



Dear Fifth Grade Parents,

Jan Reynolds, adventure writer and photographer, is coming to visit the students on **March 5**. Jan describes her favorite thing to do as “to escape to an extreme environment, and hang with their locals to learn more about their culture, and their point of view. And if I get a chance to ski and climb, I’m really happy.” Jan has some remarkable accomplishments including: Everest Grand Circle Expedition, solo crossing of the Himalayas, and holding the world’s high altitude skiing record for women.

CYCLE OF RICE, CYCLE OF LIFE: A Story of Sustainable Farming --- \$20.00 x _____ = \$ _____

On the island of Bali in Southeast Asia, rice farming is a way of life. The people live in tune with the natural rhythms and cycles of the water and the soil. Ingrained in their community and culture, rice farming connects them to the land and one another. Balinese farmers have planted rice using an intricate system of water sharing and crop rotation for more than a thousand years. Intertwined with their spiritual, social, and day-to-day lives, this system has made Bali a leading producer of one of the world's most important crops. And because Balinese rice farming respects the balances of nature, it serves as a remarkable example of sustainable agriculture in an increasingly industrialized world. Readers of all ages will come away with an enhanced awareness of how we farm, eat, and live today, and the effects these practices have on the world of tomorrow.

VANISHING CULTURES BOOK SERIES:

DOWN UNDER ----- \$ 8.00 x _____ = \$ _____

The aboriginal Tiwi people go on a walkabout, dance their Dreamings, and carve spirit poles to honor their dead in this book about life on Bathurst Island, off the north coast of Australia.

FAR NORTH ----- \$ 8.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Above the Arctic Circle, the Sami people follow the reindeer migration from tundra grazing lands in winter to high mountain pastures in summer.

AMAZON BASIN ----- \$ 8.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Follow Jan Reynolds on a visit with the Yanomama in the heart of the Amazon jungle.

HIMALAYA ----- \$ 8.00 x _____ = \$ _____

Jan Reynolds’ book documents Tibetans as they traverse the highest mountain range on earth to trade salt, tea, and other goods in Nepal, the home of the Sherpas.

TOTAL: _____

Books will be autographed to the student’s name on this form unless you indicate otherwise next to the book title. Make your check payable to NSES PTO and return your check and form to the PARP mailbox by Tuesday, February 28.

Student Name: _____ (please print clearly)

Teacher/Grade: _____ Telephone: _____

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