

Motivational Magic at St. Mary's School

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Phil Gellner was a part of a Steve Harmer's magic trick that demonstrated what confidence was.
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How often do you get to see a former principal and a former teacher riding a unicycle, levitating a table and doing all other kinds of magic? Students of St. Mary's School had a unique opportunity to witness that as Steve Harmer of Calgary showed them his motivational magic.

The interactive performance wasn't only about tricks. Harmer put years of teaching experience and performing skills together to make the process of learning fun, entertaining and influential. Through stories and focuses, he taught kids how to be Brilliant and Resilient during his so-named show.

The show was built around the seven C-words/signs – connection, confidence, competence, contribution, coping, character and control - that would lead towards brilliance and resilience. Harmer has done over 4,300 magic performances in schools encouraging students to evolve their skills and chase their dreams. He left the system almost two decades ago now to pursue his own. Brilliant with both educating and professional performing skills, he travels the world and teaches students to be their best in their lives.

Besides the Brilliant and Resilient program performed at St. Mary's School on March 22, he also does shows that address such issues as bullying, leadership, character and more.