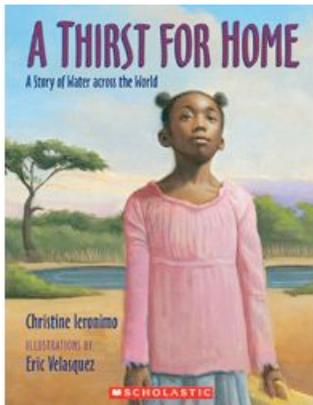


Dear Parents,

April 1, 2016

Long Meadow Elementary School is pleased to welcome author Christine Ieronimo on Earth Day, April 22, 2016. She will talk to students about her book A Thirst for Home, Ethiopia and the challenges children face each day. She will discuss the importance and lack of clean water and the impact this has. This will be an exciting experience for the students.

We are offering A Thirst for Home at a discounted price in conjunction with her visit. If you wish to order a signed copy, please have your child return the order form with payment on or before **April 8<sup>th</sup>**.



**Book Summary:** Alemitu lives with her mother in a poor village in Ethiopia, where she must walk miles for water and hunger roars in her belly. Even though life is difficult, she dreams of someday knowing more about the world. When her mother has no choice but to leave her at an orphanage to give her a chance at a better life, an American family adopts Alemitu. She becomes Eva in her new home in America, and although her life there is better in so many ways, she'll never forget her homeland and the mother who gave up so much for her. Told through the lens that water connects all people everywhere, this eye-opening, emotional story will get readers thinking about the world beyond their own.--Barnes and Noble

Award: Notable Social Studies Trade Books for Young People

If you have any questions, please free to call or email me.

Sincerely,  
Christina O'Neill ([coneill@region15.org](mailto:coneill@region15.org), 203-758-1144)

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### Book Order Form (Detach and send in)

- If paying by check, please make it out to **LMES PTO**.
- Place order form and payment in an envelope with child's and teacher's name on front.
- **PLEASE NOTE:** Autograph will be to the **CHILD'S FIRST NAME ONLY**.
- Please return orders **on or before Friday, April 8th**.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**A Thirst For Home (hardcover) \$14.50 # of Copies: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_**

**A Thirst For Home (paperback) \$ 5.00 # of Copies: \_\_\_\_\_ Total Cost: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Dedication (child's name to be used)**

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