

Jaedon

What I got from the assembly was that people are not as good or as talented as other people and that some people have disabilities that are a disadvantage and have to overcome many obstacles in life like bullying. I also get that some people get away with bullying and never get into trouble. Later on in life they get in to trouble with the police. It really hurts people when you make fun of them they may not show on the outside but they hurt in the inside and may hate themselves and their family for making themselves like that and may later commit suicide for a couple dumb people that said that to make them sound cool or make themselves popular. Some people are big athletes or smart but people with disabilities have to work even harder at life and even harder through school. A disability is nothing to be ashamed of even though people make fun of you or a friend.

Some people do it so they won't be made fun of which doesn't mean you have to make fun of them to be cool. Nobody can be cool if you are making fun of another human. I also got out of that was everybody has a purpose in life even if it making someone happy or helping some out.

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What I learned from the assembly is that everyone is different. No two people are alike and that it's just plain rude to make fun of someone because they aren't like you. It kinda makes me feel like crap that we don't notice what we do.

I learned that people aren't all the same and that's a good thing and if we can't accept that, it'll come back later in life and bad things will happen to us. Not only will it most likely come back if we are mean but can you live with your conscience of what you've said or done?

I know that in my last school I was bullied and it made me feel like a useless waste of space. I lost all self esteem and confidence. I've gained some of it back because, believe it or not, Henry is better at not-bullying than where I came from in MN but I still am very self conscious. I have a hard time thinking about what I've said in the past. It makes me feel like a mean mean person. Many people have developed a bad habit of making fun of people because it makes them feel better. a

Kenzie

I liked the assembly because they talked about people making fun of other people and our school really needed that talk. Some people laughed about it but it wasn't funny because that could be them. I hope this taught everyone a lesson, because we are lucky not to have any disabilities. I hate when people laugh at other people with disabilities. It's not like they can help if they are handicapped or not. God made them like this for a reason and we need to respect that. We all live on one Earth together and NOBODY'S perfect! The people are really strong and it takes a lot of courage for them to come to school or do speeches or just too even show their faces in public. It makes me wonder what some people would do if they figured out they had a disability, would that person be strong enough to show their faces?! Some people kill themselves because they are disabled or just get made fun of. It's not cool when you do. And people change. You can't judge someone after 25 years...They could have changed.

What I learned from a disabled man

By Noah

I learned that you should treat everyone the same. You should bully other people for being different. You should except then like everyone else. Just because someone is disabled doesn't you can make fun of them. Think about how you would feel if that was you getting bullied for your disability. Don't make other people sad. Except them for who they are. Listening to him made me realize that I shouldn't let other people keep putting me down.

Austin

I liked how he made every one listen so that they understood what he was trying to tell us. A couple of people were laughing when it wasn't funny at all. He was trying to teach us that even if a person is different no matter if it's their race, beliefs, or if they are fat or skinny, that you should treat them as if they are the same as you. If people are different you should treat them really nice and if other people are treating them horribly you could tell those people to knock it off and even though they are different you should treat them nice. I like that he made us do take an oath and make us repeat every word he said. When he asked us questions I tried my hardest to think of an answer. After he told us about the guy who went to the class reunion I felt really bad for him because people left when they saw him, but it was his own fault because he was mean to everybody. I'm happy that not that many people were disrespectful to him while he was talking. All the people who took the oath should stick to their word and not bully other kids for being different.

Harlee

What the Assembly Meant to me.

I don't think being disabled is funny **at all**, but I just know that for the rest of the day people will be copying him, mimicking him, and laughing about him. People were even laughing during the assembly. I think it was very inspirational, and I think he was very brave to talk to so many people about being disabled. I also think he would be very brave to go through school as a kid and talking to a bunch of kids that would laugh at him. I think that if he were in our school now, as a teenager, he would be made fun of a lot and be called a bunch of bad names. His speech would also be very inspirational for people that are constantly saying, 'I can't do this,' or, 'I'm so stupid,' or 'I'm so dumb.' This assembly was very good, and I like it how he made everyone listen.

