

Peace You Must Seek

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1. Let me share some thoughts with you to ease your worried mind. Heed my words and listen close for some wisdom you may find.

Love, Joy and Happiness you will find in those you meet, but in your life you will find, it's Peace that you must seek.

2. Peace in the world is what we all want to see,

But Peace in Heart and Spirit must start inside of you and me.

If you show to those you meet the kindness in your heart, you will find that love will spread and Peace will start.

Refrain:

So let your love show so Peace may grow.
Let your light shine for all to see. Let's sing
together so we may live in harmony.

3. A hand shake or a nod or even a simple
‘Hello.’”

Could go a long, long way for someone,
you may never know.

It's just a simple gesture, it doesn't take
much for you to do, but it could make a
difference to someone from you.

Refrain:

Bridge:

Be a Healer or a Story Teller that bring healing and hope, be a Teacher or a Peace Builder who inspire kindness through deeds.

Be a Poet who writes of Love, or a Song Writer who sings of Peace.

4. So let love start within your heart but first you must love yourself, do not hide your love away like a book upon a dusty shelf.

To show kindness to others is a virtue we all must show, so share your talents with those in need and like a seed, Peace will grow.

Refrain:



CORRIDOR OF PEACE PROJECT

The Rocky Point Union Free School District is proud to be a part of the Rocky Point Rotary Club's Corridor of Peace Project, lauded as a true testament to the quest for harmony.

The Peace Pole is an internationally recognized symbol, standing vigil for peace on earth.

Gifted by the Rotary Club, more than two dozen peace poles have been established in the local Corridor of Peace, enhancing the landscape with their message. The project seeks to unite community members and instill the values of building peace in future generations through a focus on educational institutions.

The Rocky Point High School Interact Club held a Peace Pole dedication ceremony in November 2023, and the Joseph A. Edgar Intermediate School Academic Leadership held a ceremony in November 2024 in hopes of bringing people together to inspire, awaken and uplift human consciousness all over the world.

The following includes many of the peace-related projects happening in our four schools.

ROCKY POINT HIGH SCHOOL

Athletes Helping Athletes: Athletes Helping Athletes is a student-athlete leadership program sponsored by Molloy University for student athletes in grades 10-12. The purpose of the organization is to partner professional athletes with high school student-athletes to deliver motivational messages and mentor sixth grade students. Student-athletes are trained to present lessons on the prevention of drug, alcohol and smoking abuse, good citizenship, the importance of education, and to encourage the younger students to participate in sports and other extracurricular activities. Membership criteria include a written application, teacher recommendation and an interview.

Be A Nicer Neighbor (BANN): This club is designed to get students to believe that they can make a positive difference: "...that one determined person can alter society." This is a student-driven club. We stress the "find a way, make a way" philosophy. The students develop ways to make things nicer in Rocky Point. We will have a special emphasis on feeding the homeless and helping our soldiers.

Environmental Eagles: The Environmental Eagles are actively involved in contributing to the ecological health of the community. It is for students who are passionate about creating positive environmental change, not only at the school level, but on a community-wide basis.

Gay and Straight Alliance: The Gay and Straight Alliance meets biweekly to provide a supportive community for gay and straight students to discuss relevant issues and to plan and promote educational activities that encourage acceptance of diversity within the school. Typical meetings include games, discussions, movies, event planning and time to have fun. Students, staff and faculty are all welcome.

Human Rights Club: The Rocky Point Human Rights Club was created to provide the student body with a place where they can establish their own ideas on how to become upstanders in society. It is also an atmosphere where students can create and implement action plans of their own to raise awareness of human rights issues and promote activism to make students part of the solution. This club will encourage students to promote human rights and treat each other with dignity and respect. The club annually attends and participates in a conference at Iona College in March.

Interact Club: Interact is the student organization associated with Rotary International. The Rocky Point Rotary Club sponsors our foreign exchange programs. Students in the Interact Club are involved in community service on the school, local, national and international levels. This includes food drives, holiday gift giving, Habitat for Humanity and sponsoring the high school blood drive. The only requirement is the willingness to help others.

Leaders' Club Adviser: The members of the Leaders' Club participate in many service-oriented events. Members help organize and run the Dig Pink Volleyball Breast Cancer Fundraiser. During the holiday season, Leaders' Club members bring food baskets and toiletry bags to local needy families. The members also help coordinate and organize the Athletic Banquet. Leaders' Club is open to all junior varsity and varsity female athletes in grades 9-12.

Math Honor Society: Juniors and seniors are elected into the Math Honor Society based on their math grades and teacher recommendations. The purpose of the Math Honor Society is to encourage the importance of math education among all students. Math Honor Society members tutor students after school or during common free periods.

National Science Honor Society: Juniors and seniors are elected into the Science Honor Society based on their science grades and teacher recommendations. The purpose of the Science Honor Society is to provide unique opportunities to students such as leadership experiences, national academic recognition and cooperation with peers. Science Honor Society members will tutor students at an after-school session.

Peer Networking: This club is dedicated to establishing friendships and providing opportunities for socialization and leadership development for students with disabilities by pairing them with their general education colleagues.

S.A.D.D. (Students Against Destructive Decisions): This is a student-led club designed to help fellow students make responsible decisions and withstand the temptations of peer pressure. S.A.D.D. members are involved in campaigns throughout the year, including Prevention of Bullying, End Drunk Driving, and Making Good Decisions.

