



Testimonials

Partial List

I would highly recommend this show to you if you get a chance to book ...
David Honsberger, Principal Bayview Hill PS YRDSB

...our school had [**Perfect Practice Makes Perfect**]... for a yoyo demonstration and motivational talk to students... The inspirational talk on practice as the key to success in any endeavour was punctuated (and accented) with a dazzling yoyo performance. **I highly recommend it...**
Gary Swain - Principal Our Lady of Perpetual Help CES TCDSB

My former school, St. Sebastian, just loved the presentation. The kids including the big kids (teachers and parents) thought it was great fun. And yet Perfect Practice Makes Perfect packs an instructional, educational, and vital life message. **I just had to call again this year when I was transferred.**
Michael Gagliardi, VP - Our Lady of Peace, TCDSB

Exciting, fun, mesmerizing, clear message that you can achieve anything you want providing you understand exactly what you need to do and practice, practice, practice...
Guy Trimacco, St. Helen's, Mississauga DPDSB

The degree of cognition differed from our JK's to our Grade Eight students. But I will say this, the Girl's Volleyball team got it. Perhaps in part because their coach brought in his yo-yo from years past and they resonated with the key message... So much so, **they took to heart and won their overall championships!** Thanks for a great show that delivered on an invaluable message of Perfect Practice Makes Perfect!
Cyril Palletia, St. Joseph The Worker, YCDSB

We have just had ... [**Perfect Practice Makes Perfect**]. It's a fun demonstration to watch ... [that includes a] ...talk about what is required to be successful. **Practice, practice and more practice.** ... We all can be successful if we apply ourselves and practice and try hard. Fast Eddy explained that when he first picked up a yo-yo he couldn't do anything but he practiced, and practiced and is now a world champion. [**Perfect Practice Makes Perfect**] came to us on the recommendation of another TDSB principal from a school just down the street. The kids really enjoyed it and so did the ... parents who joined us for the presentation. Teachers and support staff enjoyed it as well. (Me too) Lots of laughs.
Elizabeth M. Bell - Principal - Summit Heights PS TDSB

Excellent! Absolutely amazing! Kids were thrilled! Parents who came out commented very favourably about the message and your ability to get it across so memorably! I plan on placing it on the Good News section of our intranet e-bulletin board for all Peel Public School principals to see. **I hope every school principal chooses to call you for a similar [amazing] performance for their students.**
Delighted Principal, Peel Public District School Board

"We had [**Perfect Practice Makes Perfect**] here last year and **it was great!!**"
Chuck Williams, Principal - St. Luke to Waterloo Catholic Principals

"**Exceptionally impressed.** Humour was appropriate for the audience. The inclusion of the students in the performance was well done. Language was equally appropriate. The messaging [disciplined hard work and practice] was particularly on the mark for the audience.

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Surprisingly, in our school the last minute inclusion of the Grades 7 & 8 was immensely popular and a surprise hit. **I'll let my peers know that it is worthwhile.**

Jan Simpson, Principal - Queen Elizabeth PS, Picton

I have sent your email out to our elementary school principals to forward to their **teachers with a recommendation** from one of our teachers - hopefully this will be helpful. Have a great day!

Cris Spitzig, Executive Admin. Director of Education, The Waterloo CDSB

The students **thoroughly enjoyed** the performance. The **message of 'practice makes perfect' was clearly emphasized.** The tricks were great and you managed the crowd very well. Audience management was very good. Thanks!

Susan Carleton - Maines, Foxboro PS, Hastings Prince Edward C. DSB

Good Afternoon! My name is Debby Bellerose and I am a parent who just enjoyed a show ... at St. Bernadette School in Sudbury. **This show was so great.** [The performer] was **fantastic!** ... Thank-you again to ... [for] the great show he had for us today. Thank-you.

Debby Bellerose St. Bernadette School (Sudbury).

"... permission to contact ... elementary ... schools within the Durham District School Board regarding the **Free Live Performance, [Perfect Practice Makes Perfect]**, has been approved...

Don Ayotte, Operations Officer, Durham District School Board.

"the message of Perfect Practice Makes Perfect was effectively communicated... **Anyone can just tell the kids that practice is important but seeing it in action is so much more persuasive.** It was great to hear the ... performer state that when he first started, he did not know any of the tricks. Now he knows all of the tricks. How did he do it? Practice, practice, practice! Thank you again!"

Carla Dekoe, St. Bernard CS TCDSB.

