



Dare 2 Care
About Building Peace

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CHOOSE PEACE WEEK

SEPTEMBER 16-20, 2013

Join the “DARE TO CARE ABOUT BUILDING PEACE” PROJECT

CHALK 4 PEACE

Join the **Art Chalk Project 4 Peace**, a sidewalk chalk painting festival which happens **WORLDWIDE** every September! It is way to spread messages of inspiration and visions for a more peaceful community. The idea is to express your messages of peace, tolerance and anti-bullying with plain old sidewalk chalk on your sidewalks, driveways, parking lots, or even walls. You can organize your own event at your school or community during Choose Peace week- Sept. 16-20 or Intl. Day of Peace – Sept. 21, **YOU pick the day!**

Make it happen in your community!

HELP US PAINT THE PATH TO PEACE

Register your event and receive free buckets of chalk, plus a chance to join the Broward Peace Pole Community by entering into a drawing for a Peace Pole.

More information [here](#)



CRAFT PEACE PROJECTS

Pinwheels for Peace

More than 1350 schools and groups around the world participated last year in the Pinwheels For Peace program to celebrate Peace by creating and displaying 1/2 million pinwheels for peace to inspire their communities to imagine world peace. Download your own pinwheel [here](http://www.pinwheelsforpeace.com). (www.pinwheelsforpeace.com)

Mini Peace Poles

Create Mini Peace Poles and place around the school or classroom.

Instructions:

Choose Your Base

You can use a variety of materials for the base of your mini peace poles, including wood or plastic. Typically, for full-sized poles, wooden 2-by-4s, 4-by-4s or 6-by-6s are used, but you can up-cycle anything into a mini peace pole including a flat ruler, cardboard cut and taped into a rectangular tube, a foot-long piece of wood that is about an inch thick and an inch wide, or even old toilet paper rolls taped together.





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(Mini Peace Pole Continued)

Paint Your Base

Using non-toxic paint, paint the base of you mini peace pole, covering up any tape that you may have used to hold it together. Use a light color because you will paint your peace phrase over the base coat as soon as it dries.

Write Your Peace Phrase

When your base paint dries, write your phrase onto your peace poles using a pencil and stencil letters. Help students plan out the phrase so that it fits neatly on the pole. If your pole is too small to write a long phrase, try simply writing the word "peace." Have students pick out one to three other languages.

Create PEACE Mural or Wall of Tolerance

The process of creating the mural teaches students how to resolve conflicts in a positive way. The intention is to reduce aggressive behaviors and give young people the tools to mediate tense situations. During the project, they will learn negotiation techniques and communication skills. Young people see how visual communication can and does impact cultural understanding.



CIVIC PEACE PROJECTS

Ask a local business to "adopt" your school.

Many local business men and women care very deeply about young people and their communities. You could ask them to get involved by funding your Choose Peace Program and provide them with a picture of the class they have adopted as well as an invitation to participate as an adult mentor. Let them know that they will be included in press releases and news about the project. They'll love the free advertising.

Service for PEACE

Volunteering for a service project in your community during Choose Peace Week or on the International Day of Peace, September 21st, is a tangible way to make a difference for a more peaceful, just and sustainable community.

Proclamations

Draft a letter for your Mayor and Commissioners to join other cities, in declaring a Proclamation of Peace in support of Choose PEACE Week.





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Dare not to Swear Campaign

"Dare Not To Swear!" asks pledges to give up inappropriate words to expand vocabulary and their minds. Ask your community leaders to support the campaign. Kick off with an anti-swearing pep rally. Hand out anti-swearing pledges. Promote the use of positive words.

Whenever someone swears, answer with "dare not to swear". Design posters to spread awareness about the event, ask your local grocery store and library to display the posters. Other awareness activities can be to hold a coloring contest for elementary students.



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SCHOOL WIDE PEACE AWARENESS PROJECTS

Invite A Speaker. Coral Springs' [One Planet United](#)'s speakers bureau offers the opportunity to have selected people come and speak about Diversity, Unity and Community. It is designed to bring a greater awareness to the harmful effects of all forms of prejudice, intolerance and division in our society as well as promote innovative ways that foster healing.



A Minute of Silence

Join millions around the world at Noon in a Moment of Silence for **Peace**. Gather your school your community together at Noon around your Peace garden, Peace Pole, Peace Mural or other central place.



Mix It Up Lunch Day

Host a **Mix it Up at Lunch Day**; an event in which students gain new an understanding -- and friends -- by eating with kids with whom they might not otherwise connect. Include different members of your school's community – cafeteria staff, aides, administrators, teachers or students – in organizing the event; Follow-up up with at least two additional Mix It Up-related programs or events on campus; Publicized Mix It Up at Lunch Day with posters, announcements etc.

