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## **AUTHOR RYAN SLOTH VISITS WATERLOO SCHOOLS POYNER ELEMENTARY**

**WATERLOO**—Ryan Sloth, children’s book author, will visit Poyner Elementary, 1138 Central, Evansdale, Iowa, on Monday, March 5th, 2012. Ryan will meet with each grade level, sharing his book and the story of how he became an author.

Ryan has written two books - Sammy Sloth -Sports Superstar and Sammy Sloth's Big Gold Tourney, which are available in 2D and 3D print. 2D and 3D refer to the actual dimensions in a computer's workspace. 2D is 'flat', using the X & Y (horizontal and vertical) axis', the image has only two dimensions and if turned to the side becomes a line. 3D adds the 'Z' dimension. This third dimension allows for rotation and depth. Ryan grew up in Belmond, Iowa and participated in all sports, but excelled in football. He played cornerback for the Iowa State Cyclones and in 2000 helping lead the Cyclones to their best record and first bowl victory in school history. Now he is the assistant coach for the Iowa Barnstormers in Des Moines, Iowa, having been there the past four seasons.

Ryan had the opportunity to share the big screen with Matthew McConaughey in We Are Marshall, George Clooney in Leatherheads, and Kurt Russell in Touchback. Ryan will be a football player in the Spiderman and Batman movies yet to be released.

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Ryan has a son and a daughter named Tucker and Taylor, respectively.

Ryan will bring in his original manuscript that he wrote with a junior in college. He will also bring in his football gear and allow the students to try some of it on. The students will have the opportunity to purchase his books at the cost of \$10.00 each or two books for \$8.00 each.

For more information, contact Poyner Elementary at 319-433-1534.

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Waterloo Schools, located within Black Hawk County, Iowa, provides a full range of educational services to students in pre-kindergarten through grade 12. Students attending Waterloo Schools are engaged in learning and prepared for success. The district prides itself on hiring quality educators, maintaining the latest educational resources, and ensuring a safe and healthy environment. Services include regular and enriched academic education, special education for students with special needs, career education, and numerous individualized programs such as specialized instruction for at-risk students and for limited-English-speaking students. Please visit our website at [www.waterloo.k12.ia.us](http://www.waterloo.k12.ia.us).