St. Paul's recently had a visit from the Perfect Practice Makes Perfect team. They demonstrated with their yo-yo skills how "practice makes perfect" and related this to how working hard and practicing academic skills can also lead to improved performance... **The message was short and concise. I do recommend them to you. We involved the whole school body.**

Paul Healy - St. Paul's CES, Simcoe Muskoka DSB

We were impressed with the message that was shared with the students and the high level of yo-yo skills demonstrated. **The yo-yo demonstrations certainly held the students' attention and helped to get the positive message across.**

J. E. Smith Principal Hagersville Elem. PS

Great message on the importance of disciplined practice... Perhaps even more critical to practice, is the essential step of first understanding from an expert what exactly needs to be practiced. Thus Perfect Practice Makes Perfect. **Well said. Well done.** Thank you again.

Principal "D.M."

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Perfect message... It should be left imprinted with all kids. Practice. Practice. Practice. **I am definitely going to pass the word on to my peers, starting with my wife who works in another nearby school.**

Kevin Dunn, Principal - Central Public School, Port Hope

[Perfect Practice Makes Perfect] was a wonderful performance shown today at St. Bernadette. ... Keep up the great work... [You are] welcome back to Sudbury [anytime] again.

Claire Vaillancourt, Grandmother of student from St. Bernadette, Sudbury.

[Soren Bennick's Perfect Practice Makes Perfect performer] was very enthusiastic with great gravitation towards the kids. ... [he was a] yoyo artist with fantastic artistic and human relation skill sets.

Vern Sweeney, Principal - Epiphany of our Lord,

J'ai trouvé que les élèves étaient vraiment motivés après la présentation. L'équipe de [Perfect Practice Makes Perfect] a parlé beaucoup de la pratique et que rarement nous pouvons atteindre un but de grande signifiante en un jour seulement. La réussite dans les sports, les mathématiques, le français, l'anglais... demande de la pratique, pratique, pratique. Plusieurs élèves ont acheté des yoyos et ils ont pratiqué, vraiment pratiqué. C'était bien cela la leçon à retenir : la pratique amène l'amélioration et la perfection.

Conley, Rita - École élémentaire L'Odysée Guelph.

Great WOW effect! Skilled artist! Transmits great amounts of energy. Excellent transition and pacing when getting to the meat of the presentation.

Rich Foche, Guardian Angels, Orillia,

Really fast. Really beautiful. Wonderful. Just loved the metaphor. We had prepped our kids about finding something that they love in their life and to work at it. To practice that gift. That was the **BIG MESSAGE. The show was so much deeper than anything to do with Yo-Yo's.** The teachers loved it. **WOW.** The kids got it. I know because we questioned them afterwards. **Highly recommend the show.**

Thomas J. Bonic, M. Div., M. Ed., Principal - Holy Rosary.

Fabulous... Loved it... Highly recommend Perfect Practice Makes Perfect to my peers... Wanted you to know how pleased we all were with [the] ... presentation and on the importance of **PRACTICE ! PRACTICE ! PRACTICE !** The children loved his yo yo tricks. His manner with the students was kind and friendly... **I would definitely recommend him to other schools.**

Mary Stepien, Principal - St. Thomas Aquinas CES, 26Oct2005.

Right after the show, I was speaking with the teachers that this is a really great way to get the message across. Practice is so essential towards making progress and achieving goals. **I'd be happy to pass on the word to other principals.**

Bill Zypa, Principal - Josyf Cardinal Slipyj CES

Fabulous! Kids loved it! Parents enjoyed the comments about Perfect Practice Making Perfect when the kids went home. Teachers thought it was great. **I would recommend to any principal in the system to have [Perfect Practice Makes Perfect] to their school.**

Debbie Clachers, Principal - Kawartha Heights PS, Peterborough

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If I were asked to **give a testimonial** to my fellow principals, my answer would be **ABSOLUTELY!** The kids loved it. The parents loved it. The staff loved the message of Perfect Practice Makes Perfect. It works well with our character building program. **It's about taking responsibility. It works into all sorts of initiatives.** Thank you!
Carol Pattenden, Principal - Vincent Massey PS, Oshawa

"the show went very well.... **very entertaining...** Really enjoyed it... A portion of our school population is Filipino and they loved the origin reference of the Yo-Yo. The show **was very inclusive...** and thoroughly enjoyed."
Margaret Ramsay, Principal St. Francis of Assisi, Mississauga

"**Exciting, fun, mesmerizing,** clear message that you can achieve anything you want providing you understand exactly what you need to do and practice, practice, practice..."
Guy Trimacco, St. Helen's, Mississauga

