

2020-21

TOPIC: My biggest learning from 2020 is...

- What is something you have experienced, read about, or viewed, that you would consider a life lesson?
- What has changed you?
- Or, what have you personally experienced that many would consider surprising for your age?
- How might this experience impact your future?

Due to the pandemic, we will be adapting the Grade 7 Public Speaking Challenge, as we don't anticipate being able to gather for zones and District finals. As this is a valuable learning experience for students, participating classes will work on developing their speeches on this year's topic through January and February. Each participating class will host an opportunity for every student to share their speech with peers in their classroom. After everyone has shared, the teacher or the students in the class, will select three student speeches that will be shared with their assigned partner school/classroom.

PARTNER SCHOOL SHARING: March 2021

Once classes have selected their top three speeches, participating classrooms will be paired/assigned a partner school/classroom. Teachers who are paired together will determine a date in the first two weeks of March where they will virtually connect via Zoom to have the three selected students share their speeches virtually with their assigned partner classroom. Certificate templates will be provided to each participating school for distribution to participating students.

PLEASE NOTE:

Participants at the school level may include Grade 6 students if they are in combined 6/7 classes. Grade 6 students can use the school competition as a practice for the following year.

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