

2025-2026 Rock Your Life Experience for Schools

Pete's Diary Brings the Power of Positivity & Self-Acceptance to Your Students

ASSEMBLY OPTIONS

K-2 Program – a 30-35 minute presentation about self-acceptance and embracing differences. This program uses illustrations from our award-winning picture book to lead the discussion. Peter wishes he looked like everyone else but learns that true rock stars aren't afraid to be different.

Grade 3-5 Program – a 40-45 minute presentation that inspires students to rock their life. Peter encourages students to embrace what makes them different and to choose a positive attitude on both good and bad days. He shares how he's persevered through nearly 40 surgeries, and he demonstrates how playing the guitar helps him manage his emotions.

Middle & High School Program – a 40-60 minute presentation that empowers students to rock their life by choosing courage over fear, practicing gratitude, accepting things they can't change, never giving up on themselves, learning from failure, and pursuing their passion no matter the odds. Peter shares real-life examples of how he rocks his life with a guitar and Goldenhar Syndrome.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Every program includes Q & A and guitar playing.
- Every school receives an autographed picture book or biography for their library.
- Special pricing & order forms for bulk purchases of our books are available upon request.
- PDF worksheets and coloring pages are available.

PRICING & LOGISTICS

- Pricing varies by location. Email Dede@PetesDiary.com for a quote.
- Our program works best with a screen, projector to connect our laptop (PC), audio, and two microphones. We do have our own portable PA to use as needed.
- Peter plays electric guitar at every assembly.

How to Book

Submit this [online form](#), email Dede@PetesDiary.com, or call/text Dede at 248-219-6544.

School Assemblies that Amplify Positivity & Self-Acceptance

PetesDiary.com

8x10 Hard Cover for grades K-2

Peter's Rockin' Ear
A Story of Self-Acceptance
by Dede Dankelson
Illustrations by Pratyush Chatterjee

How I Learned To Rock My Life
The Peter Dankelson Story
by Peter Dankelson
Illustrations by Pratyush Chatterjee

5x7 Paperback with Color Photos for ages 12+

READER'S FAVORITE
FIVE STARS

Peter Dankelson

The banner features a dark, textured background. On the left, there is a gold circular seal that says 'MAJOR CHOICE AWARDS HONORING EXCELLENCE'. In the center, there are two book covers: 'Peter's Rockin' Ear' and 'How I Learned To Rock My Life'. To the right of the books is a silver circular seal that says 'READER'S FAVORITE FIVE STARS'. On the far right, there is a photo of Peter Dankelson, a young man with short brown hair, wearing a black leather jacket and playing a red electric guitar. The 'Pete's Diary' logo is in the top right corner.

SPEAKERS

Dede & Peter Dankelson are a Mom & Son who amplify positivity and self-acceptance. They engage audiences with storytelling, humor, and music. Based on their best-selling books, Peter shares how he learned to rock his life with a guitar and Goldenhar Syndrome. Known online as Pete's Diary, the two have been working with schools since 2013. Their motivational content inspires nearly one million social media followers daily.



TESTIMONIALS

Thank you for coming to Fremont today and sharing your beautiful story of strength and courage. My daughter, a 9-year-old girl, hasn't stopped talking about you since she got home. Courtney Lane, Parent, Fremont Elementary

Our students were "a-buzz" after your assembly. Your message about writing your own story was so poignant and relevant to our kids. We think you are amazing and your determination to be a victor of your circumstances instead of a victim is so inspiring. Aimee Lihme, Director of Curriculum, Mission Viejo Christian School

Peter and Dede deliver one of the best social-emotional learning programs I have ever experienced. I highly recommend this practical and impactful program. Vanessa Griffin, PTO Parent, Lake Zurich Middle School North

The thing I liked most is that you took things that most people would consider bad, and you turned them into something positive and made it fun. It is crazy how you have had 35 surgeries! Thank you for sharing with us about your life. Britlyn, 6th Grader, Shorecliffs Middle School

Throughout the presentation I started thinking about all the things I take for granted. I'm glad you made it through the rocky times. This makes me believe that you should never stop trying and always stay positive. Payton, 6th Grader, Ladera Ranch Middle School

Pete's Diary Teaches Meaningful Lessons That Last a Lifetime

Visit PetesDiary.com to book an assembly now