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## Testimonials

What a sight to see, 500 people of all ages enthralled in a performance. We had 2 elementary schools, community members of all ages, and ranked officials present and enjoying the show. We packed our auditorium and still had people standing in the back. "The New Kid" performance is not only an enjoyable musical, with catchy tunes and lyrics, but carries a meaningful message. What better way to teach children about a sticky topic like bullying than with children their own age? In the end, there was a question and answer period

between the audience and the actors. Our students had so many questions we ran over our allotted time. Thank you Random Farms for this experience. It was an honor and pleasure to have you in our school!

*Lisa D. Watson, Library Media Specialist, Elmsford Public Schools*

Today's performance was above and beyond our expectations. It was relevant, touching, professionally presented and so very beautifully performed by the cast. Thank you for giving our students a poignant and memorable experience today.

*Gayle Potter, Co-Chair of the PTA Cultural Arts Committee, Hutchinson Elementary School*

The kids absolutely LOVED the show - as did the teachers. Even the principal said that she doesn't remember having as much positive feedback from the teachers on any other assembly. The fact that the message was for kids, about kids, and from kids is what really resonated. The kids could really relate to the performers and the teachers said that the show provided a spring board for further conversations in the classroom. Thanks for providing such a wonderful show.

*Mary Rubini, Assemblies Coordinator, Pequenakonck Elementary School*

Random Farms is an awesome performing group. The kids who performed "The New Kid" were talented, professional and sang harmony beautifully. The message on bullying was timely and well done. As I walked through the hallways that day, the children stopped me and told me how great the play was and asked when they could come back again. I've never seen this in my career as a principal. The staff loved it, too. WOW!

*Helene Kane, Principal of Furnace Woods Elementary School*

The Random Farms Kids Theater performance of "The New Kid" was outstanding. The production was very professional from the vocals and choreography, to the sound system



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and production team. The theme of “The New Kid” was perfect for middle school-age students... social acceptance, peer pressure, bullying, self-esteem, and having these messages portrayed within relevant middle school situations made it especially meaningful. Entertaining and educationally significant, the students and staff loved the program.  
*Robert Recchione, Principal at Gretta R. Ostrovsky Middle School*

The New Kid performance was entertaining and instructional. The students were transfixed by the school age actors and their lively performances. The program addressed very pertinent issues regarding bullying and is in direct support of our school efforts to advance social/emotional learning and positive behaviors in our students.  
*Barbara Simitian Laudicina, Principal of Stillman Elementary School*

The performance was excellent and the message was presented using social themes, scenarios and language appropriate for the audience of students in attendance. It was very engaging and was in full alignment with our own anti-bullying efforts.  
*Dr. Robert Roelle, Principal of Prospect Hill School*

The show was terrific and the teachers are planning to discuss the issues Zach and others had to deal with.  
*Jamal Lewis, Assistant Principal of Van Cortlandtville Elementary School*

It was positive to have actors in the production that were the ages of true middle school students. It made things more convincing. The teachers have found the study guide very helpful in encouraging classroom discussion and writing activities.  
*Allyson Hickey, VP of Cultural Programming at St. Joseph's School*

Our principal and the teacher rep. were very happy and excited about the show. They said the actors and actresses did a wonderful job and the students loved the question and answer piece.  
*Christine Daly, PTA Enrichment Rep. at Benjamin Franklin Elementary School*

The students really enjoyed “The New Kid” program at Blue Mountain Middle School on Friday. It was a big hit! The students are extremely talented! The topic was age appropriate and very relevant.  
*Beth Dorsa, Blue Mountain Middle School*



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“The New Kid” performance was filled with fun, high spirited acting, singing, and dancing for kids by kids. The characters were easy to relate to and enjoyed by our entire 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade and ESL population.

We really enjoyed the question and answer period the actors and actresses offered at the end. It made our students realize that these kids on stage are just like them. It gave them the opportunity to get behind the characters and realize how human we all are.

We truly appreciate your professionalism and highly recommend this performance and production company to all elementary and middle schools. We can't wait to have Random Farms on Tour back in the future.

*Lisa Watson, Alexander Hamilton Jr/Sr High School*

Our school goes from grades 1-5, who were all in attendance for approximately 1 hour. They were all mesmerized by the performers, acting and singing. I watched the students in the audience and they thoroughly enjoyed every minute. I would certainly recommend this to our two middle schools. The actors, though students themselves, were outstanding performers. They brought out the point of not just fitting in to be popular, but being true to yourself -- a message that has been around for years but performed by the New Kids in a way that fit into today's life styles.

*Susan Lindner, science teacher at Waverly Park Elementary School*

I do not know where to begin! The children are so amazing and the show was wonderful! I am getting all kinds of great feedback from the teachers and the parents.

*Staci Zampa, Enrichment Director at Stillmeadow Elementary School (Stamford, CT)*

I just wanted to write a little note to tell you how wonderful the show was this morning. Well acted, well staged, superlatively performed, with a message that is incredibly important for students. Please pass along my thanks to all the students and staff involved in the performance.

*Mark Soloman, Principal at Scotland Elementary School (Ridgefield, CT)*

What drew us to this original musical is that it combines art appreciation with a current message. I'm not sure if students enjoyed more of the music or story; regardless, they were glued to their seats for the entire performance!

*Jennifer Cheng, PTA Cultural Arts Committee at Prospect Hill School*