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## **Charleston Author Visits Ruffin Elementary School**

Kevin Kurtz presents to 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students

**MOUNT PLEASANT, S.C. (Oct. 22, 2010)** - Ruffin Elementary students will get to spend “A Day in the Salt Marsh” with Charleston, South Carolina children’s book author, Kevin Kurtz. Kevin will be visiting Bells Elementary School October 29 to present workshops to 4th and 5th graders on writing about salt marsh ecosystems.

Kevin has scheduled events to promote “A Day in the Salt Marsh” and his new release “A Day on the Mountain” throughout the fall. He will be reading, signing, and presenting “A Day on the Mountain” and “A Day in the Salt Marsh” in schools, libraries, and bookstores across the state.

“A Day in the Salt Marsh,” told in fun-to-read, rhyming verse, introduces readers to hourly changes in the marsh as the tide comes and goes. Watch the animals that have adapted to this ever-changing environment as they hunt for food or play in the sun, and learn how the marsh grass survives even though it is covered by salt water twice a day. An activity on adaptations is included in the “For Creative Minds” section.

"With its closeness to the ACE Basin, Ruffin is a great place to talk about salt marshes. I am excited to help the students there use their creativity to explore local ecosystems."

**Kevin Kurtz** holds a degree in English literature and elementary education. His first book, “A Day in the Salt Marsh,” was a finalist for the Green Earth Book Award. He has written and edited the South Carolina Aquarium's award-winning K-8 curriculum, as well as curriculum activities for NOAA, the College of Charleston's COASTeam project, the Center for Birds of Prey and the Science Factory Children's Museum. He also helped develop and was the first coordinator of the South Carolina Aquarium's High School Intern Program, which won AZA's Diversity award. To learn more about the author, visit [Kevin's Website](#).

For event details, visit <http://www.sylvandellpublishing.com/events.htm>.

For more information about his books, visit:  
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