[Your performance] engaged and wowed the students and staff... The Deaf students from K-8 were captured by the visual presentation and his **message still resonates across their hands and faces** as they still encourage each other by **signing "practice makes perfect!"**
Scott Garrant, Gr. 7/8 Teacher - Ernest C. Drury Elem. School for the Deaf

... I will say this, the Girl's Volleyball team got it. Perhaps in part because their coach brought in his yo-yo from years past and they resonated with the key message... So much so, they took to heart and **won their overall championships!** Thanks for a great show that delivered on an invaluable message of **Perfect Practice Makes Perfect!**
Cyril Palletia, St. Joseph The Worker, Thornhill

"**Very positive message,** particularly in these times where we seem to be flooded with endless negative messages. Your performance helped turn the tide around. **Helping students see that they can achieve anything they want is invaluable.**"
Tony Marsillo, Holy Child, Toronto

...I have had numerous **positive** feedbacks from both staff and students about **the energy, the message,** and the manner that made it so **memorable.** **John Baker, St. Elizabeth**

The kids just **loved the Perfect Practice Makes Perfect show...** If I had to pick the #1 factor, I would say it was his approach with the kids...
Debbie Cornish, St. Paul CES, Kitchener

Our campers had a fabulous afternoon during our recent Holiday Camp. **Highly recommended.**
Debbie Markle, Northern Karate, Don Mills

"Very well done. **Impressive.** [Your presentation sure can] ... keep a gymnasium full of excited elementary students in the palm of a hand. The kids loved it. The teachers too. The trick in pulling something like this off is to make sure no one is talking when the presenter is talking. Well I have seen a lot of presentations... **[this is] among the best I have ever seen.**"
Susan Dickert-Principal, St. Paul CES, Cambridge

"Enjoyed the presentation! Lot of fun! Very dynamic! Kids were really impressed by the tricks, and the **message of Perfect Practice Makes Perfect came through loud and clear.**

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Interestingly [the presenter] ... was funny on two levels. The kids thought he was hilarious while simultaneously the adults were able to appreciate a parallel and equally funny sense of humour. **I am putting a recommendation on our 22 school electronic bulletin board recommending the show."**

Sally Gustin, Brimwood Boulevard Jr PS, Mississauga

The kids had an absolute blast... and the message went over well as you have a great way of getting the point across using both humour and interaction. Please feel free to use me as a testimonial and I planned on emailing my peers across the board recommending that they consider inviting you to their respective schools.

Craig Serjeant, St Raphael, Mississauga

Last week, we had a wonderful presentation at Burlington Christian Academy **that I would encourage other schools to consider.** [The presentation] ... brings a valuable message for the students - "Perfect Practice Makes Perfect". [The] fascinating demonstrations and involvement of the students in the presentation, along with his positive message made for an **amazing and worthwhile assembly.**

Lorna Keith, Burlington Christian Academy, Burlington

Last night our school's girl's basketball team played St. Luke's CES girl's team. I mentioned to the other coach (also a librarian) the wonderful presentation ... on the key message of Practice Makes Perfect. It was fun. It was energetic. It was memorable. **I would highly recommend the performance to any school wishing to impress upon their students that progress is best attained by way of hard work and practice.** And not just any kind of practice. Practice that involves an understanding of correct technique & of correct behaviours **AND practicing only those behaviours."**

Guy Trimacco, Librarian and Girl's Basketball Coach St. Helen CES, Mississauga

The message of **hard work & practice** was well interpreted by all!

VP Denise Nickerson, Lincoln Alexander PS, Ajax

Excellent! Absolutely amazing! Kids were thrilled! Parents who came out commented very favourably about the message and your ability to get it across so memorably! I plan on placing it on the Good News section of our intranet e-bulletin board for all Peel Public School principals to see. **I hope they each choose to call you for a similar [amazing] performance for their students."**

Delighted Principal, Mississauga

[The] message was delivered ... well to our kids!

Princip Louise Calvert-Dale, Coldwater PS, Coldwater (Simcoe County Board)

Really enjoyed it! It was **amazing!** Teachers couldn't stop talking about it. It was quick... and they really appreciated his approach to the kids... . Every teacher could have been off at a conference and the kids would still have been spell bound. **I plan on emailing my peers with heartiest recommendation to have your performance wow their students too!**

Princ. Maria Belmonte, St. Louis CES

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Show was amazing! Kids loved it! The whole thing was well done. The message was good. The show was short and sweet. Kids were 'majorly' entertained and the litmus test was that the kids were ... quiet. **Happy if you use me as a reference in your literature.**

VP Jim Spiers, Summitview PS Stouffville

You were at my son's school last week. **He wrote in his journal** all the tricks, and the key message of **Perfect Practice Makes Perfect**. That's how we knew that **the message got through**.

