



Leonardo & the Makin' Waves Band

~ **Bullying Awareness ~ Character Education ~ Positive Behavior**
Arts Based Educational Performances

"...The BEST show and message we have had in forever!!!!"
Holland Elementary Taylor, MI

Leonardo and the Makin' Waves band present a fun, high energy, interactive rock 'n' roll assembly concert that educates students on the topic of Bullying. Designed for Pre-K through 5th grade audiences, the show presents the concepts of Respect, Cooperation, Inclusion and Empathy in a live music celebration!

A perfect introduction or supplement to an existing campaign, the program utilizes call and response singing, audience volunteers, and dance/hand motions to help schools create and maintain a culture of Positive Behavior, Tolerance, and Success!



"Schools should consider adopting some of these as "their" songs in their effort to educate children about bullies and how to deal with them."

School Library Journal

Thanks for your interest in our Respect Rocks! Concert. We are offering something unique to schools that educates and entertains in a fun and important way.

The show is available as a rock and roll trio or a solo visit, lasts about 45 minutes long, and we provide all our own equipment. Based in Chicago, the show tours nationwide and has included "Respect Week" visits to NYC schools, NJ, Atlanta, and hundreds of other schools and communities nationwide.

The band is an example of people from different backgrounds working together to achieve a goal/dream. I explain to the audience that I am living my dream of being a musician because in school my friends supported me and didn't make fun of me or pick on me when I made mistakes or tried something new (like playing guitar!)

The uniqueness of our presentation, besides the fun and energy of a real rock band visiting your school, is that we are not showing kids bullying behavior but offering prevention through character education and positive behavior concepts.

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Be True to Your School (unity, respect, cooperation theme to create a more positive atmosphere)

That's a Bully (explaining the basics of what is a bully..someone who repeatedly is pushing, shoving, hurtful words/actions..creates awareness of topic. We use Olweus definition)

Makin Waves (our theme song...call to action..help a friend, be a hero, make a difference, historical examples of heros..MLK etc..) Audience makes a "wave" sign with hands and sings along.

Tell Somebody (what to do if feel bullied, sad, threatened..where to turn, don't keep it inside, communicate) Volunteers join band with shakers.

Don't Send it (Cyberbullying..use positive words, respect yourself and those around you, send positive messages to each other, don't gossip, make fun of)

Take a Stand, Lend a hand (learning to stop a bully, help a friend, but reverse the process and Include them, reach out, create unity, Peace) Audience has a hand sign

No More Bullies (to the tune of Woolly Bully...Golden rule!!) Volunteers play guitar with the band

Show Some Respect (The basics of kindness/empathy...Say Please and Thank You)

Ready for Success (Final song, unifying theme, motivate for academics and social /personal achievement)

Hi Leonardo,

I want to thank you again for an awesome performance. The students and staff thoroughly enjoyed it. I asked the staff for input and here are the responses I received:

"I thought it was great to see the children coming out of their shells and letting loose with the music/program. I talked to my students about it during morning meeting and the majority of the class remembered the lyrics and bullying phrases, which I thought was great.

I thought it was entertaining and the participation of the children was absolutely awesome!

I thought the program was fun and original. The kids enjoyed it as well!! Good music with a good message!

I greatly enjoyed the program. The music was fun and upbeat and kid friendly. The message in each song was very appropriate

The program was excellent! I truly enjoyed it and it was obvious that the students did as well"

Karen McKean, M.Ed. GBES School Counselor. Gordonsville, VA





School Reviews

"A mom came up to me and asked what the name of our bully band was, she said her daughter had come home last week and told her she was being bullied...because the band told her to tell."

" ... Sent home a message of teamwork and anti-bullying. Teachers were rocking in their seats and kids were singing the songs long after the band left. I had so many teachers ask us to bring it back next year. What a wonderful way to kick off the year, thanks Leonardo"
Wallenpaupack Assembly Director Hawley, PA

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"Awesome job yesterday...The students had a great time and walked away with a different type of learning experience."  
*PS 132 South Bronx, NY*

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"We are still buzzing about your performance and all of my teachers followed up with classroom discussions! We truly thought this was the BEST show and message we have had in forever!!!!"
Holland Elementary Taylor, MI

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" I cannot remember having such an awesome assembly where the adults got as much into the music and messages just as much as the students!"  
*Goshen Elementary Edwardsville, IL.*

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"The band was great and your lyrics were fantastic and so easy for the students to remember. Your messages to the students were very effective and the music was great."
Johnson City TN. Schools

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" A musical act full of positive energy, fun and optimism. The kids, teachers and parents are still singing his songs."  
*Stewart Elementary PTO Stevensville, MI*

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As the assembly coordinator for our school, I first had Leonardo and the Makin Waves Band assembly at our schools (McAnnulty Elementary and Whitehall Elementary) Pittsburgh, PA last year (2011-12). The children loved them as did the teachers! The children were involved and attentive throughout the show! We enjoyed their performance so much we had them back again this school year (2012-13). Upon our recommendation they also performed at another school in our district (Paynter Elementary). I would highly recommend them for your school. They have a fun way helping kids understand bullying and its impact on others.

Chris Rostek, Vice President ME & WE PTO 2012-13

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The program was engaging for the students and adults. The students were still singing the songs later in the day. As the social worker, I was thrilled that the program coordinated with the anti-bullying message presented in the classrooms and with our school's theme days promoting anti-bullying week.

*Reita Melvin, Social Worker ME and WE Schools, Pittsburgh, PA.*