



Michael Bortolotto

Inspirational Speaker

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Why I Love Presenting To Students.

Living with and learning from Cerebral Palsy has given me an empowering perspective on rising above unique challenges. My passion now is to inspire, teach, and show students never to settle for the status quo and to believe that anything is possible.

The methods and strategies I use to deliver my presentations.

- 1 - Tell true stories that inspire, educate, and entertain—while encouraging meaningful reflection, constructive thought, and proactive action.
- 2 - Offer easy-to-understand information, straightforward insights, and practical advice drawn from firsthand experience.
- 3 - Present simple, easy-to-follow, and actionable life-enhancing strategies that lead to meaningful and positive results.

The key benefits each student will gain.

- 1 - Why a straightforward smile, combined with a simple five-step strategy, can promote kindness, cultivate empathy, breakdown barriers, and foster inclusion, diversity, and equity within the classroom and the broader school community.
- 2 - Learn to see and understand adversity not as a negative setback or roadblock, but as an opportunity to learn, grow, and build resilience—laying the foundation for both present and future success.

"Michael uses his Cerebral Palsy to capture the attention of his audience and holds them enraptured while he provides an amazing message of social inclusion, kindness, respect, diversity, equity, and building resiliency. His audience members leave his presentation as better people".

Geoff Manning, Superintendent, Campbell River School District

A Little Bit About Michael.

As a young adult with Cerebral Palsy, Michael Bortolotto encountered significant barriers and challenges in his pursuit of meaningful employment. Society's limited awareness, misconceptions, and acts of exclusion made the path forward difficult. However, Michael's frustration fueled his determination, transforming adversity into an opportunity for growth. He turned societal obstacles into stepping stones for personal learning and lifelong success.

In 1986, driven by his unwavering commitment to being an active and contributing member of society, Michael launched his professional speaking career. Through his "Can Do Attitude" and "Infectious Smile," he has since inspired and educated students of all ages. Michael's message emphasizes the critical role of social inclusion, diversity, equity, and resilience in fostering environments where everyone can thrive and succeed.

Quick Facts About Michael.

- * 39 years of experience speaking in public and private schools from Kindergarten to Grade 12.
- * Has visited and spoken in approximately 5,000 schools across North America.
- * Over the last 39 years, he has presented to approximately 900,000 students.





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Michael's Signature Elementary School Presentations.

The First Step to Social Inclusion, Diversity, and Equity Is a Smile.

(Intended for students from Grade Four to Grade Seven - 55 minutes in length)

Michael draws on his insightful personal experiences to explain how kindness and empathy can be a powerful first step in removing biases, breaking down barriers, and fostering a school environment that champions inclusion, understands diversity, and initiates equity.

The Wonderful Power of A Smile, Kindness, And Inclusion.

(Intended for students from Grade Four to Grade Seven - 55 minutes in length)

Michael will teach your students how to create a safer, more inclusive school environment through a simple 5-step strategy—smile, ask questions, listen, think, and understand. This approach dismantles barriers, challenges misconceptions, fosters empathy and acceptance, and helps forge new friendships.



The Truth About Apples & Pineapples.

(Intended for students from Kindergarten to Grade Three - 30 minutes in length)

Michael teaches students a simple five-step strategy to create a safer, more inclusive school environment by looking beyond appearances, fostering understanding, and building a culture of empathy, acceptance, and friendships.



Adversely Boosting Your Resiliency.

(Intended for students from Grade Three to Grade Seven - 55 minutes in length)

Teach your students to see and embrace adversity as an opportunity to learn, grow, and build resilience, empowering them to face challenges with confidence and navigate life's obstacles with purpose and determination.



Bouncing Back!

(Intended for students from Kindergarten to Grade Three - 30 minutes in length)

Michael shares his powerful story of learning to ride a tricycle with cerebral palsy, inspiring students to view adversity as a pathway to resilience and equipping them to face challenges with determination, turning obstacles into opportunities to achieve their goals.

School Presentation Programs.

Michael offers two flexible school presentation programs - "Full-Day Program" or "Half-Day Program." For more insight into both programmes, phone Michael at 250-816-2989 or email him at michael@michaelbortolotto.com to inquire about the fee structure and ideal program for your students!