



**Kalli Dakos**  
***Poet of the School World***  
Author Visits to Schools  
On-site and Virtual Visits  
Celebrating Life in YOUR School

Kalli Dakos has been celebrating the school world since the release of her best-selling book, *If You're Not Here, Please Raise Your Hand, Poems About School*. Jim Trelease writes in his *Read-Aloud Handbook*, "I know of no single book that captures the pulse of the elementary school world the way this collection does."

She won an Award for Excellence in Poetry in 2022 from the National Council of the Teachers of English for her book, *They Only See the Outside*. Her collections of school poems include six ILA-CBC Children's Choice Selections such as *Our Principal Promised to Kiss a Pig* and *A Funeral in the Bathroom*.

### SCHOOL PROGRAMS

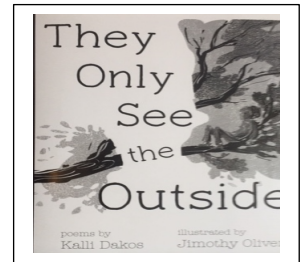
\*Kalli uses her knowledge as a reading specialist to design programs that provide sound reinforcement for standards of learning disguised as high-energy fun and filled with audience participation

\*She uses a fast-paced, interactive approach, delightful toys and props and a cast of performers from each school to keep children involved and learning while celebrating the drama of the school world

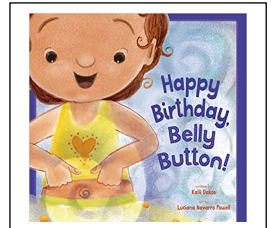
\*Kalli's joyous, fun-filled assemblies and workshops will inspire your reading and writing programs and pull in even your most reluctant students

She states, "The best stories of all are not on television or in the movies. They are not even in the best books. They are the real-life stories we share in our classrooms. It is time to celebrate them in our literacy programs."

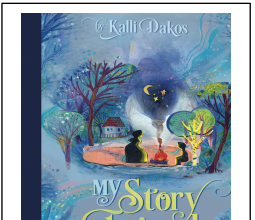
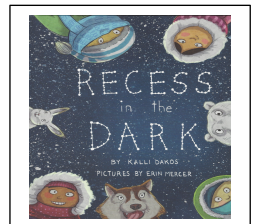
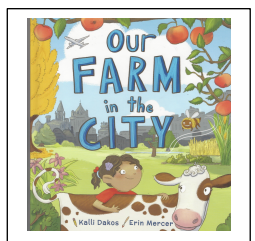
**AWARD FOR  
EXCELLENCE IN  
POETRY FOR CHILDREN  
2022**



**New Releases, 2023  
*The Year for Buttons***



**Releases in 2021-22**



Students at Loudoun Country Day School in Leesburg, Virginia celebrate with Hamlet, the Shakespeare-quoting pig from Kalli's book, *Our Principal Promised to Kiss a Pig*.

Kalli will have teachers and students bopping to poetry, chanting Shakespearean verse, reciting and dramatizing poetry and sharing incredible stories from YOUR school. Everyone will be inspired to write their own poems and stories!

*When we teach from within the playful spirit of  
childhood, we have our greatest strength as educators*  
Kalli Dakos

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A poem can change a child, and a child can change the world. Kalli Dakos