



JACK BERCKEMEYER

Presenter, Author, Humorist

Improving Student Success Through Practical Ideas and Humor

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Meet JACK BERCKEMEYER

A nationally-recognized presenter, author, and humorist, Jack Berckemeyer, began his career as a middle school teacher in Denver, Colorado. After two years of teaching he was named as an outstanding educator at his school, and shortly thereafter he was identified as one of the outstanding educators in the district. In 2003, he received the Outstanding Alumni Award from the Falcon School District. Jack brings his energy, humor, and expertise to all staff development as he helps teachers and administrators remember why this job makes a difference. Jack has presented in conference and school district settings both nationally and internationally. Jack served as a judge for the Disney American Teacher Awards and served on the selection committee for the USA TODAY All Teacher Team.

Jack Berckemeyer is known for his motivating, practical ideas communicating a message of hope, laughter, and insight into education.

Jack was also the Assistant Executive Director for the National Middle School Association for 13 years and is the author of *Managing the Madness - A Practical Guide to Middle Grades Classrooms*. He is also the co-author of *H.E.L.P. for Teachers*. His most recent publications are *Taming of the Team - How Great Teams Work Together* and *Deliberate Optimism - Reclaiming the Joy in Education*, co-authored with Dr. Debbie Silver and Judith Baenen.

Jack is the owner of the *Nuts and Bolts Symposiums*, a highly acclaimed, never boring conference for educators.

Jack lives in Denver, Colorado and has no pets or plants.

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Testimonials

I have nicknamed Jack Berckemeyer, "*Mr. Middle School*," as his knowledge of the middle level student and his ability to relate to middle school teachers is without equal. Our district has worked with Jack for the past two years and as a result there has been a renewed, caring spirit in our middle school teachers toward their students and a dramatic improvement in the Academic Teaming components all 10 middle school campuses. Jack's influence breathed "life" into our middle school program which has contributed to **the improvement in student outcomes**.

- Sharon, Brownsville, Texas

I have never laughed so hard, nor been so moved to tears as I was when Mr. Berckemeyer spoke to our group. He knows students and teachers. The stories he told could have come straight from our school. Many times I thought, "I know that student." **Everyone should experience his presentation.**

- Jody, Wewoka, Oklahoma

Anyone who can inspire you to wear a hairnet to make writing fun and pretend you are on a motorcycle while spelling with your students is a must see. Jack is by far THE most entertaining presenter. **If you leave his presentation unmotivated or uninspired you have done something wrong.**

- Jess, Cuyahoga Falls, OH

It was evident from the very beginning that Jack knew what he was talking about. He spoke from personal experience in classroom scenarios. His knowledge of adolescent development comes from extensive research and **an innate ability to capture the essence of young adolescents.**

- Sarah, Dodge City, Kansas

Jack is the total package. He is book smart, street wise and knowledgeable in all areas of the middle school arena. **His sense of humor is as quick as Robin Williams** and as on target as a bull's eye. Great, Great, Great!!!

- Smart Mills Middle School



Educational Background

- **University of Northern Colorado**
Bachelor of Arts, Language Arts and Social Studies, Elementary and Middle Level Education degree
- **University of Northern Colorado**
Master's Degree in Middle Level Education; Type D Administrator degree

Occupation Background

- Owner of Nuts & Bolts—Ready to Lead, Teach and Learn Symposiums
- Director of Professional Development, Incentive Publications; 2011-2014
- Assistant Executive Director—National Middle School Association; 1998- 2009
- Teacher- Denver, Colorado Scott Carpenter Middle School; 1991-1998

Presentations and Keynotes (Sample)

- Has presented at hundreds of state, regional and provincial conferences
- Keynoted several international conferences including Copenhagen, Denmark, Paris, France, Sydney, Australia, Dubai and Doha, Qatar
- Keynote speaker—Disney Teacheriffic Awards, school district beginning of the year convocations, Falcon School District Alumni Banquet, and many other educational events
- Presented at National Middle School Association, National Association School Board Association's report on middle level education, Phillips Communication Parent Outreach Program, and several Scholar Leaders Events
- Vast amount of school districts- topics such as adolescent development, middle school concept, student led conferences, classroom management, transitions, and parent meetings

Writings and Publications (Sample)

- *Deliberate Optimism: Reclaiming the Joy in Education* - with Debbie Silver and Judith Baenen
- Editor and writer *Classroom Connections*
- *The What, Why and How of Student led Conferences* - with Patti Kinney
- *H.E.L.P. for Teachers* - Judith Baenen
- *This We Believe* - Writing Team 2009 (re-write)
- Author *Managing the Madness* and *Taming of the Team*
- Various articles for Middle Level Newspapers and Journals
- Cited in many newspapers including *USA Today* and *New York Times*

Awards and Honors

- Falcon School District Outstanding Alumni Award
- Colorado Volleyball Officials Hall of Fame Honoree
- Connecticut Association of Schools Distinguished Service Award
- Ohio Outstanding Educator of the Year 2009
- *James P. Garvin, Tom Kane* and *Paul George Awards*

Keynote

Education - Living it, loving it, laughing about it! (50 Minutes)

Looking to put a spark back into your teaching? Are you curious what really makes your students tick? Looking for ways to connect with your students. This laugh out loud keynote provides ideas and strategies in the areas of connecting with your students, being an adult advocate for kids, and new strategies in the area of classroom management. A true crowd pleaser for any type of educator.

