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Bullying Touches Everyone

Bullying is an epidemic in schools across the nation. Mobridge-Pollock is no exception; we have bullying issues here, too. Over the past few years, we have worked hard to help our students become part of the anti-bullying movement. During the 2010-2011 and 2011-2012 school years, Terry Stulken and Byron Utter came to speak to our middle school students about the horrifying effects of bullying. This year, we tried something new. On October 1st, **Ben Anderson, a man with years of experience in bullying and disabilities presented a great lecture to the Mobridge-Pollock students. The students responded very well to Mr. Anderson.**

Thanks to the outstanding efforts of Mrs. Erin Dale, the students at Mobridge-Pollock Middle School

will be receiving another lesson on bullying. Through a joint effort of Mrs. Dale, Mrs. Odde, and DonorsChoose.org, the movie *Bully* will be presented to 5th-8th grade students on October 24th at MAC Theater. Some students in Mrs. Dale's class have been working to create videos on the topic of bullying. This project ties in perfectly with the issues that will be presented in *Bully*. Because of the joint project between Mrs. Dale's class and DonorsChoose.org, this film will be presented to the students free of charge. Through efforts like these, we strive to create a bully-free Mobridge-Pollock School District.

Ben Anderson speaks to Mobridge-Pollock students about bullying and disabilities

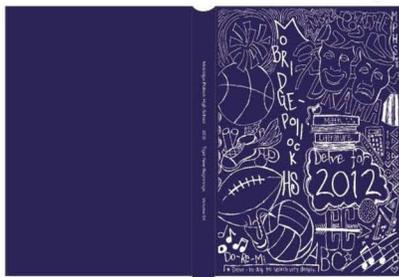


On October 1st, Ben Anderson from Break Through Inc. came to Mobridge Pollock High School to talk during the bullying assembly about bullying and disabilities. He is a main speaker for a non-profit organization in Wisconsin. He will be touring throughout South Dakota during October, and will be visiting schools in Mitchell, Watertown, Spearfish, Lemmon, Harding County, Waverly,

Sturgis, Gettysburg, Redfield, and more. His touring is being sponsored by the Developmental Disabilities Council of SD and Break Through Inc. **He told us about his first-hand experiences of being disabled and bullied, because Ben was born with cerebral palsy. He explained his experiences to the student body and he also explained that it is very important to never give up.**

-Brett Van Vugt

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