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**Dear Parents/Guardians:**

We welcomed our Turnaround Artist, David Blaine back to Hallen School on Friday, December 9, 2016. Mr. Blaine was greeted by our students with cheers. He first met with our Mr. John Joyner's G.O.A.T.S. (Greatest Of All Time Students) Boys Group and shared how math is integral to magic then ended with some card tricks. He took a tour of Hallen School and was interviewed by our Hallen Hawk reporters. He attended our school-wide assembly. Our chorus sang, The Hallen Cool Song by Mr. Don Brelsford and Feliz Navidad. Students held up welcome posters and they modeled our PBIS implementation of S.O.A.R.S. (Safe, Organized, Attitude, Respectful/Responsible, and Shining Example). We presented David Blaine with a Hallen Hawk canvas signed by every student at Hallen School as our way of saying, "Thank you". Mr. Blaine did some magic tricks with our students after one of our students, did a magic trick for him! He visited our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade classroom for a lesson on Tableau. He even joined in and became a "bear". He ended with some photo ops with our students and staff.



**Just like the Hallen Hawk who S.O.A.R.S., so do our wonderful students! We continue to celebrate students "Caught for Being Good" on Fridays with announcements and prizes. Morning meetings and "Take a Break Corner" continue to help students' self-assess and self-regulate.**

**Have a peaceful and restful holiday recess. We look forward to seeing all of you in the New Year!**

**Sincerely,**

***Deborah Santacapita***