

Art of the draw in Acushnet

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*Illustrator Zach Giallongo meets with students in the Ford Middle School Art Room.
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ACUSHNET- Students at Ford Middle School in Acushnet recently enjoyed a visit from local cartoonist and illustrator Zack Giallongo.

Pupils in Grades 5 through 8 in the FMS Art Club as well as several other interested students attended the after-school event.

Giallongo discussed his work in comic books such as “Tales from Novasett Island” and “The Tenth Life of Pishio the Cat.” He also shared some new works-in-progress.

The students then had the opportunity to ask questions about his career, what inspires his work and what they should do to become better artists.

“The students learned so much from Mr. Giallongo, especially about how important it is to practice and work on your skills every day,” said art teacher Kristine Daniels.

The event concluded with Giallongo taking the time to look at some of the students' own drawings and giving them feedback about their work.

“The students really appreciated Mr. Giallongo's visit,” said Daniels. “I think he has inspired some future cartoonists.”