

Motivational Magic at BSS

Courage, Character and Caring presented to K-6 students

The K-6 BSS classes were entertained Tuesday afternoon by Steve Harmer of Motivational Magic, Calgary.

His character education and violence prevention presentation was sponsored by FCSS, and Steve made two other presentations that morning to the students at WES.

"I'm a former teacher and principal (22 years), and have been a magician for 25 years," Steve said. "I'm combining education and entertainment; I teach using magic to illustrate the points."

He spent 16 years doing his magic tricks at Calgary's Calloway Park, and this is

his fourth year with the Motivational Magic show.

He's delivered his message to 820 schools throughout AB, BC and SK.

The Courage, Character and Caring presentation he gave Tuesday is one of three different ones he has. Bully Prevention, and Respect are the other two.

All three are based on the Safe and Caring Schools curriculum.

Steven told the children, "I use tricks, illusion and juggling to teach kids about courage, character and caring. I'll put some music on and have some fun."

He rode a unicycle, did some magic tricks, put together some puzzles, and had the kids laughing and



Derek Pfisterer (left), Danielle Andersen and Samantha Neville took part in the Steve Harmer Motivational Magic presentation at BSS Tuesday afternoon.

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clapping their hands throughout the hour show. The presentation was designed to challenge students to make positive choices regarding behaviour. Different students from the audience helped. Steve Derek Pfisterer, Danielle Andersen, and

Samantha Neville helped to make Stu, the rabbit, appear from an empty box.

"Dare to be decent, dare to believe in yourself, dare to take a stand, dare to be different, dare to be courageous and dare to be a friend," he told the children. "A broken heart hurts

even more than a broken arm," he added.

"Are you going to tear others up with mean words and mean actions, or are you going to show love, kindness, courage, character and caring, and help put others back together again?"

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