

Le Mars Community Middle School

977 3rd Avenue SW Le Mars, Iowa 51031 712-546-7022



October 14, 2014

To my friend Pat,

The Rock in Prevention program came to our school today. John and Josh did a great job of teaching our kids how to live a positive and healthy life. They were professional, positive and talented in their music and how they related to our students. They also did a nice job with our high school mentors.

The phrase "We don't do that here!" was one of the great take-a-ways from the assembly. We think that we can build on that throughout this school year.

Here's what 8th grade science teacher Dave Winslow emailed me right after the assembly: *My 5th period class thought that the Rock in Prevention was fun...and useful. They had a good attitude about it, and I too thought it went well and was worthwhile.*

Those were 8th graders who are little harder to impress.

Our 6th and 7th graders came out of the assemblies "on fire" and had a great time. Having the music cd, pens and wristbands will help us keep the theme alive. We do recommend this program to other schools. It is a great message and the students have a lot of fun during the assembly. Also, the fact that the program brings in high school mentors helps it be effective. That aspect is not only good for the young students but can be a meaningful experience for these high school seniors.

Thanks for everything. I am sure that we will have you back to our middle school in the near future.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Shanks". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steve Shanks
MS Principal