5 TIPS TO AMAZING SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE

After more than fifteen years of entertaining and speaking to kids, I've identified five key factors that make school assemblies truly impactful. These elements not only ensure the assembly is entertaining and educational but also create the potential to literally impact the student for life.

HILARITY.

That's right, with the shows that I do, laughter is absolutely number one. Kids learn and retain more in a school assembly when they are having a blast. There are plenty of times for the more serious environment but the assembly should be fun.

Laughter builds rapport, creates unity in the audience and creates the opportunity for quietness that follows with all ears focused on the message when it's time to listen.

And when the teachers have as much fun as the students, it's a real bonus

STRUCTURE.

Structure is key to a successful school assembly as attention spans and reactions vary by age. Elementary school students require a different approach than middle school students.

For elementary students, a 40-minute show should include three key messages lasting a total of 15 minutes, leaving 25 minutes for fun and laughter. Spreading the messages throughout ensures maximum engagement.

Middle school students respond more like adults. They absorb information best when entertained first, then transitioned into an engaging message that ties everything together. The right balance of fun and focus makes all the difference.

TOPIC.

Some topics lend more toward the school assembly than others. Mainly the topic should enhance the curriculum or add value to the child's life in terms of character and decision making. Here are some effective, life changing themes:

Drug, alcohol and tobacco prevention. According to a writing by "Tobacco free for life," children who smoke are four times more likely to use cocaine. When we prevent smoking, we prevent many other problems.

Character Building. It's hard to measure the value of teaching a child to be trustworthy, to be kind or to never give up on their dreams.

Stay True to You. The talk for middle and high school students that discusses the importance of staying true to one self and talks about how to improve and maintain one's mental health.

Making Right Decisions. One of my favorite topics to get middle school kids excited about their tremendous potential through making the right choices.

Reading. A love for books and reading opens new worlds. When kids read because they choose it out of excitement there is no end to what they can accomplish.

SET UP.

The seating arrangements are crucial to a successful assembly. Audiences that are spread out or too far away will be less effective. Bringing the audience closer in and closer to the performer will create a contagious atmosphere that delivers much more laughter, camaraderie and applause.

Students seated on the floor or on the bleachers on one side of a gym will work where there is no theater. House lights should be all the way up.

A quality sound system is very important and good room acoustics is a bonus.

FOLLOW UP.

Powerful messages make powerful impacts but reinforcing these messages can greatly increase their effectiveness.

An effective assembly show should offer follow up questions for the teachers. This can lead to exercises that are fun for the student but can also lead to questions and further discussion.

and there you have it. The five most important tips for a great assembly for your students that will make a positive impact on their lives.

To find out more about how we can work together to bring these amazing shows to your students below:

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