

"Abby Stephens touched hearts as she shared her story at Snow Horse Elementary for our Ribbon Week Kickoff. I teach First Grade. My students were silent and very engaged in listening to Abby and taking to heart what she shared. The entire room was filled with over 800 attentive listeners. I don't remember ever attending such a powerful assembly that made such a difference in motivating each person to do their best with the traits and talents they have been blessed with. I walked out of the assembly that day with a renewed purpose in life and in my stewardship to help each student be the best they can be and to meet challenges head on with a positive attitude. Thank you, Abby!"

Kaylene Redd ~ Snow Horse Elementary

"[We] had an amazing speaker come out during our ribbon week and talked about safety, texting, driving, wearing seat belts, positive attitudes etc. She is considered a quadriplegic, but due to her determination and positive attitude is walking today and has 4 beautiful children. She still cannot use the right side of her body well, but she left quite an amazing message with our students and faculty. If you need a great speaker, call her. She was real, she was honest, passionate, and so beautiful. I was so touched by what she had to share. Her thoughts and words are appropriate for any grade levels. She would be fabulous in the High Schools and Jr. Highs too because she was close to their age when she made one decision that changed her life forever." ~

Nannette S. Robertson ~ Snow Horse Elementary Principal

"Out of all my years here at Snow Horse, that was the most inspirational assembly I have been to."

~Lelia Wilson, 5th grade student, Snow Horse Elementary

"Your presentation at the assembly was just amazing. I was deeply touched and had to hold back the tears. I can't imagine the pain, suffering, and heartache that you and your family have experienced through this ordeal. And yet, you are a bright spot of hope for all of us to look up to. I thoroughly enjoyed your presentation on a personal level, but also feel it is a great reminder for everyone to hear."

~Christine Anderson

Snow Horse Elementary Teacher

"She connected with our students at NDJ. They were motivated by her story and they were touched by her message. Her assembly was a very positive experience for kids. I highly recommend Abby Stephens as a speaker for your school. She's awesome! "

~Ryan C. Hansen, Ph.D

Principal, North Davis Junior High School

“Abby Stephens shared a very personal and touching experience that she had in her life. The students were engaged and respectful of her and her message and we even discussed it back in class. The lesson of being safe resonated with us all and was very relevant as we all drive or ride in cars and should buckle up. I wish her the very best in her life! Thank you for having her come!”

~Julie LaRocco- Teacher

Sand Springs Elementary

“What a wonderful experience it was to have Abby Stephens come to Sand Springs Elementary. Her message of making good choices, and having a positive attitude was fantastic. Abby was inspirational as she shared her story of how she endured her trials and challenges. Our students left the assembly feeling empowered that “They Can” make choices that will help them be successful in life!”

~Meggan Nichols- Assistant Principal

Sand Springs Elementary

“Abby’s presentation at our school was wonderful. She was engaging and inspirational and everyone loved it. She tied our school theme “Rise Above” into all she taught, and it was tremendous! Thanks for coming!”

~Kristin Kapp- Resource Teacher

Reading Elementary

“What a great story of courage and tenacity. More people should hear Abby’s story. A great assembly.”

~Mrs. Thorderson-Third Grade Teacher

Reading Elementary

“Abby, Thank you so much for sharing your inspirational life. You truly showed the students how to rise above. You’re greatly admired.”

~Mrs. Madsen- Fifth grade teacher

Reading Elementary

"I thought the assembly was very meaningful. Abby had a great rapport with the students. Her message was so important! The students were very engaged in what she had to say. It fit so well with our theme as well. Excellent assembly."

~Mrs. VanTussenbrook- Sixth grade teacher

Reading Elementary

"Very moving, heartfelt. Made my problems seem miniscule! Wonderful, what a strong lady."

~Mrs. Vetter-Substitute teacher

Reading Elementary

"Abby is a real person who quickly and easily connects with her audience. We appreciated that when sharing her story she incorporated our school theme of "Rise Above". I know that her message impacted the children as I heard one student talking to another student after school. Saying "remember to buckle up, you can't even forget one time!" We are grateful that she shared her inspirational message with us."

~Mrs. Reynolds- PTA President

Reading Elementary

"We had a very motivational assembly presented by Abby Stephens. Abby was in a serious car accident back in 1996 in which she broke her neck. She was told that she probably would not live and that if she did she would be paralyzed. Three months later Abby took her first steps and she has been walking and surprising everyone. The students of Reading Elementary watched her and listened to her as she challenged them to "Rise Above" difficulties that might come their way. Abby was an inspiration to us all."

~Miss Weight-School Principal

Reading Elementary