

Program Guide:

****Please reproduce for interested teachers and youth leaders.**

Week of Peace Education

Grand Rapids Public Schools, September 14--18, 2015

and

United Nations International Day of Peace,

Monday, September 21, 2015

Plan a Peace Day Event--Kids

International Day of Peace is about creating a culture of peace for future generations, and there is no better place to start than with children and youth. There are numerous examples and activities that are suited for children of different ages. By asking "What is Peace?" parents and teachers can get children thinking and talking about their own thoughts of war and peace. (See Board Resolution, August 2015)

Examples of Peace Day Events:

Many of the following activities taken from: [HYPERLINK "http://internationaldayofpeace.org/your_peace_day/education.html"](http://internationaldayofpeace.org/your_peace_day/education.html)http://internationaldayofpeace.org/your_peace_day/education.html

For Younger Children:

Small children: draw pictures of themselves, saying what makes them feel peaceful.
Small children: talk about how to act peacefully towards each other.
Small children: Does a puppet show about peace.
Include Conflict Resolution in the curriculum for the week before September 21.
Complete the statement: "Peace is . . . (and illustrate with drawings/Display.
Write peace statements on pieces of paper and turn them into objects of art.
Do a role play on peace, or conflict resolution.
Create peace posters/Display.
Make origami peace doves, write notes about peace on them and display in a mobile.
Build a peace wall with statements/art about peace.
As a group, create a human formation of a peace dove or the international symbol of peace.
Take a picture.
Do a silent meditation for peace at noon, on Monday, September 21.
Ring a peace bell, on September 21. Hold a moment (minute) of silence at noon.
Plant a peace pole (www.peacepoleproject.org)
Plant a tree for peace. Make peace bracelets or other jewelry.

For more information: [facebook.com/InstituteForGlobalEducation](https://www.facebook.com/InstituteForGlobalEducation)**

For Older Youth:

Write a poem for peace/Display.

Organize an art exhibit on the theme of world peace.

Research and draw flags of different countries and display in a semi-circle.

Organize a multi-cultural event with performers from different countries. Use dance, costumes and music.

Create a short film about peace; submit to the “Global Peace Film Festival” (peacefilmfest.org)

Form a choir and sing songs on peace. i.e. “Let there be peace on Earth”.

Organize a “Game for Peace” (any sport). Win-win games and non-competitive games work well here.

Create a song for peace. Organize a concert for peace.

Write letters to Congress representatives urging them to take actions on peace.

Write letters to the Public Pulse (letters@mlive.com) on current topics of peace.

Create a Peacemaker award and present it to a person in your class, school or community.

Share foods from other cultures. Yum!

Invite a parent or speaker from another culture to visit your class.

Learn a folk dance.

Plan an assembly or class visit to honor people from your community who are from
different cultures.

For Adults and Children:

Inter-Faith Community Peace Service sponsored by Institute for Global Education with the Dominican Sisters at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, September 20 at the Dominican Chapel at Marywood, corner of East Fulton and Lakeside S.E. featuring speakers from major religions talking about how they address violence around the world and how their faith allows them to move toward peace and forgiveness.

(Free to the public)

Saturday, September 12

Easttown Fair

9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Come join our COMMUNITY PEACE FESTIVAL, free activities for children/parents.