Dear 7th grade parents and guardians,

In February and March of 2018, all 7th grade students will have the opportunity to learn writing skills from a published author, Phillip Shabazz. Mr. Shabazz has been teaching a writing workshop to Salem’s 7th grade students for the past 7 years. He goes into each 7th grade Language Arts classroom for 4 days and leads the class. The workshop focuses on his path to becoming an author, tips for how to get started writing, orally presenting work to an audience, and drafting and editing poetry. These 4 days are very beneficial for students that both struggle and excel in writing. Some students will be reading one of Mr. Shabazz’s books, When the Grass was Blue, in Quarter 3’s literature circles. Students leave 7th grade remembering Mr. Shabazz and the impact he makes during his short time with them. In order to have him come to teach us, each student will need to bring in $10.00 to cover the cost of the workshop. We promise that this is an experience that won’t be forgotten. You can write one check of $10 or pay digitally to cover the cost of the workshop.

Digital payments can be made on the following website: [goo.gl/Q2rDMN](http://goo.gl/Q2rDMN)

Thank you!

Meridith Foster (7-1), Shelby Hoyt (7-2/3), Hailee Aldridge (7-4)

\*If you would be able to send in scholarship money for another student, that would be helpful.