

# B.F. Day Assemblies



# My school is having an assembly!

An assembly is when our whole school gets together in the gym to recognize learning or celebrate achievements. We have them about once a month.



In the morning, when my teacher says so, my class will go down to the gym. Our school gym can be loud. I can bring my ear defenders from my class.

Classes enter the gym in order: 5th graders will go in first and sit at the back, then 4th graders, then 3rd graders, then 2nd graders, then 1st graders, and kindergarteners in the front. Sometimes I will need to wait in the hall while the grade ahead of me is getting to their area.

Sometimes the Pre-K students will also join in the very front and sometimes some other students will

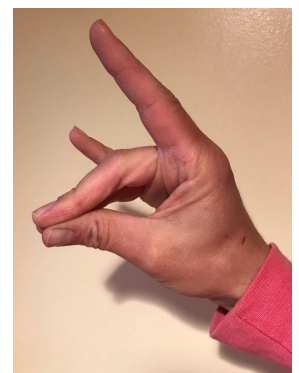
come in right before the assembly starts and sit on the side.

We will sit on the floor. During the assembly there may be parents who come to see their children present with their grade level. They will stand around the side and back walls of the gym.

While I am waiting for the assembly to start, I can:

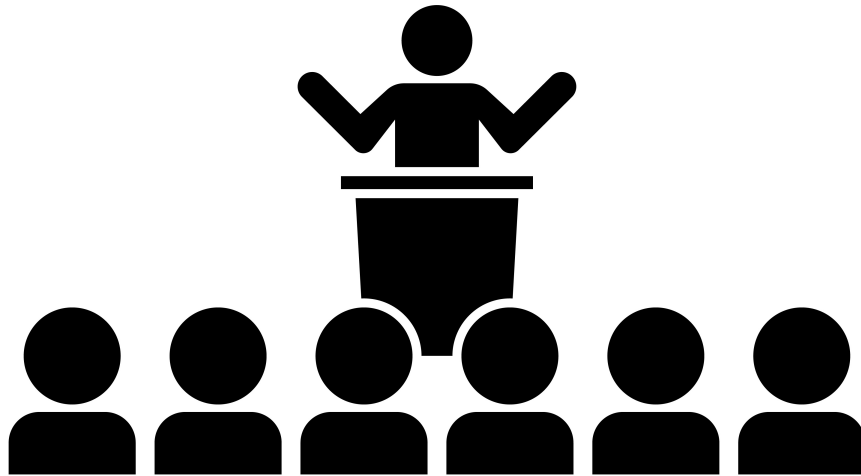
- Daydream!
- Talk to my peers to the left and right of me at a level one voice
- Keep all of my body parts to myself
- Some students will have a different plan than me for activities while they wait

“Silent Sunny” is when someone puts their hand up in the shape of a little dragon head with its mouth closed. When I see Silent Sunnys, I will bring my voice to a level zero.



When the assembly starts, A B.F. Day teacher or our principal will speak on a microphone in front of everyone. I will pay attention to what they are saying, and help others also pay attention by keeping my words and my body to myself.

An assembly has different teachers and staff taking turns talking on the microphone. Sometimes different grades will present a performance or something about what they are learning. When it is my grade's turn to present, my teacher will help me prepare and I will follow my teacher's instructions of what to do during the assembly.

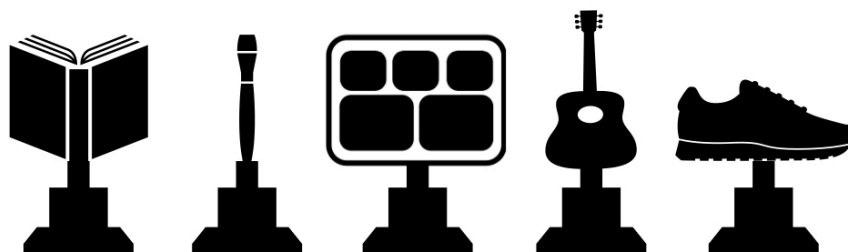


**The assembly will take about 30 minutes. It will usually go like this:**

- 1) Teacher or principal welcomes us and reminds us of the expected behaviors
- 2) Everyone sings the BF Day song (see below)
- 3) Sometimes a grade level showcases something they've been learning
- 4) Awards are given by the specialist teachers to a class who go above and beyond to follow the B.F. Day Way that month.
- 5) Everyone says and/or mimes the B.F. Day Pledge (see below); a teacher will lead and everyone else can repeat what that teacher says.
- 6) Then classes are dismissed back out in the order they came into the gym and return to their classrooms.

**What are the class awards for?**

- Ms. P might be looking to see how students use the library and take care of the books to give the “Golden Book” award.
- Mr. D might be looking to see the whole class remembering to wear sneakers on PE day to give “The Golden Shoe” award.
- Ms. Bethany might be looking for teamwork or working hard toward a goal like learning a song or mastering a rhythm to give “The Golden Ukulele” Award.
- Ms. Segura might be looking for students with a growth mindset who are trying something new and being brave as artists to give a golden art tool award.
- Ms. Brenna is looking for the grade level who works together to keep the noise level down and clean up responsibly during lunch to give the “Golden Lunch Tray” award.





### **During the assembly, I will:**

- Bring my voice to level zero when I see Silent Sunny
- Show my appreciation with Silent Applause. Silent Applause is when I shake my hands instead of clapping. Sometimes parents will forget about Silent Applause and start to clap, but I can show them what to do with my own hands.



- Keep my body calm and safe. If I can't keep my body calm and safe, I can use a level one voice to tell my teacher I need to move to the hall.
- Keep all of my body parts to myself
- Listen to whomever is presenting during the assembly
- Use hand signals when I can
- If I need to get up or leave for any reason, I will tell my teacher in a whisper or use a hand signal, and move out quietly so others can hear or see the assembly.

### **B.F. Day Song Lyrics**

Oh, what do they say about B.F. Day?  
They say it's the family school  
Where sharing and caring  
And lending a hand  
We all form a family  
Across the land

Oh, what do they say about B.F. Day?  
Come visit and you will see  
All our smiles go for miles  
You're a friend to the end  
At B.F. Day!

### **B.F. Day School Pledge**

**I am somebody.** (point to self)  
**I was somebody when I came.**  
(hands on hip)  
**I will be a better somebody**  
**when I leave.** (swing arm upward,  
think: "golly" gesture)  
**I am powerful and I am strong.**  
(muscle arm)



**I am brave and empathetic.** (hands in heart shape)

**I deserve the education that I get here.** (two hands pointing down to floor)

**I have things to do, places to go, and a community to inspire.**  
(hand like visor on forehead looking outward at the horizon)



**I am a B.F. Day Sun Dragon!**  
(point to self, arms up strong)

