

# **Once Upon a Caring Classroom: Bullying Prevention through Story**

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LINCOLN, Mass., USA – Over the last four years I have been asked by more and more schools to tell stories for bullying prevention. I have also been leading workshops training teachers, counselors and other storytellers to use story to create safer, bully-free schools.

This is not a new problem, but researchers are gathering more information about its severity. Studies show that more than 100,000 kids in the U.S. skip school every day for fear of being picked on and bullied. Membership in either a bully or a victim group is associated

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