

# Guest Speaker Assembly



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*Guest Speaker Assemblies can inspire the students at the launch of the program or reward for a job well done. People from around the community could come into the class and share their connection with the environment.*

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Find speakers who can address the topics of water, waste and electricity from within your area. Some examples:

1. Ryan Hreljac [www.ryanswell.ca](http://www.ryanswell.ca) - UNESCO, child water activist
2. Junk Yard Bands - who take garbage and make music
3. Hydro Zappers - To put on demonstrations of high power electricity from Hydro Ontario
4. Jungle Cat world – travels with animals to schools around Ontario.

## Steps to Take

1. Have organizing group research speakers to have who are locally, regionally or nationally active in the area your group wishes to hear.
2. Have organizers write letters to identified speakers and book the engagement (check for conflicts within the school). Students, teachers, parent committee or a variety of stakeholders could do these roles.
3. Create posters and other forms of advertising to showcase the happening around the school and/or community.
4. Decide to inform other schools of your speaker presence in the area and invite them to attend.

## Communications

The more who know your school is doing great things the better. Leave no channel of communication unturned. Local cable, newspapers, TV shows, radio, neighbouring schools, the board office superintendents, trustees, as well as local, municipal and federal government officials should be asked along. The least they could say is no and the most that could happen is they wish to play some part in the events proceedings.

## Stakeholders Involvement

Never forget the people who helped to get you where your project is now. Parents, school volunteers, teachers, custodians, secretaries, administration staff, should all be involved if only to thank them for their participation and hope that they will continue in the future.

## Mentorship

This is the perfect chance to extend existing mentorship programs within schools (e.g., reading buddies, etc.). Students across grade levels can work together to plan and develop their guest speaker assembly.



### ***Role of Class***

In hosting a guest speaker there are several responsibilities to take into account:

- Invitations
- Who will be the contact for the booking
- Hosting and handling requests during the visit
- Problem solving during the visit - (late arrival, weather, etc.)
- Thanking the invited guests and speaker (could involve gifts or cards)
- Cleaning up after the speaker leaves (participant garbage, putting chairs away, etc.)
- Reporting the event to the EarthCARE Project Manager for a success story

### ***Lesson Plan Links***

All lessons and all grades.