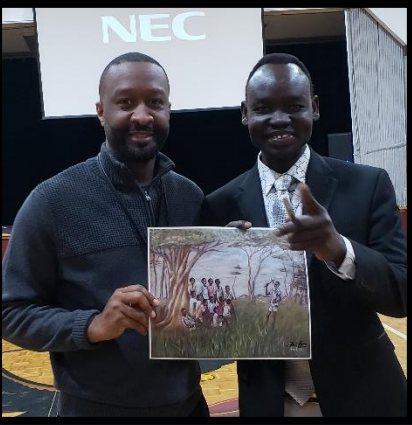


Mrs. Diane Cahill, the technology and library teacher, did an amazing job preparing the staff and students for the visit.



Mr. Dale Tucker, the middle and high school administrator, had Bol sign one of the prints that he selected. This print told the story of how the Lost Boys kept their faith during their own journey in the wilderness.

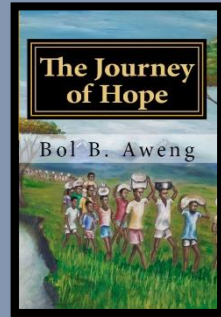
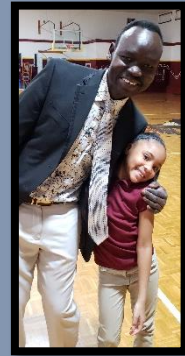
The students were a very attentive group. Their learning came alive and they gained a new global understanding.

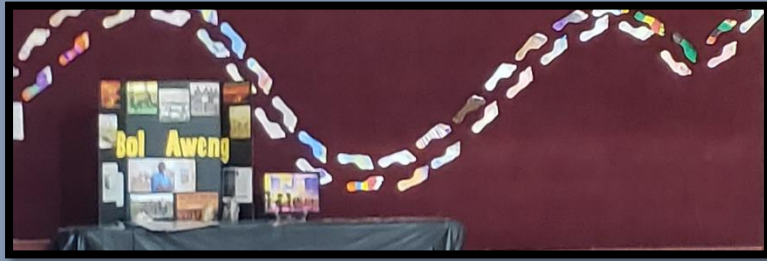
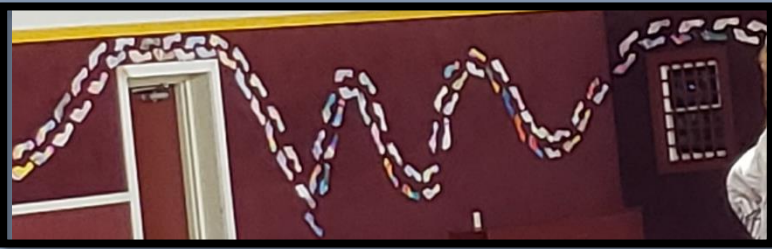



On March 2, 2020 Bol Aweng, one of the Lost Boys of Sudan, spoke to all the students at Patriot Preparatory Academy. The students listened to his incredible story of how he fled the civil war in Sudan in 1987 when he was only six years old. He walked 1,500 miles to refugee camps where he spent 14 years before being relocated to the United States. He shared how he built the Buckeye Clinic in his village in South Sudan in 2011 to help give his people medical help and hope in a country that faces many challenges.



Bol chose this young student to show the students how young he was when he had to flee his home.







 In order to help the students visualize the 1,500-mile journey the Lost Boys made, Mrs. Cahill had all the students decorate and write their own thoughts on paper footprints. The gym was filled with all of them! This was the first time Bol had seen a school do this. What a great way for the students to grasp the incredible journey the Lost Boys endured.



Can I have your autograph?



Bol always enjoys getting to talk with students and students enjoy getting his autograph. These students now have Bol's autograph on their school folders. It's a great way to remember Bol's visit!

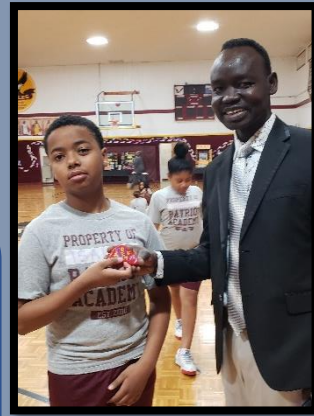


Several students chose to have Bol write his autograph on their...hand!





YOU ROCK



Bol's rock artwork is always a big hit with students. He was thrilled to see all the rocks the students had painted for him. Isaiah painted a special rock for Bol with his name on it.



ART WALK

Students enjoyed walking by Bol's displays that showed his artwork and painted rocks. Bol uses his art to share his story and the Lost Boys' incredible perseverance in the face of so many challenges they suffered at such a young age.




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