



Build PEACE within your SCHOOL/ CLASSROOM!

*The United Nations International Day of Peace (“Peace Day”) is observed across the world each year on and around **September 21**. Peace Day Philly, the Philadelphia Region initiative for Peace Day, will take place **Sept. 18 - Sept. 24, 2016**.*

Set aside ten minutes, an hour or more during this week to engage in activities that build awareness, understanding, racial and cultural respect as well as 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** - as well as as the challenging issues they face - can build compassion and an active sense of local and/or global citizenship.

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



Try **peace breathing!** Go to <http://bit.ly/1fdBjMu> (Teachers can check out the value of mindfulness for kids in a 40-minute video at <http://bit.ly/1HmOrcd>).



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>.



Watch & discuss a **short film** like “*Game for Life*” (soccer & social change): <http://bit.ly/1Nwsgnz>, or **one of many short films and essays** found on the *Global Oneness Project*’s website: <http://bit.ly/1IoUazt>.

Many more Peace Day activity ideas and resource links can be found in the “**What Can You Do?**” section of our website.



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