

## CREATING COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

### GUEST SPEAKERS

Government, safety, restorative justice, religious, military veteran, media, refugees, bullying prevention, literacy day, Earth Day, etc.

### FIELD TRIPS

Local museums, other schools, government/military, the arts, outdoor education, aboriginal education

### LINKING UP

Skype, Edmodo, Roots of Empathy program  
Secondary and elementary 'buddies'.

## ACTING FOR PEACE

### DEMONSTRATION

Hold a peace walk or silent vigil  
Letter writing or penpals  
Play cooperative games/sports

### CREATING

Drama, music, film, visual art  
Peace garden, peace pole or mural  
Do-it-yourself peace t-shirts  
Collaborative inquiry projects

### OUTREACH

Fundraising for a cause  
Student-led workshops  
Environmental stewardship  
Pay it forward, Random Acts of Kindness, PALs, MEND, Kelso's choice, restorative circles, peer helpers, etc.

## RAISING AWARENESS

### IN THE CLASSROOM

White Square Activity (see [peacequest.ca](http://peacequest.ca))  
Study relevant films or literature  
Take a Peace pledge  
Conflict resolution or restorative justice  
International agreements made without conflict

### IN THE SCHOOL

Celebrate the UN International Day of Peace  
Incorporate peace into existing initiatives: Remembrance Day, Mother's Day, Earth Day  
Contribute to school newsletter, website, or bulletin board displays.

### IN THE COMMUNITY

Student created petitions ([www.change.org](http://www.change.org))  
Student forums

## ENGAGING FAMILIES

### AT HOME

Write a family covenant  
White Square Activity with parents  
Guidelines for conflict resolution sent home

### AT SCHOOL

Guest speaker for parents  
Family story night with peace literature  
Kindergarten welcome package and/or event  
Share peace links on social media  
Parent engagement grants

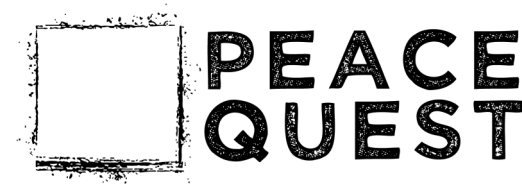
### IN THE COMMUNITY

Parents lending library (Queen's TRC)  
Movie, theatre, or sports night  
Invite others to regional PeaceQuest events

*"It isn't enough to talk about peace. One must believe in it.  
And it isn't enough to believe in it. One must work at it."* -Eleanor Roosevelt



# Becoming a



# School





## WHAT / WHEN

A **PeaceQuest School** can be any school or class that chooses to devote additional or existing activities to peace and intercultural learning between years 2014 to 2018. There are many ways to participate to suit your students' age and ability. This is an opportunity to join dozens of other classes across Canada to both explore our relationship to peace and share gestures of peace together - we hope you'll join us!

## WHY

As professionals invested in the next generation of Canadians and committed to the promise of peace in the world—we offer you an **opportunity** to mark the 100th anniversary of WWI and to celebrate the 150th anniversary of confederation in a way that reinforces peace and peacemaking as a fundamental part of Canadian and First Nations identities. The best way to honour the memory of lives lost in conflict is to take steps to build peace in our communities and around the world.



<<< *Our classroom activities fit into four categories:*

- **Raising Awareness**
- **Acting for Peace**
- **Community Connections**
- **Engaging Families**

*All participating schools receive a free poster to proudly display and track their progress.*

## WHO

**PeaceQuest Schools** is a project of **PeaceQuest.ca**. PeaceQuest was created by a group of concerned citizens in Kingston, ON (*also known as Katarokwi, on the traditional territories of Mohawk and Anishanaabe peoples*) who wished to open up a national-scale dialogue examining Canada's personal and national contributions to peace during the centenary of WWI and sesquicentennial of the founding of Canada as a nation. PeaceQuest also wishes to honour the history of Katarokwi as a meeting place of First Nations.

## HOW

To become a **PeaceQuest School** you need only to devote some additional or existing activities to peace and intercultural learning. Let us know what you've done by the end of April each year with the provided submission form. **Complete at least one activity from each category** to earn an annual PeaceQuest Schools sticker. See reverse for details.

To participate in the wider national discussion, simply document your activities (*via photo, audio, video or transcripts*) to be shared with the wider PeaceQuest.ca community—then feel free to interact and share ideas with each other!

**In support of your activities, PeaceQuest.ca can offer** a host of materials, graphics and resources to make your participation easier. Visit [peacequest.ca](http://peacequest.ca) to see our full list of available resources.

**Ready to get started?** Contact our school liaison Ann Boniferro at [boniferr@alcdsb.on.ca](mailto:boniferr@alcdsb.on.ca) to get registered!

**Questions?** Feel free to contact us at [admin@peacequest.ca](mailto:admin@peacequest.ca) with any questions or to learn more about what we have available.