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To Introduce the International Day of Peace for 2013 in Elementary Public Schools

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First Week of School:

- As a school: Initial assembly, welcome students back. Use a quote to introduce the theme of peace to students. Quotes listed below.
- In the classrooms: Create classroom goals using the language of peace (What is peace? What does peace look like, sound like, feel like? How can we work together to achieve peace in the classroom? On the yard?)
- Morning messages: Use famous peace quotes to build up to the Day of Peace.
- Ask each class to create their own class peace pledge. Take turns reciting over the announcements or in class.
- Use the following Kitaro YouTube resource to inspire students to think about and to talk about peace. *World Peace Song* by Kitaro dedicated to UN Declaration World Peace Day. See:
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cSQBN9fmU8w>

Quotations:

Dorothy Thompson: Peace has to be created, in order to be maintained. It is the product of Faith, Strength, Energy, Will, Sympathy, Justice, Imagination, and the triumph of principle. It will never be achieved by passivity and quietism.

Dorothy Thompson: Peace is not the absence of conflict but the presence of creative alternatives for responding to conflict -- alternatives to passive or aggressive responses, alternatives to violence.

Marian Wright Edelman: We are not going to deal with the violence in our communities, our homes, and our nation, until we learn to deal with the basic ethic of how we resolve our disputes and to place an emphasis on peace in the way we relate to one another.

Baruch Spinoza: Peace is not the absence of war; it is a virtue; a state of mind; a disposition for benevolence; confidence; and justice.

Nelson Mandela: If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy. Then he becomes your partner.

Ralph Waldo Emerson: Peace cannot be achieved through violence, it can only be attained through understanding.

David Borenstein: One cannot subdue a man by holding back his hands. Lasting peace comes not from force.

Joan Baez: If it's natural to kill, how come [people] have to go into training to learn how? (US folk singer/song writer, peace activist)

Mahatma Gandhi: An eye for an eye only ends up making the whole world blind.

Harriet Tubman: Every dream begins with a dreamer. Always remember you have within you the strength, the patience and the passion to reach for the stars to change the world.

Billie Holiday: Sometimes it's worse to win a fight than to lose.

Audre Lorde: It is not the differences that divide us. It is our inability to recognize, accept and celebrate the differences.

Audre Lorde: Your silence will not protect you.

Fannie Lou Hamer: Nobody's free until everybody's free.

Coretta Scott King: Hate is too great a burden to bear. It injures the hater more than it injures the hated.

Angela Davis: We have to talk about liberating minds as well as liberating society.

Jimi Hendrix: When the power of love overcomes the love of power, the world will know peace.



- ❑ As a staff and/or with students: Start planning an event or activity to mark the United Nations International Day of Peace for Friday, Sept. 20th.
- ❑ In the classroom: Show YouTube clips of Jeremy Gilley from www.peaceday.org Discuss with students.

For the whole school (K-8)--A simple explanation of Peace Day:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=igFt6s5rlEM>

Primary--Shows an (Islamic) school and how they celebrated Peace Day:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zgcagBTzFME>

Grade 4 and up--Excellent clips explaining how Peace Day came to be:

* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4khdQUINgg4>

* <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tUnHoujtLVY>

- * <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPiphUsv0mo>
- * <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FwUPa7rM5U8>
- * <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xtBTOh5qhMI>
- * http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CT_GqcZ2tf4



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
5	2 Labour Day	3 First Day of School Assembly--- being welcomed back	4 Guidelines for a safe, caring, welcoming, inclusive & respectful school/class; discussion and pledge, dedication to peace	5 -----	6 -----continue	7
8	9 Classroom viewing of Jeremy video(s), discuss "What is peace? What does it look like? How does it feel & sound? How can we celebrate peace?" (use	10 Art: What does peace look like, sound like, feel like to you? Music: Peace Songs Drama: Storyboards on how to solve a problem on	11 -----	12 -----	13 -----continue	14

	answers to structure Sept. 20 activities)	the yard				
15	16 Second classroom viewing of a Peace One Day video including 2013 theme: Who will you make peace with?	17 Watch youtube and facebook updates from Jeremy Gilley	18 -----	19 -----continue	20 Involve whole school to celebrate peace. Do a school photo (and submit to Peace One Day)	21 International Day of Peace-Ceasefires-Celebrations

Look on the PeaceQuest.ca website under Education. ALCDSB has created a website to find specific lessons for Sept. 20 for each division.

NOTE: LDSB website yet to be set up.

In the meantime, Meri MacLeod will post on First Class and through OSSTF & ETFO. Please pass on these resources & lesson plan suggestions to colleagues.