



**Commemorate PEACE DAY
within YOUR SCHOOL / CLASSROOM
in September!**

***The U.N. International Day of Peace
will take place across the world on
Monday, September 21.***

Start the 2015-16 school year off in the **spirit of peace** by setting aside five minutes, an hour or more to **engage your students in peace activities**. Peace art activities can decorate your halls, discussions about race and different cultures can lead to better understanding and respect, a collaboratively written peace pledge can define positive class rules, and learning about people and issues in different parts of the world can build compassion and global awareness.

Peace Day Philly, the local initiative for the U.N. International Day of Peace, will take place from Sept. 14 - Sept. 21. ***We invite Philly schools to engage in peace activities during this week, especially Monday Sept. 21.***

Here are a few easy - and free - ideas:

-  Try **peace breathing!** <http://bit.ly/1fdBjMu> (Teachers can check out the value of mindfulness meditation for kids at <http://bit.ly/1HmOrcd>).
-  Create **peace flags** or a collaborative collage with words and images of peace! Go to <http://bit.ly/1FlOMur> for many peace art ideas.
-  Write and/or draw **peace pledges** and share a few from each class. For more info and a pledge sheet for kids, go to: <http://on.fb.me/1FXUOz3>.
-  Watch & discuss a short film like *Game for Life* (soccer & social change), or another **short film** w/ lesson plan found here : <http://bit.ly/1IoUazt>

For many more Peace Day activity ideas, please go to:

www.peacedayphilly.org/what-can-you-do/

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This year's global theme:



**PARTNERSHIPS
= FOR PEACE =
DIGNITY FOR ALL**