

SCHMITTY THE WEATHER DOG™

Weather/Science Assembly



Book Reading

**Author Elly McGuire Reads her new book
*Schmittie The Weather Dog: DayDream***



Schmittie The Weather Dog DayDream

Determined to help her struggling two legged dad become a TV weatherman, Schmittie jumps into action to study the weather despite her tiny size and friends who make fun of her. Can Schmittie The Weather Dog save the day?



Weather Lesson

Schmittie The Weather Dog greets the students

Accompanied by Meteorologist Ron Trotta. Together they give a fun, interactive weather lesson wrapped around the *Schmittie The Weather Dog 10 Weather Facts* handout. Can you say precipitation?



Weather Sing-Along

Meteorologist Ron Trotta leads a rousing weather sing-along

All the children and teachers join in. Then the students get a parting sniff from Schmittie The Weather Dog.



Reviews

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Magnet Coordinator Ellen Darensbourg, Principal Diaz and STEM Institute students join Team Schmittty The Weather Dog after the assembly.



6th Grade Science Teacher Amy Resnick joins Schmittty The Weather Dog & Author Elly McGuire for a pawsigning.



Curriculum Top Dog Kathy Almanzar, Principal Carol Melucci and Librarian Lisa Casey join Schmittty The Weather Dog and Author Elly for a pic.

I absolutely loved everything about the Schmittty the Weather Dog Science Assembly! It was a wonderful mixture of science, literature, AND entertainment! We learned about the weather, laughed about the weatherman, and became so enchanted with Schmittty. Elly and Ron were so lively and Elly's reading was so engaging that all the kids were simply riveted through out the whole event. The children were convinced Schmittty was a puppet and were delighted to discover she was real and that they all could meet her up close!

For a school that specializes in STEM education, Schmittty the Weather Dog Science Assembly really hit the mark!

-Ellen Darensbourg
Magnet Resource Specialist
 STEM Institute of Manhattan
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My name is Amy Resnick and I am a sixth-grade science teacher at The Segue Institute for Learning in Central Falls, Rhode Island. I am constantly looking for creative ways to connect units of study to the real world. One strategy that I enjoy is using children's books. I had recently read an article about a Rhode Island native, Elly McGuire, who had authored a children's book telling the story of a man's dream to become a meteorologist. This story was perfect for my classes as it connected what we learn in the classroom to an actual career they could pursue in the future. As part of our Atmosphere and Weather unit, I read Schmittty the Weather Dog: Daydream to my classes. I decided to do a little research and send an email to Elly and Ron. We were extremely fortunate to host an assembly with Meteorologist Ron Trotta, Author Elly McGuire, and Schmittty the Weather Dog the next week! This assembly included a read-aloud of Schmittty the Weather Dog: Daydream, a meteorologist segment with Ron Trotta, a sing-along, and a visit from the real Schmittty the Weather Dog! Students and staff enjoyed this animated and excitement-filled assembly! It was a perfect blend of science concepts, career knowledge, and just overall fun! I would highly recommend this assembly to any age range!

-Amy Resnick
Science Teacher
 The Segue Institute for Learning
 Central Falls, RI

Schmittty, the Weather Dog: Daydream by Elly McGuire is an engaging, witty, and delightfully illustrated children's book for elementary school-aged children. Children will fall in love with Schmittty as she devises a plan to get her weather dad, Ron, "on the air". The "real" Schmittty is one lucky pup! On top of being adorable, well-behaved and intelligent, Schmittty has two incredibly talented parents, Elly McGuire and Ron Trotta. This terrific trio has created a combination of children's literature, science and music all wrapped up in a dynamic 45 minute presentation for elementary school students that is both educational and fun. Elly, a former teacher, informs her audience about her writing process and reads her book, Schmittty the Weather Dog, with an actor's ability to command her audience's full attention. The reading is followed by the introduction of the "real" Schmittty, one inspirational Yorkie, along her weather-loving musician dad, Ron. Ron's 10 Fun Facts about Weather, printed on a colorful card for each student to take home, provides the jumping off point for Ron's weather lesson. And as if that wasn't enough, the show closes on a high note with Ron's performing his original song about Schmittty!

-Kathy Almanzar
Director of Curriculum & Former Principal
 Jamestown School Department
 Jamestown, RI



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Schmittie The Weather Dog

Schmittie The Weather Dog is a philanthropic four pound pooch and celebrity in her own right.

After 9/11, Schmittie became the inspiration and model for New Yorkie Greetings, a line of greeting cards created to raise money for the Uniformed Firefighters Association Scholarship Fund. Everything snowballed from there. In raising money for displaced pets after Katrina, Schmittie appeared on The Ellen Show and Access Hollywood. Schmittie has also appeared with Oprah on stage in Central Park, posed in the green room of The Regis & Kelly Show with Betty White, and is the only dog to ever been named New Yorker Of The Week on NY1. Schmittie even has handwritten letters personally addressed to her from President George H W Bush. Together, Schmittie The Weather Dog & Meteorologist Ron have pawcast more than 450 weather videos. Schmittie has a nose for the weather!



Meteorologist Ron Trotta

While earning his math/education degree from Purdue, Ron helped put himself thru school by playing ragtime and sing-along piano.

Ron has since added Meteorologist to his title. Behind the scenes he has worked on national weather stories for ABC World News with Diane Sawyer, ABC Nightline, and ABC World News Weekend. But as Ron likes to say, "more importantly" he works in front of the camera and pawcasts the weather with Schmittie The Weather Dog. Meteorologist Ron & Schmittie The Weather Dog are the official weather team for the prestigious Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show in NYC. You can now find Meteorologist Ron with Schmittie The Weather Dog and Author Elly McGuire touring schools to bring fun science to kids.



Author Elly McGuire

Elly McGuire has been obsessed with dogs since she was a kid.

A former school teacher turned corporate executive, Elly has come full circle working with her furry muse, Schmittie, to write her first children's book, Schmittie The Weather Dog: Daydream. Elly is thrilled to now be bringing science to kids as part of the Schmittie The Weather Dog Weather/Science Assembly. You can also find Elly raising money for pet charities through her line of New Yorkie © pet & people products and producing the annual New Yorkie Runway Celebrity Doggie Fashion Show during Fashion Week in NYC. Elly is the host of #PETCHAT, the popular Monday night show running for five years and trending on Twitter. Elly is perhaps the only person in history to teach a US President to play spoons.