Workshops

Workshops can range from 50 minutes to 3 hours depending on your event needs.

Classroom Management - Managing the Madness

Are you looking for ideas to help deal with classroom disruptions? Are you tired of constant interruptions? This session will provide some practical ideas that you can use to help with classroom behavioral issues. Find out how your room structure can make a difference, discover ways to deal with power play issues and explore strategies that relate to attention and humor. This session is based on the book *Managing the Madness*. The presenter provides ideas in a humorous and motivating manner that is perfect for all educators.

Language Arts Strategies that Motivate Students

Looking for fun and motivating ideas for your middle level classroom? This session is a hands-on session that provides real quality strategies in the areas of reading, writing, spelling, grammar, listening and speaking skills. No philosophy here just creative ideas to motivate the middle level learner.

Teaming and the Middle Level Teacher

Being on a middle school team can be filled with great joys, struggles, and frustrations. It can also be a trying time for those involved in the meeting. This practical session focuses on the real life issues surrounding teaming. The presenter will provide informative examples to help with effective use of team time and how teams can work together to deal with kids, curriculum, and professional development. You might even laugh at Jack's descriptions of the characteristics of a team member.



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Understanding Adolescents

Being able to figure out the inner workings of adolescents is key to being a great middle school teacher. Come discover helpful teacher tips on how to relate to young adolescents. Share and apply teaching ideas that meet the needs of middle school students. This session will also provide practical ideas to help with classroom management and behavioral issues from structuring your room to methods for getting a class to simmer down. Connect with your students and discover new ways to relate to them that will surely improve learning.

This We Believe: Keys to Educating Young Adolescents

Based on the new National Middle School Association's book *This We Believe* the presenter will present an overview of the 16 major characteristics of a quality middle school. The session is lecture and hands on and allows middle level educators to explore the true nature of a middle school.

Additional Consultant Services

Parent Meetings

Team Observations

Long Term Work With Schools

Board Meetings

School Assessment

Classroom Observations

Planning with Administrator's Team

Meeting with Committees

9th Grade Academies



CONSULTANT/CLIENT CONFIRMATION AGREEMENT

This letter will serve as confirmation and will outline all details including fees, transportation, and facility requests.

Once the event is concluded Berckemeyer Consulting Group will invoice you for fees and expenses.

Please make checks payable directly to Berckemeyer Consulting Group.

If you have any questions please contact Jack directly at:

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Title of Event: _____

Client Information:

School/Event/District: _____ Phone: _____

School/Event Contact: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

School Billing Address: _____

Event Information:

Location of Event: _____ Phone: _____

Start Time: _____ End Time: _____

Topic(s) Consultant will cover: _____

Travel Information:

Nearest Airport to Event: _____

Suggested Hotel in the area:

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Travel time from event to airport: _____

Transportation to and from airport: (check the method you prefer)

- Rental Car Taxi/Shuttle Provided by schools representatives

Meeting Information:

Room set request: Jack needs a table for setup

A/V Needs: Cordless mic if over 100 people

Handouts/Materials: Go to **www.JackBerckemeyer.com** for all materials and handouts,
or email Jack directly at **jack@jackberckemeyer.com**.

About Jack's Products:

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If you would like to purchase books for your event please contact Jack directly at 614.563.9974 or **jack@jackberckemeyer.com**

Outline of Fees:

Speaking Fee: _____

Travel expenses (such as airfare, mileage, rental car, hotel, meals, etc..) will included as a separate line item in the invoice.
An expense report and receipts will be provided.

A Service Fee of \$150 will be applied to total.

Cancellation Fees:

Due to the number of important events we coordinate, there are cancellation fees. If you need to cancel 30 or more days prior to the event 35% of the speaking fee will be assessed along with the reimbursement of any travel expenses made at that time. If you cancel fewer than 29 days to the date of the event 75% of the speaking fee and all travel expenses will be assessed.
PLEASE NOTE: Any last-minute cancellations due to inclement weather will require the full reimbursement of travel expenses.

Please keep a copy for your records.

Please print, sign and return one copy.

School Representative

Date

Jack Berckemeyer, Consultant
Or Heather Roark for Berckemeyer Consulting

Date