

# Taproot Theatre Takes Bullying Prevention Plays to the Virtual Classroom

**SEATTLE, WA** – September 22, 2020 – As children everywhere are going back to school in this unprecedented time of unrest and disruption, Taproot Theatre’s Road Company has produced innovative **Virtual Assemblies** to equip schools and students with the tools to be positive influences, supportive bystanders and to refuse bullying of any kind. The Road Company would normally have toured bullying prevention plays to hundreds of schools, serving over 100,000 children in the 2020-2021 school year. In order to continue to serve students in this way, Taproot came up with this *virtual* option for schools that will allow them to release plays to their students as a Virtual Assemblies. Developed using the Committee for Children’s Second Step curriculum, *Super School* and *Team Player Mode* teach students in grades K – 5 to effectively recognize, refuse and report bullying behavior in any educational environment.

With alternative pricing options for home school groups and school districts, Taproot Theatre is committed to reaching as many students as possible, both in Washington and around the country. This innovative new form of touring show allows the Road Company to reach more students than ever before! Each show package includes additional resources, such as a teachers’ guide for post-show discussions, that accompany the 45-minute Virtual Assembly.

To get a closer look at the bullying prevention plays Taproot Theatre is offering, see the information below and follow this link to view the Road Company 2020-21 Official Trailer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Jb90ADxwcJM&feature=youtu.be>

## ABOUT TAPROOT THEATRE’S 2020-2021 VIRTUAL ASSEMBLIES

**TEAM-PLAYER MODE | K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**  
by Bethany Wallace

**Today’s mission: start at a new school and make some friends.** After Ben moves in with his dad he finds out life at his new school is way different. Everyone makes fun of his backpack and they all play that new adventure video game. If Ben can just learn how to play and complete a mission he’ll be invited to join The 5th Grade Gamers. But between his opponents in the fantastical video game world and the students at school, Ben’s going to need the power of the three R’s: Recognizing, Reporting and Refusing bullying behavior and the teamwork of his gaming friends to complete his mission.

*Education Goals:* Recognizing, Reporting and Refusing Bullying Behavior; How to Be a Positive Bystander; Accepting Differences

## **SUPER SCHOOL | K – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

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### **Your favorite heroes from *Camp Super Friend* are back for a new adventure!**

It's Marvel's first day at Asteroid Academy and Jet introduces him to Danrelle, a girl with invisibility power, and Tilly, a girl with super-strength and a temper to match. When Danrelle uses her power to steal Tilly's rocket ball and bully her into losing her temper, Tilly's reaction puts her in danger of being suspended. Can Tilly learn to manage her emotions in time? Will the students of Asteroid Academy learn the power of the three R's: Recognizing, Reporting and Refusing Bullying Behavior before their actions cause superhero-sized trouble?

*Education Goals:* Recognizing, Reporting, and Refusing Bullying Behavior; Empathizing with Others; Managing Emotions

**BOOKING:** Visit [taproottheatre.org/touring/school](http://taproottheatre.org/touring/school) or email [touring@taproottheatre.org](mailto:touring@taproottheatre.org) for pricing and availability.

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### **About Taproot Theatre's Road Company**

Taproot Theatre's Road Company has toured their dynamic social-issue plays to over 1 million students throughout the Pacific Northwest since its inception in 1985. In addition to touring productions, Taproot Theatre also provides teachers with practical resources to facilitate classroom discussion and increase the effectiveness of each show's message. The actors are also available for individual classroom visits. To book a show, please email [touring@taproottheatre.org](mailto:touring@taproottheatre.org). For more information or complete descriptions of each show in the 2020-2021 touring season, visit [taproottheatre.org/touring](http://taproottheatre.org/touring).

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