



LIVE GAME SHOW MOTIVATES STUDENTS TO BOUNCE BACK FROM PROBLEMS AND FAILURES

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LOUISVILLE – *The Grit Game Show* is a motivational program about resilience where students in grades 3-8 become contestants in an onstage game show! Presented by Louisville theatre company Drama by George, this touring school assembly for grades 3-8 challenges kids to keep going when the going gets tough.

The Grit Game Show uses interactive games to equip students to bounce back from failure. In one of the contests, called “The Loser’s Club,” kids try to identify successful people based only on clues about their setbacks. For example, what famous Kentuckian was defeated in a Senate race just two years before he was elected president? (If you guessed Abraham Lincoln, you’re right.) Lincoln, along with many other famous “losers,” demonstrated perseverance on their journeys to success.

The positive results of grit are undeniable. In a landmark study by Stanford psychologist Carol Dweck, students who were empowered with a “growth mindset” – in other words, who were taught to see challenges as opportunities to stretch and learn – improved their scores on a test by an average of 30%.¹ The students acquired no additional knowledge between test sessions. All they gained was a fresh perspective, and that made all the difference.

For more information about *The Grit Game Show*, visit www.dramabygeorge.com/grit, or call (502) 718-5090. In its first year (2016-17), *The Grit Game Show* impacted 5000 Kentuckiana students in 24 performances. Drama by George is a Louisville-based educational theatre company that has reached a total of more than 60,000 students with character-building theatre since 2007.

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