

Transitions

Grade 8 Transitions: Carousel for Character ...

About the program ...

Pickering High School's Peace Group and Drama Club developed and presented the Carousel for Character, a half-day event featuring workshops, activities, and a keynote speaker. This proactive, student-made project was created by current Grade 9 students for in-coming September 2010 Grade 9 students. The topics addressed at the event include bullying, making good choices and getting involved. The goal for the project was to involve current students in creating a peaceful, safe school environment through drama and social activism. The project received funding from the ministry's [Student Voice](#) initiative. To explain the project, the students created a PowerPoint presentation and video explaining how this student success initiative combined [Grade 8 to 9 transitions](#), character development and inclusive education.



Impact on student learning and school culture ...

- The program assisted Grade 8 students in their transition to high school, encouraged leadership development and allowed students to have a voice and make a difference in the development of the school culture.
- The Drama Club established itself as the group in the school that could respond to challenges and create an interesting and informative dramatic presentation on any topic/issue identified by students as a concern.
- Role-playing characters that reflected their own lives allowed students to analyse the actions and decisions that they and their friends were making.
- The work helped to create a safe forum for students to discuss their feelings and concerns about issues that concern them, contributing to a more positive school culture.



To find out more, contact ...

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