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KISD promotes success in the classroom, on the "playing field", and at home. Students, parents, staff, and community members collaborate to create a safe learning environment. Supported by relevant, state of the art resources and technology, we are a high-performing district of choice. By implementing modern concepts of learning, KISD provides a place where our students' dreams become realities.

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Can you imagine what teachers are thinking today? Friday, Halloween! "The kids have been crazy like they have already eaten a ton of candy, and you're telling me this training you have set up is MANDATORY?"

This morning Mark Seguin trained students on three different campuses. Students entered as usual: talkative and being silly. When they left, it was much different. You could tell from the looks on their faces, he made an impact. Some of the students who were totally engaged, were a surprise. It was something these students needed to hear. "Wow" was one comment I heard more than once.

This afternoon, it was time to train all of our staff. "We've gone 10 weeks without a break and now you want me to sit and listen to some guy? I guess I could just nap". "Is the training this afternoon the same as the student training this morning, because I really don't have time and teachers are not going to want to sit through it if they already saw it."

"I'm amazed", "This was the best workshop ever!" and "I had no idea"... were only some of the comments from staff today after our training. Several even signed up for the personal plan to track their information.

To say the least, this training, even on a day like today, was just what they needed. It was funny, very informative, and well worth it! This is something that everyone here today can take with them and utilize all the time. Mark commented "If this training can save even just one life of a teen, it was worth it". I feel he connected very well with different age groups of students. He connected with staff much more than I anticipated. His approach was perfectly balanced.

Now, we are even talking about more training!

Thank you Mark, for the wonderful day!

Sincerely,
Lily McGrath