

# Speaker leaves his mark on Plainfield students

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Hubbard Middle School seventh-grader Dasia Bethea confers with motivational speaker and author Azuka Zuke Obi. *Plainfield Public Schools*

**[PLAINFIELD](#)** — On Jan. 15, as part of their Martin Luther King Day commemoration, students at Hubbard Middle School were treated to a visit by author and motivational speaker Azuka Zuke Obi.

Obi, a native of Nigeria, shared his story about leaving his country, overcoming challenges and success with the school's 600 students. After he spoke Obi answered

students' questions and presented the top three students in each grade with a copy of his newest book.

"Having Mr. Obi speak with our young (scholars) today is not only an honor, but incredibly beneficial for our students to see how much is possible simply by thinking positively and working hard," said principal Kwame Asante. "Many of our (scholars) have parents struggling financially or come from non-English speaking homes, but we want them to know that they can go to college, obtain good jobs, and make a difference in the global village."

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