Parent and Secretary Sandy Dolson, Summitview PS, Stouffville

Excellent show! Kids were very intrigued. What was remarkable was that there was not a peep not a sound could be heard. The old 'you-could-have-heard-a-pin-drop' was apropos. They were absolutely awed by the ... [advanced] tricks. The kids that were "volunteered" to help with two of the tricks felt great to be picked out. I will be going to a steering committee and will be **recommending to my peers that they bring you into their schools.**

Head of Physed - Julie Skene, Cherrytree PS, Mississauga

Excellent! The kids really appreciated the talent. They appreciated the honesty **that there is no shortcuts to achieve progress**. They appreciated that it just comes down to hard work. It really just comes down to Practice. Lots and lots of focused practice. **Well worth other schools in the system having the aptly named performance, "Perfect Practice Makes Perfect."**

Principal Patricia Peroni, St. Mary CES, Mississauga

Fantastic. Really, really GREAT! ... To the point. Captured their attention... Great message. In fact some of our teachers want to know how to book a similar presentation at their children's schools. Various of my teachers have requested that I contact specific Principals within the board... which I did. I also plan on posting it on our internal email system.

VP Joanne Bortolussi, St. Gregory the Great Catholic Academy, Woodbridge

Fantastic! Kids thoroughly enjoyed it! Even the older ones came up to me afterwards to say how much fun it was. And when I asked them what the key message behind the show was, they instantly responded, "**Practice, practice, practice.**" **They simply got the message.**

Toni Biocca, Librarian & Assembly Organizer St. Bernadette, Mississauga

Fabulous! Fantastic! **Great student interaction. Great message.** Great choice of students from the audience that were 'volunteered' to participate during the show. It was almost as if we had consulted in advance of the show. **I passed on a testimonial email to my peers.**

Principal Margaret Patterson, Russell Langmaid - Mississauga,

Fabulous! Amazing. **From a teacher's point of view the message was to the point, jargonless, and understandable.** Great presentation skills, awesome voice control, demonstrations were visible to everyone in the gym. The interactivity with our students was greatly appreciated. I already **sent out a testimonial to my peers** Thank you again!

Principal Mary Loft, St. Agatha CES - Kitchener/Watloo

...there was great connection between the [Perfect Practice Makes Perfect] message and our school's theme of character-building. **Great job!** ...Also, **I will pass on the merits of Perfect Practice Makes Perfect to my colleagues.**

Principal Howard Boothby, Fairport Beach PS - Durham Public

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Kids were thoroughly **impressed**. **Great way to deliver message [of Perfect Practice Makes Perfect]**. It was both fun for the students and very well received. I have already recommended it to my peers. I have added your number to my rolodex. So no matter what school I may end up at, **I will be in touch at my next school**. Thank you again!
Principal Wendy Howes, Wilshire PS, Thornhill (YRDSB)

WONDERFUL! [Perfect Practice Makes Perfect] was great.....it was short, sweet and the message was well stated!!! Thank you for the experience!!
Principal Alison Thomas, Connaught PS - Collingwood

... **we were thrilled to host ... Perfect Practice Makes Perfect**. ...a proven teaching strategy involves relating back to a concept that students already know and already have seen. For me, using the show as a point of reference is a natural. In fact I have done so numerous times at subsequent assemblies. The expertise was not an accident. [The presenter] was not born with a yoyo in his hand. He, like them, had to go through **the rigours of hard work and focused practice in order to accomplish anything substantive and worthwhile**.
Principal Ciro Pellecchia, St. Joseph The Worker - Thornhill

Really good job. Excellent message. **Also, we'd be very interested** in your **upcoming POWER of ONE** (bully prevention presentation) as well as the other new modules (like **Fresh Start**).
Vice Principal Brian Bradley, Brooklin Village PS - Durham

Really went well. **High energy**. Our students (& staff) got a lot out of it. Your key message of hard work and practice was delicately interwoven throughout the presentation. **Delivering good information without appearing to be lecturing** is both **difficult and remarkable**.
Vice Principal Tony Ceelen - St. Andrew CES, Oakville (Halton Catholic District School Board)

My kids were attentive and dazzled. Every school board could benefit from reminded their students that practice is paramount to outcomes. **As a basketball coach, it's crucial that our players understand that good technique in practice leads to good/great execution at game time or in real life**.
Principal Bob Moore, John Calvin Christian School - Guelph

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