

# ANDY'S IMPACT PRESENTATIONS FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

## ANDY'S BACKGROUND

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"School is about learning AND having fun" has been Andy's message to students since his first school assembly in 1992. "Making Care Contagious" is the mission of his student leadership programs. Combining motivational comedy, powerful stories, pep rally energy, and insights for classroom & leadership success, Andy will make an IMPACT at your school!

Andy was an active student leader who also excelled at academics throughout his school career. In elementary school, Andy was Student Council VP and the Top Academic Male Graduate. As Student Council President in high school, Andy led his school to win "Most Spirited in Canada" in MOGA (Most Outrageous Group Activity), an annual contest run by Much Music and the Intramural Council of Canada. He was also valedictorian of his graduating class. At King's College, Western University, Andy was Orientation Week coordinator, "Most School-Spirited Graduate" of 1993 and on the Dean's honour list for four years, while completing his degree in History & Geography.

Andy has been recognized by his schools for his contributions. Laurier Secondary School in London named him its "Inspiring Excellence" award winner as its most outstanding graduate since it was founded in 1966. King's at Western chose Andy as its Alumni of Distinction in 2014, an annual award given to only 18 people as of 2016.

Andy still lives in London, Ontario and loves to return to his alma maters. He speaks to the grade 10s and the graduating class of his high school every year. Kings and Western book him 10 times every year for events for their students. He has also returned several times to speak to his elementary school where his two daughters now attend.

## ANDY'S EXPERIENCE

Andy has been professionally speaking since 1992, speaking at over 2000 different schools and conferences in 10 provinces, the Yukon and 40 American states.

- Over 100 schools every year across Canada and the USA including:
  - Ontario: over 600 of the approximately 880 high schools. 500+ have had him speak 3 or more times.
  - Ontario: over 100 different elementary and middle schools
  - New Brunswick: 51 of 53 English high schools
  - Saskatchewan: over 90 different schools including almost 70 K to 12 schools
  - British Columbia: over 80 different schools
- Canadian National student leadership conference keynote 5 times
- Every provincial student leadership conference keynote at least three times
  - The Ontario Student Leadership Conference (OSLC) every year since 1992
  - Nova Scotia Provincial keynote 12 times
  - New Brunswick Provincial keynote 7 times
  - BC Provincial keynote 7 times
  - Saskatchewan Provincial keynote 6 times, including 2013 and 2015
  - Alberta Provincial keynote - 2016 was his 6<sup>th</sup> appearance here
- USA National Student leadership conference and keynoted 34 different US state student council conventions
- Over 250 different American schools from California to Maine. Over 80 Michigan schools.

Andy is adept in every school situation in Canada.

- Urban high schools - Richview Collegiate (former PM Stephen Harper's alma mater in Toronto) has booked him 7 years in a row to motivate their grade 9s on the first day of school.
- Large high schools - St. Francis Catholic High school in Calgary with 1700 students had him return for a 10<sup>th</sup> year in a row in 2015 to welcome their grade 10s and deliver leadership workshops.
- Small town schools - Tantramar High School in Sackville, NB has booked Andy 7 times.
- Elementary/Middle Schools - Centennial Senior Elementary, Brampton, ON, Andy has inspired 4 times
- K-12 schools - Bengough School, Saskatchewan with only 57 students had Andy deliver two assemblies in 2015; the first inspired the students in grades 1 to 5 and the second was for grades 6 to 12.
- References from your province are available by request.

# ANDY'S PRESENTATION SUMMARIES

## IMPACTING SCHOOL ASSEMBLIES

Andy offers schools two completely different assembly programs, the length of each is flexible from 45 to 90 minutes. All assemblies use high energy comedy, stories, and interactive cheers to keep your students laughing and listening.

Most elementary schools choose the "Share your Care" assembly. Divide the school into two assemblies: Grades 1 to 4 for a 45 to 55 minute program, grades 5 to 8 for 50 to 90 minutes. Flexible to your schedule.

**A Unique Feature of Andy's Assemblies:** Your activities and school character are incorporated into each program, promoting your events to increase participation. Andy will ask for a list of your activities before the speech and will include these examples throughout his presentations. Money invested in Andy's assembly is returned through better fundraising and event participation after he leaves!

