Build PEACE within your SCHOOL/CLASSROOM!

The United Nations International Day of Peace (“Peace Day”) takes place across the world each year on September 21. But peace is a process worth investing in and cultivating every day!

Set aside ten minutes, an hour or more to engage in activities that build awareness, understanding, racial and cultural respect and local/global citizenship. Peace art activities can inspire and enhance your hallways, discussions about race can build understanding and greater respect, a collaborative class peace pledge can define positive class rules, and learning about people and cultures from different parts of the world can build compassion, awareness and a sense of local and/or global citizenship.

Here are a few easy - and free - ideas to bring peace into your school:


- Create peace flags, peace cranes or a collaborative collage with words and images of peace! Go to http://bit.ly/1FloMur for these and many other peace art ideas.

- Write and/or draw peace pledges, share a few from each class and/or display them in the halls. For more information and to download a peace pledge sheet for younger kids, go to http://on.fb.me/1FXUOz3.


For many more Peace Day activity ideas and resource links, visit the ‘What Can You Do?’ section of www.peacedayphilly.org. You’ll find pages on children and youth, non violence, the arts, service and humanitarian action, social justice, the environment, sports, intercultural/global awareness and more.

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