

# TOM THELEN

YOUTH MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER



COMING SOON:



# 5 REASONS TO BOOK TOM



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## TOP YOUTH SPEAKER

Tom Thelen, author of *Victimproof*, has spoken at over 500 school assemblies and youth conferences teaching students how to respond to bullying and how to “Be The Change!” Tom is a high-impact communicator with a message that touches the heart and makes students laugh. His speech creates a defining moment for audiences of all ages.

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## 100% POSITIVE MESSAGE

Tom was never into drugs or drinking, so his message doesn’t come from a negative perspective. Instead, he shows students how one teacher stepped in and helped him break free from the victim mindset. Through her guidance, he learned how to make positive choices and build strong character. As a speaker, Tom does not use harsh language or speak on the topics of religion, politics, or sexuality.

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## EMPOWERING STUDENTS

Rather than the typical “Don’t be a bully!” message, Tom shows students how to prevent bullying from the inside-out. We cannot simply rely on posters and t-shirts to make a lasting impact. Instead, we must motivate students to change from the inside-out by teaching positive character traits like respect, responsibility, and resiliency.

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## BEST FOLLOW-UP PROGRAM

Tom has the most extensive follow-up program of any national youth speaker today. Every school receives a free copy of the *Victimproof* Book, DVD with 30 Video Lessons, and the *Victimproof* Teacher’s Guide with Lesson Plans for the videos. Schools can also upgrade to The No Bullying Schools Program, which includes all of the *Victimproof* resources, plus everything described below.

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## NOBULLYINGSCHOOLS.COM

Groups that book a live presentation are eligible for a 50% Off Coupon Code for <https://nobullyingschools.com>. “No Bullying Schools” is a research-based program for preventing bullying and creating a positive school culture. It includes a Bullying Reporting App for students with a corresponding Bullying Tracking Software for administrators to track and manage bullying incidents.



# WHO IS TOM THELEN?

Tom Thelen is the Founder of The No Bullying Schools Program. As one of America's top youth motivational speakers, he has spoken at over 500 schools, colleges, and youth organizations. His message helps schools create a positive culture and shows students how to BE THE CHANGE. Tom has been featured on FOX, CBS, PBS, The National Association of Student Councils, The National Honor Society, as well as Student Conferences for 4-H, FFA, FCCLA, and YMCA.

In 2005, Tom completed his bachelor's degree and began working at a non-profit youth organization where he honed his skills as a youth speaker and began writing his first book, TEEN LEADERSHIP REVOLUTION. Since the publishing of his second book, VICTIMPROOF, he has become a leading voice in preventing bullying and creating a positive school climate.

Tom's school assembly program takes students on a journey through his own life story – a normal "face in the crowd" kid who never struggled with drugs or alcohol, but instead lived with a victim mindset. Thankfully one teacher stepped in and helped him break free from the bullying cycle. Today, Tom travels America showing students how to stand up to bullying and how to "BE THE CHANGE" on their campus. His live event comes with a 30-PART VICTIMPROOF VIDEO CURRICULUM and the accompanying TEACHER'S GUIDE which serves as a 12-month follow-up program.





# TESTIMONIALS

*"It had a tremendous effect on our students because it related to what they experience each and every day. It empowers kids to take charge of their lives and be the change."*

**- Brenda Crauder, Principal, Franklin, IN**

*"Hey Tom. Thanks for doing that awesome presentation at our school!"*

**- Juan, Middle School Student, CA**

*"We are just astonished and excited about how it went. It was great. We had an awesome time!"*

**- Miguel Moreno, GEAR UP Facilitator  
Texas A&M International University, TX**

*"Tom's story is powerful and uplifting!"*

**- Marissa, High School Student, OK**

*"Tom, thank you for your message. It was truly inspiring!"*

**- Kevin, College Student, MN**

*"He did a great job. The students were really engaged!"*

**- Kurt Saugstad, Principal  
Clark Pleasant Intermediate School, IN**

*"His message of empowering our kids is the true answer to bullying."*

**- Steve Shanks, Principal of LeMars Middle School, IA**

*"The students enjoyed it. They adults have enjoyed it as well. It has been a delight to have Tom in our system."*

**- Martha Davison, School Counselor  
Three Oaks Middle School, TN**

*"Tom's message rocked! It was a home run for our students!"*

**- Mark Krommendyk, Principal, Grand Rapids, MI**

*"Tom's inspirational testimony and program has been a catalyst for the implementation of the anti-bullying prevention plans of the district."*

**- Dr. Larry Lusk, Dyer County Schools, TN**

*"Thanks for coming to our school!"*

**- Eric, Elementary Student, NY**

*"We were really excited to have him! Our students really enjoyed the message."*

**- Mrs. Shulz, School Counselor  
Greenwood, IN**

*"Tom speaks in a way students understand."*

**- Lee Wirick, Teacher  
Gerald R. Ford Job Corps, MI**

*"You changed the way I think and may others too!"*

**- James, Middle School Student, NJ**

*"The students loved him, and staff members thought he did a fabulous job!"*

**- Heidi VanSledright, Teacher, GRCS, MI**

*"He made a great impact on our kids. Kids were really talking about it. I believe that he was the spark that we needed to be the change."*

**- Tony Jones, Principal  
Northview Middle School, TN**

*"I think it was fantastic!"* **- Josefina Rivera, School Counselor, Mission, TX**



# SPEECHES FOR ALL AGES

## 1. BULLYING STOPS HERE SCHOOL ASSEMBLY

*(For Lower or Upper Elementary)*

## 2. CREATING A CULTURE OF CHARACTER

*(For Lower or Upper Elementary)*

## 3. BE THE CHANGE (BULLYING FOCUS)

*(For Middle or High School)*

## 4. CYBERBULLYING STOPS HERE

*(For Middle or High School)*

## 5. BE THE CHANGE (LEADERSHIP FOCUS)

*(For Middle or High School)*

## 6. BE THE CHANGE (CHARACTER FOCUS)

*(For Middle or High School)*

## 7. RAISING BULLYPROOF KIDS / STUDENTS

*(For Parents & Educators)*

## 8. BE THE CHANGE ON CAMPUS

*(For College Students & Educators)*



# A NOTE FROM TOM



Hi, I'm Tom Thelen, and I love helping students! As a teen, my High School English Teacher believed in me when no one else did, and through her influence I learned the importance of character, self-discipline, and leadership. Now I get to take that same message of hope to students, parents, and educators around the world.

My goal in every speech is to: 1) Connect with the audience through an authentic message. 2) Teach universal values that are relevant to everyone. And 3) Inspire them to take the next positive step in their lives. And that's exactly what I do.

When students take ownership of their lives, their choices, and their character, it creates a win-win for the students and for the school. I look forward to partnering with you to bring the message of bullying prevention and leadership to your students. Together we can reduce bullying and create a culture of character!

A stylized, handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tom Thelen'.

Tom Thelen | Founder of No Bullying Schools

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