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Groves Academy Hosts Evening with Pulitzer Prize-Winning Poet Philip Schultz

Poet, Founder of The Writer's Studio and Author Will Discuss His Memoir, *My Dyslexia*

MINNEAPOLIS – October 19, 2011 – Groves Academy, Minnesota's leading provider of learning disability education and resources for students, families and educators throughout the Twin Cities, is pleased to host Philip Schultz, winner of the Pulitzer Prize for poetry and founder of The Writer's Studio, for a conversation about his new memoir, *My Dyslexia*. The event, which is free and open to the public, will be held at Groves Academy on Tuesday, November 15, 2011 at 7:00PM. Reservations are required and seating is limited. Donations will be gratefully accepted. The event is sponsored in part by the Diagnostic Assessments Team at Groves Academy.

One of American poetry's longtime masters of the art, Philip Schultz is a Pulitzer Prize-winning poet and the founder/director of The Writers Studio, a private school for fiction and poetry writing based in New York City. He is the author of several collections of poetry, including *Failure* (Harcourt, 2007), winner of the 2008 Pulitzer Prize. Schultz's work has been published in *The New Yorker*, *Partisan Review*, *The New Republic*, *The Paris Review*, *Slate*, and other magazines.

Despite winning the Pulitzer Prize in 2008 for his poetry collection *Failure*, Philip Schultz could never shake the feeling of being exiled to the "Dummy Class" in school, where he was largely ignored by his teachers and peers and not expected to succeed. Not until many years later, when his oldest son was diagnosed with the same condition, did Schultz realize that he was dyslexic. In his moving memoir, *My Dyslexia*, Schultz traces his difficult childhood and his new understanding of his early years following his realization. In doing so, he shows how a boy who did not learn how to read until he was eleven went on to become a prize winning poet by force of sheer determination. For more information about Philip Schultz, visit www.blueflowerarts.com/booking/philip-schultz.

Registration is required

Online registration is available at www.grovesacademy.org by clicking **Outreach**. You may also RSVP to Colee Bean at beanc@grovesacademy.org or 952-915-4297.

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About Groves Academy

Groves Academy is Minnesota's only established independent day school specifically serving children who have learning disabilities or attention disorders. Founded in 1972 and located in St. Louis Park, Minnesota, Groves Academy educates students in grades 1-12 of average to above average cognitive ability who also have a learning disability or attention disorder. The curriculum at Groves Academy is presented using evidence-based, multi-sensory methods that address students' individual needs. Emphasis is on building academic skills, particularly in reading, writing and math, and developing strategies for success in school. Groves Academy also offers a rich array of extracurricular activities including drama, music, robotics, soccer and basketball.

In addition to the day school, Groves is deeply involved in the community through Groves Outreach. Groves Outreach provides learning disability resources and services to students, families and educators throughout the Twin Cities and the state of Minnesota. Services for students who do not attend Groves include diagnostic assessments, individual tutoring, summer school, and post-secondary planning support. Groves Outreach also supports parents and professionals who wish to deepen their understanding of learning disabilities. Workshops and conferences, teacher training, and resource materials provide teachers, parents, clinicians and community leaders with essential information about proven, research-based learning disability instruction.

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