Elementary Student Council Speech Guidelines

Congratulations on making the decision to run for a position on the Elementary Student Council.

If you are running for one of the following positions; President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer or Graphic Designer you will be required to give a speech to students from grades 3-5 at the assembly on Friday, August 26th.

If you are running for a class representative position, you will be required to give a speech to your classmates, at a time selected by your homeroom teacher.

Due to the quantity of people campaigning for these positions, the speeches must be no longer than two minutes.

Here are some guidelines to help you create your speech:

- Briefly welcome your student voters
- Give a short introduction... name and class
- Provide the main goal you are standing for
- Introduce position you are running for
- Create a short (one line) message explaining why you have selected your position
- Tell your audience a need of the school
- Give them a brief solution
- Explain why you are the best for the position
- Create a slogan to help people remember you

Please remember:
- Keep it brief
- Be positive
- Don’t slam opponents
- Don’t scream
- Don’t offer bribes or freebies
- Don’t make promises you cannot keep
- Have fun
Sample Speech

Hello students and teachers! I'm Ben from 3D. I love to participate in all the fun events that go on at KIS and that is why I am running for the position of class representative. I am running for this position because I want to be the voice for my classmates. I feel like lots of great things go on at KIS but there should be even more! I will contribute ideas for themed activities and raising funds for local charities. I am the best choice for this position because I am loud, so our class’s ideas will be heard. A good leader listens and then acts and I will do both! Once again, I am Ben a 3D class rep candidate and I want you to know that a vote for me is the best choice for 3D!

Tips for Public Speaking

- Make notes about what you are going to say. That way you will be sure not to forget anything.
- Practice in front of a mirror, or even better, another person.
- Try to speak slowly and clearly. It’s natural to want to rush through your words when you are nervous so focus really hard on slowing down. Take a deep breath if you need to.
- Look at the audience when you speak.
- Show enthusiasm in your voice.
- Smile!

Speech Deadline!

Speeches are due for approval by one of the student council advisers by Thursday, August 25th.

Fourth Grade: Approved by Ms. Evans or Ms. Bedessem
Fifth Grade: Approved by Mr. Harnish or Mr. Reynolds

Good Luck to the Candidates of 2010-2011!