



Arkansas Peace Week September 16-23, 2018

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IDEAS FOR YOUR SCHOOL

Arkansas Peace Week celebrates **PEACEMAKING** as a means to instill justice and build stronger communities, while seeking respect, inclusion and fair treatment of all people.

The committee for Arkansas Peace Week, PAX Christie LR and Volunteers in Public Schools encourages you to share this information with school staff members and students so that your school can celebrate the power of

PEACE

Why is the focus of peace important to our students and schools?

- Peacemaking is more than the prevention of violence; peacemaking promotes fairness, justice and active civic engagement through service.
- Violence is institutional as well as interpersonal.
- Since violence is learned, peacemaking can be taught as an alternative.
- Peacemaking requires skill that is developmentally and culturally respectful.
- Peacemaking requires collaboration between the school and community.
- Peacemaking is active and involves student choice.
- Peacemaking is both a personal, local, and a national responsibility.
- Peacemaking requires patience, persistence and a sustained commitment.
- Young people begin to recognize themselves as peacemakers and problem-solvers.
- Learning to be a peacemaker is fun.

Peace Week Rally

- Plan a school wide assembly or Peace Week program.

Peace Week Art Contests:

- Students in each class draw a picture that depicts Peace and Love.
- Origami Doves, Peace Plates, Peacemaker People, Peace Pinwheels-Check Pinterest for ideas

Peace Week Writing:

- Students in each class write about “Imagine a World Without Hate”
- Students write Peace poems/Peace music/Peace plays and perform their works.

Peace Week Drive for Change:

- Each grade will compete in a loose change donation drive to contribute to local charities-host a “Peace-za” Party for the grade that collects the most change

Peace Week Film Screenings:

- Kids for Peace: “Please, Can Peace Come to Our Earth”-YouTube
- What is Peace? Students Share Their Thoughts –YouTube
- Dream Peace-Jubilee –YouTube
- One Day One Dance One Heart-YouTube
- <https://www.arkwand.com/woodruff-a-lesson-on-non-violence/>

Peace Week Movement:

- Peace Walk around the school perimeter. Sing songs or chants promoting peace.
- Yoga Session
- Walk Apart, Walk Together (**K-12**) Two students stand back-to-back. The class calls out differences. As a difference is called, the students take a step apart. When they reach the end of available space, they turn to face each other. Now, students call out similarities. As a similarity is called, the students take a step toward each other.
<http://www.nea.org/tools/lessons/63579.htm>
- One Day One Dance-freeze activity

Peace Week Books:

- The Peace Book by Todd Parr (3-6 yrs)
- What Does Peace Feel Like? by Vladimir Radunsky (4-8 yrs)
- Peace Week in Miss Fox's Class by Eileen Spinelli & Anne Kennedy (5-8 yrs)
- Jubilee! One Man's Big, Bold, and Very, Very Loud Celebration of Peace by Alicia Potter and Matt Tavares (7-10 yrs)
- Peace Pool Magic by Diane G. Tillman (9-12 yrs)

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