

For Immediate Release 12/18/08**Contact:** Sara Dobie, (877) 958-2600
SaraDobie@SylvanDellPublishing.com**SPEND *A DAY IN THE SALT MARSH* WITH AUTHOR KEVIN KURTZ****ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATOR RETURNS TO VISIT SCHOOL AND FAMILY
HOME IN WAYLAND, NEW YORK!**

MT. PLEASANT, S.C. (December 18, 2008) – Award-winning children’s book author Kevin Kurtz has a long history in Wayland, New York. His mother and father graduated from Wayland High School, and his grandmother taught within the school district. In fact, much of his family still resides in the area, which is why he is so excited to visit Wayland-Cohocton Elementary School on December 22 for an entertaining and educational school visit.

The long-time South Carolina resident has been working to spread the word on conservation for years. He was the editor and principal writer of the South Carolina Aquarium’s award-winning K-8 curriculum. He developed curriculum activities for the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Association (NOAA), the Center for Birds of Prey and the College of Charleston’s COASTeam project. In South Carolina, he was the Environmental educator for more than eight years. Currently, he is the Education Director at Science Factory Children’s Museum and Planetarium in Eugene, Oregon.

A Day in the Salt Marsh (Sylvan Dell Publishing, 2007) is his first children’s book, and it was recently selected as a finalist for the Florida Publishers Association President’s Award. It focuses on one of the most dynamic habitats on earth. 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.

Kevin will be spending the day at Wayland-Cohocton Elementary School on Monday, December 22nd. Take advantage of his expertise and schedule an interview while he’s in New York for the holiday! Contact Sylvan Dell’s publicist, Sara Dobie, at SaraDobie@SylvanDellPublishing.com or (877) 958-2600 for more information. To learn more about Sylvan Dell Publishing, please visit www.SylvanDellPublishing.com.

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