



YORK HOUSE SCHOOL



2018 ISABC PUBLIC SPEAKING EVENT: GRADE 6 & 7

**York House Junior School
Thursday, April 19th, 2018**

On behalf of York House, we are pleased to invite you to participate in the 2018 ISABC Grade 6 and 7 Public Speaking Event. Please indicate your school's intent to participate by completing [the Google Form](#) as soon as possible. Specific details about registration, agenda, etc., to follow in the new year. ~ Karen Webb and Monica Regan

Format:

This year, students will prepare their speech using a slightly different format from previous ISABC public speaking competitions. The new format is a shortened (kid-friendly) version of an Ignite, Pecha Kucha or TED Talk presentation. *Students will prepare a speech as before with the same time requirements and criteria, but with accompanying slides.*

For both grade 6 & 7, the topic is the same: "What Matters? (to you)" Speakers will present on a topic that is important to them, their community or the world and create a 5-10 slide presentation to go with it.

This slight change to the format and grade-level topic connects with the new BC curriculum and its focus on inquiry, student-centered learning and digital literacy. It provides for more student voice and choice as the theme is very open-ended, allowing a student to study and present about something that is of particular interest to them. The slides give the students a place to be creative and provide a visual way to inform and engage their audience.

Topic: "What Matters? (to you)"

Audience: Their grade-level audience (peers)

Length of speech: 3 minutes, with 20 seconds grace on either side.

Minimum: 5 slides, 2 minutes 40 seconds in time

Maximum: 10 slides, 3 minutes 20 seconds in time

Slide Presentation:

- Slides must automatically advance to eliminate interruptions and time loss due to having to forward the slide.
- Limit of 5 words per slide. The slides support the presentation visually and should be visual in nature, not text heavy.
- As usual, hand gestures should be minimal.
- Prepare slides using PowerPoint. We do not want to use the Internet for presentations to avoid connection issues.
- Teachers to send PP presentations of speakers to York House (kwebb@yorkhouse.ca), via email, one week before the competition. The presentations will be loaded onto a YHS classroom computer in the order in which students will present; students present using the SMART board.
- Students are asked to bring their presentation on a memory stick as well, in case of technological issues.

Individual presenters: As always, each school may send 3 speakers per grade to compete.

Award categories: 1st, 2nd and 3rd place awards will be given for each grade. One honorary mention will also be given for a Grade 6 & 7 student that showed resiliency during their presentation. Winners present in our Tognetti theatre at the end of the afternoon so everyone can see the best presentations.

Advice to speakers:

1. Pick an idea you want to learn more about and/or want to share with your audience. The topic should be something that matters to you, to your school, your community or the world. It can be something that you've experienced, heard about, read/watched, or have simply been wanting to learn more about.
2. Focus on 'one story' (if possible) to center your talk, although you certainly can expand beyond that. Be factual but also help your audience emotionally care about the subject.
3. Try to imagine being in the audience listening to your own talk: What would interest you? What would inspire you? What would move you to 'act' or want to learn more?
4. Practice the timing of your talk especially with the automatic advancement of your slides.
5. Since you have to create 5-10 slides, select visuals (images only, or images+key words) that create a connection to specific points in your talk. Make sure that all images are given proper credit. It is better to use your own images or images obtained online from royalty-free sites, such as the Creative Commons.

For Slides:

- A single image or word can have a lot of impact. In general, choose images over text.
- Slides should be easy to understand. Avoid distracting transitions!
- A slide ideally should support only one point.
- Set slides to automatically advance when you want them to, keeping in mind the minimum (2 min 40 sec) and maximum (3 min 20 sec) times for the presentation. To customize your transition times, go into “Slide Show” on the top bar menu then “Rehearse Timings”. Here you can say your speech and set the timing for each slide. Then practise, practise, practise!

Sample of Public Speaking Rubric

½ marks are encouraged to prevent ‘ties’

CATEGORY	SCORE
Presentation Style Includes expression, volume, pace, confidence, eye contact	/5
Organizational Structure & Content Includes a focused topic, engaging hook, well developed details and a thoughtful/impactful conclusion	/5
Quality of Slides Includes good formatting, how well the images support the talk, clarity, visual impact	/5
Overall Impact of Speech Includes relevance to audience, creativity and audience engagement	/5
Time Either zero or five marks given. 5 marks given if speech falls in allotted time, 0 if not. Time 2:40 to 3:20	/5
TOTAL	/25

