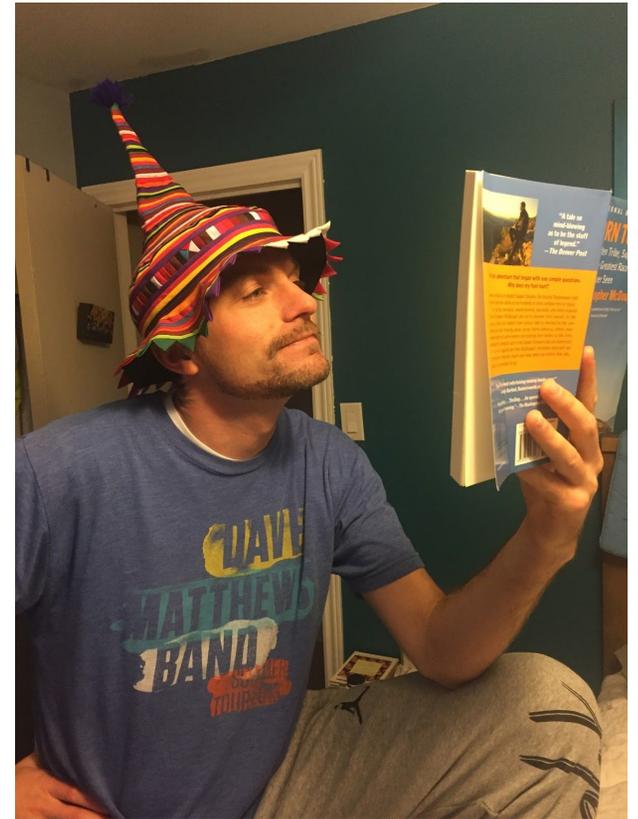


Staff Reader of the Month



One of Bruce Trail's December Staff Readers of the Month is **Mr. R. Skinner**. He is a grade 2 teacher at B.T. Read on to find out more about this dedicated reader!!



What book did you read most recently?

- Born To Run

Do you have a favourite genre?

- Non-Fiction because I feel more connected to factual books as they are full of information that is happening, has happened or facts that are mostly accurate.

What book "hooked" you into reading as a kid? If you can, explain why this book had such a positive reading effect on you.

- Hoop Dreams. This book had such a positive influence on me because it was about basketball and as a kid, at the time I was reading it, I wanted to make the NBA. This story was about two boys that were striving to make the NBA.

Why do you enjoy reading?

- I enjoy reading because it inspires me to be a better person. I try to pick books that make me improve my character. I think reading makes me a better person. I also try to read books about other places in the world and it gives me a larger understanding of the world (multiple perspectives). I like to learn about other cultures so I can see things in my life through multiple lenses; not just the lens of my cultures beliefs, norms and values.

Do you have a favourite place to read? If so, where is it and why do you enjoying reading there?

- I like reading on the couch because it is very relaxing and soft there. Sometimes I fall asleep though;)

What do you love about the BT Library?

- I love the warm and welcoming vibe that I get when I come in the library (created by Ms.Westbury, Mr.Skinner and all the students). I also love that there are so many options to choose from. It is also organized very well so I can find things very quickly and easily!

If you were stranded on a desert island and could bring only 1 book, what would it be and why?

- I would bring Born To Run because it would inspire me to run around the island and get into good shape and beat my running personal bests. I also want to tell everyone that a book called Healing Back Pain: The Mind Body Connection actually gave me my life back when I was struggling with debilitating back pain. If I did not find this book I would still be in a debilitated state. I am so thankful to the author of this book who gave me the knowledge I needed to overcome my back pain. In a nutshell, reading has allowed me to go back to work, running, playing golf, doing yoga and playing basketball. Reading can literally change your life as it did to mine.

