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A link to magic

Dave Thomen passes along some coveted tricks to Goddard students

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ELDERSBURG — Magician Dave Thomen raised his hands in the air, pretending to read the mind of rising third-grader Sydney Dickinson.

Moments earlier, Dickinson had been selected out of a crowd of about 40 students gathered at The Goddard School in Eldersburg.

While Thomen had his back turned, Dickinson selected a crayon and placed it into his hand.

Thomen handed her the crayon back, and without ever looking at it, correctly guessed that the crayon was pink.

The children applauded.

Before moving on, Thomen explained to the youths how they could perform the trick for their friends.

The trick is to make a tiny mark on a fingernail with the crayon before handing it back.

In many of his shows, Thomen, a full-time magician based in Hampstead, passes on his knowledge to the audience.

And when Thomen is not performing, he spends time watching and talking to fellow magicians, learning new routines and ways to improve his performances.

In the latest opportunity to hone his craft, Thomen attended a master class June 11 to study the art of magic with Las Vegas headliner Jeff McBride at Denny & Lee Magic Studio in Baltimore.

Call it the chain of magic: Thomen learns from McBride. The audience learns from Thomen.



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Magician Dave Thomen performs his magic act at the Goddard School in Eldersburg Wednesday. Thomen took a master class with famed magician Jeff McBride.

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