Jasmine

I thought the assembly was good a lot of people started making fun of him when he started talking. I thought that was really sad because he couldn't help that he sounded like that. It's not his fault.

It was basically inspiring to hear him talk about his life and what he has been through if I was in his position I would have been very depressed cause everywhere he went he got laugh at or made fun of!

I wouldn't change a thing but maybe the kids be a lot more mature than they were. 6-12 grade kids laugh like no one noticed like the guy speaking didn't have feelings. I bet that guy was a little bit sad when he saw them kids laughing.

To think he traveled the USA and spoke to hundreds of thousands of people and I bet a lot of people laughed at him. He is a strong man.

I will admit that I laughed the first time he spoke but then I thought to myself like what am I doing he can't help that he like this. He cannot help that he has a mental illness that causes him to have speaking problems.

Brandon

I felt bad for him and living like that must be horrible imagine you in that situation. We have to stop bullying people it makes them feel bad.

And we have to behave more it's seriously not nice to bully and make fun of other people about what race they are or make fun of what they do.

I think it was a good assembly he taught me a lot about how I could be a better kid and taught us how to not bully and make fun of other people with other ways of life.

Dalton

The assembly taught me:

Not to make fun of people just because they can't do the things you can do. I was listening to the speech thinking about all of the wrong I have done to other people. When I realized when I was once a bully how much I probably hurt them. I was bullied for a small amount of time, And it hurt me to be called fat and overweight. Things that are wrong with you are hard to overcome, but that doesn't mean you should be laughed at. I think when I first saw the man who gave the speech I judged him. When I heard him talk I chuckled a little bit, but after I knew what he went through I felt a little bad about what I had done. I once judged people like him because they couldn't do the things I could. He was born with a birth defect that he could not control.

Evan

What I thought the assembly meant to me.

I thought the assembly was very inspirational to me, because we didn't just have some random guy just walk in and talk to use about bullying we actually had a disabled man walk in and talk about bullying and what his life was about and how it made him feel when he was made fun of. When some people were laughing at him I thought was just plan mean because he is a married man that is disabled and he went around parts of the world to talk to people so they know what he felt when people made fun of him about his disability so when he came in to talk to us about what we should act like and how we should act I thought that was touching that will change me and how I act. **Being disabled is not a laughing matter people should not be laughing at all.**

Laney

What I got from the assembly was that I know that all people are not the same. If you treat people unfairly you will be in trouble a lot. I would ask our class and say try putting yourself in his shoes and live 1 day in his disability. You would get laughed at mooched and a lot of other things so if you bully remember him and what he goes through and everyone else that has a disability.

Having a disability would be had to live with because the things we take for granted they have to work at it to be good. If you had what Mr. Anderson had you would have to work and work just to be able to talk. If life wasn't so easy, as in breathing or talking, we would have some troubles to.

I also got that bullying will come back and bite you when you get older. If you live a life of bullying you probly won't have very much luck finding friends. If you bully the other people they won't like you when they are older. Also bullying will find a way on making your life miserable. As in you not getting a job with a big company or not having a house.

The assembly changed who I was I am now going to be nicer to the people I don't like or people that are a different race. If people made fun of me because I was different I wouldn't be very fun.

Elizabeth

For the assembly I thought it was very brave of him to speak to a hundred & thousands of people, with a disability. He's no different than anyone else either. Comprehending what he said was hard at first, but it got easier. I'm glad that we went there because all of us needed to hear that. Listening to him made me smile, because if I had a disability I'd be too afraid to speak like that in public and get made fun of.

I learned from him that you can do anything if you work hard, even if you are judged. Also to stand up for yourself & forget what people say about you. Being disabled is nothing to be laughing about.

Hannah griffin 7th grade

the assembly

Ummm..... well I felt bad for him because it's hard to speak. And that guy that bullied him I don't see how he could do that almost killing a person. I see how people bully but not try and kill some one.

Some of the kids laughed at him I didn't think it was funny! He's different nobodies perfect..... Just because he has a disability does mean you have a right to make fun of him. He can help how he is.
That's how he was born.