### 1. **"Get Your Hand Up" - School Assembly for grades 5 to 8**

School is about Learning AND having fun. Do that by getting your hand UP! Answer Questions. Ask Questions. Volunteer. Get involved in the classroom and in the activities of your school!

This powerful assembly will entertain and inspire your students by encouraging them to bring back their grade two enthusiasm and "get their hand up". In the classroom, ask questions, answer the teacher, and try your best. In school and life, volunteer and get involved in all of the great activities.

Why don't students "Get Their Hand Up?" The fear of failure: the fear of being wrong in front of friends. You might give a wrong answer, ask a "stupid" question, learn that your best is not as good as others, or volunteer to get involved and yet get cut from a team or play. Andy challenges youth to bring back their grade 2 "recess attitude" which says that although I will make mistakes and get things wrong at times, I will put my hand back up and try again.

### 2. **"Share Your Care" - School Assembly for grades 1 to 8**

Andy's Top 3 ways to care: #3 - Show Up! #2 - Participate! #1 - Listen! Create inclusion by asking your classmates and friends questions and truly listening to their answers!

Andy challenges your students to care about their friends, family, and school the same way they care for millionaires from their favourite bands and professional teams. His Top 3 examples of care: Show Up - to class, to practice, to work, to special events; Participate - cheer, dress up, put your hand up in class, dance, laugh, be part of the fundraiser; Listen - ask questions of your classmates and listen to the answers.

What are the rewards of care? It's fun! Fun fills your yearbook with great memories. Care changes the world! Your acts of care can brighten someone's day, add to a fundraising total, brings energy to a dance, or feed a person through a school food drive!

With his messages of kindness, caring and listening, this assembly is a popular choice for anti-bullying campaigns. Be an example of care for others to follow!

Andy also has a version of this assembly for grades 1 to 4 which lasts 45 to 55 minutes.

# INSPIRING LEADERSHIP WORKSHOPS

## 1. "Making Care Contagious" – Andy's Student Leadership Workshop

School Spirit is caring, but how do leaders make this care contagious? This presentation draws from Andy's experiences as a student leader and as a speaker traveling North America. He has developed 5 Habits that form the core of all successful student leadership activities. This hilarious and high-energy workshop gives hands-on advice on handling negativity; dealing with rejection; having the courage to be an example of good decisions; effective appreciation; communicating care; and improving event promotion and attendance. Follow Andy's 5 Habits to "get your care, out there!"

The session includes games and activities that can be shared with your school at your next meeting or assembly. Schools that book Andy's workshop get a free copy of the handbook for this program.

This workshop for grades 6 to 8 can run from 45 minutes to 90 minutes. It is also frequently used as a leadership retreat for 2 to 3 hours. Andy can deliver this as the follow up to his school assembly or as a stand-alone leadership event for your school or a group of schools. The program will also empower student council advisors and leadership teachers who are encouraged to participate in this session.

## 2. "The Impact of Teachers" – A Program for Teachers

Andy is the teaching profession's #1 fan because of the difference teachers have made in his life. It also helps that he married a high school French teacher! This program is an empowering reminder to school staff about the difference they make with youth.

In October of grade 9, Andy received a letter from his high school's track and field coach "recruiting" him to be part of the team. That letter changed his life. Expect tears of laughter and powerful reflection as Andy shares the lessons he learned from Coach Young and his efforts to connect with students.

When booking Andy for your school, consider organizing an after school staff meeting so he can share this powerful program. Its length is flexible to your needs, from 20 minutes to 1 hour.

It is also frequently booked as a keynote or training session for Professional Development days or Teacher or Administrator conferences.

### **A REFERENCE FROM JANUARY 2016, From a London Elementary School:**

*Andy, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your presentation. It is quite evident that this is not just a job for you. You are trying to make a difference in student's lives and we certainly appreciated the message you delivered. It was a wonderful way for you to help us kick off our character education focus for Jan/Feb 2016. Sharing your Care for our "Encouraging Others" character trait worked out perfect!*

*Your presentation style is top notch. The way you allow the children to participate, especially the younger students, is great and helps them to maintain their focus! This is so important to keep them tuned in. It also appeals to the different learning styles - especially with the boys! The content was very applicable and we will be watching for this kind of behaviour when the classes put together their success criteria for Encouraging Others. You are a wonderful speaker for students!*

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