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### **Student Writers Celebrated at Spaulding Academy & Family Services Authors Tea**

**Northfield, NH** – Every fall, the students of Spaulding Academy & Family Services spend weeks creating their own literary works. From idea conception and writing to illustration and production, the students become book authors. The recent 2022 Authors Tea event brought families, friends, and teachers together on campus so students could share their books while enjoying cookies and tea.

This year's book topics included student-crafted fairy tales, how to be a friend, the basics of coding, acrostic poems, and Choose Love curriculum "Courage" characters. Copies of each book are made for the library for students to enjoy as free reading choices.

"One of my favorite things about the Authors Tea is to watch the students share their books with one another. It is so powerful to witness the joy and pride that the students have when they read their books to their family member, teacher, peer, friend, or whomever is visiting the classroom," said Garrett Lavalley, MEd, Spaulding Academy Principal and Director of Special Education. "The energy on this special day is electric. I couldn't be prouder of the students and staff who put a great deal of time and effort into supporting our students as they took on this literary adventure."

For more information about Spaulding Academy & Family Services, visit [SpauldingServices.org](https://SpauldingServices.org).

### **ABOUT SPAULDING ACADEMY & FAMILY SERVICES**

Spaulding Academy & Family Services is a leading provider of educational, residential, therapeutic and community-based programs and services for families, and children and youth with neurological, emotional, behavioral, learning or developmental challenges, including Autism Spectrum Disorder and those who have experienced significant trauma, abuse or neglect. Established in 1871, Spaulding Academy & Family Services is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) nonprofit that was formerly known as Spaulding Youth Center since 1958. Its scenic hilltop campus is located on over 500 acres in Northfield, NH and welcomes boys and girls from ages 4 to 21 from around the state of New Hampshire and beyond. In addition to programs provided on the Northfield campus, Spaulding Academy & Family Services' community-based programs include foster family licensing, Individual Service Option (ISO) foster care, ISO in-home services, child health support services, and more for children ages 0 to 20 and their family. For information about Spaulding Academy & Family Services, visit [www.SpauldingServices.org](https://www.SpauldingServices.org).

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