Varsity Club: The Varsity Club is for male athletes who would like to be involved in helping with school functions and community service projects. The main function of the Varsity Club is to help develop and build character for our Rocky Point student-athletes. All members will help fundraise, visit local hospitals, support veteran causes, run school dances and work together to support the Varsity Club. These young male athletes have an opportunity to learn lifelong skills that will set them up for success later in their lives. RPHS participates annually in the Suffolk County High School Principal's Association promotion of the program Compassion Without Borders. The program has always been a great way for students to showcase and develop their leadership skills, and the event empowers our students to make a difference in the world.

ROCKY POINT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Faculty/Student Mentoring Program: Mentors and mentees commit to spending one period a week together. During that time mentors provide encouragement and discuss mutual interests. The mentor acts as an added support for the mentee. Mentors empower youth to reach their full potential.

Advisory Program: We match up 10-12 students with one faculty member. The groups meet during the school day formally once or twice a month to work on a team-building activity, and informally once a month for a check-in. This is a student-driven program, as an "Advisory Club" of students meets twice a month to design the

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activities. The advisor monitors the students' SEL needs as well as their academic progress.

Beautiful Me Club: The goal of this club is to create a future where students feel empowered and self-confident in all aspects of their lives. The activities and discussions will include learning how to accept compliments, develop coping mechanisms to turn negative thoughts or qualities into positives and tools to become more independent and confident in your own abilities.

Best Buddies Club: This club is dedicated to establishing friendships and providing opportunities for socialization and leadership

development for people with disabilities.

Community Service Club: Students are encouraged to see the impact they can make on their community through Club Advisor organized events. Some Saturday volunteer work may be offered. Community service may need to be delivered via electronic platforms due to restrictions in nursing homes.

Natural Helpers Club: Students are nominated by their peers to a peer board. This peer board will discuss, brainstorm and problem-solve the social issues that affect kids today.

JOSEPH A. EDGAR INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL

PBIS Program - Eagle POWER: Eagle POWER is JAE's PBIS program designed to improve and maintain school safety, foster a positive school climate and culture, and encourage positive behaviors and interactions between students. There are four grade-level assemblies throughout the school year to promote the program and celebrate our accomplishments, while monthly lessons help educate students on how they can be the best versions of themselves every day. Eagle POWER stands for:

P: We are Proud of the school and community we create here.

O: We Own our learning and are excited to share our discoveries.

W: We Welcome everyone.

E: We have Empathy. We care about our school and the people in our community.

R: We Respect ourselves, others, the people and animals we encounter.

Students work together as a class to build their Eagle POWER and are encouraged to show their Eagle POWER daily. Classes and students are recognized and celebrated in various ways throughout the school year as they let their Eagle POWER shine.

Start With Hello Week: Many students experience feelings of loneliness or social isolation. Start With Hello Week is a program in partnership with the Sandy Hook Promise intended to address these issues by encouraging students to reach out and offer a simple gesture of kindness, which can significantly impact someone's day or overall well-being. JAE participates in Start With Hello Week every September.

Bully Prevention Week: An initiative that highlights the issues of bullying and encourages individuals to act against it. It emphasizes the importance of fostering a culture of respect and support, where bullying is not tolerated and every person is valued. JAE participates in Bully Prevention Week every October.

Beautiful Me Program: An educational self-esteem program, participants learn how to think about themselves with confidence and greater insight. The Beautiful Me program is designed to emphasize different aspects of self-awareness, self-reflection and healthy relationships with others. A series of activities and discussions encourage and empower participants. JAE offers this program to its third grade students every year.

Scarecrow KIN Project: A fourth grade tradition for our JAE students is to create baby scarecrows to help raise money for those in need. All fourth grade students will be creating baby scarecrows with their teachers and displaying them around our beautiful school. All JAE students will be invited to view the fourth grade baby scarecrows and vote for their favorites with spare change. All proceeds from this fun, fall activity is sent directly to the RP Kids in Need foundation.

Read-a-Thon: For over 20 years our fourth grade students have been organizing a read-a-thon to benefit the students in Madagascar. Each year as JAE fourth graders read to strengthen their literacy skills, they collect donations to fund the salary of a Madagascar teacher for a year.

Pajama Drive: During the annual Great Bedtime Story Pajama Drive JAE collects brand-new pajamas in all sizes, from newborn to adult. For every pair of pajamas donated Scholastic Book Clubs will donate a brand-new book to the Pajama Program to give to a child facing adversity. At the conclusion of the drive, thousands of children across the nation will have access to essential tools needed to have "Good Nights for Good Days," all thanks to caring students and teachers and the generosity of Scholastic.

'Souper Bowl: JAE works together to help fill those food shelves and tackle hunger. JAE students are encouraged to bring in one or more canned food items to be collected to donate to local food pantries. Encouraging students and individuals to give back during Super Bowl weekend and beyond fosters a movement of generosity and community service. This strengthens our community while making a significant impact on health disparities that affect those who are food insecure.

Thanksgiving Food Drive: During the month of November JAE participates in a schoolwide food drive, collecting nonperishable food donations for local food pantries to help fight hunger and food insecurity.

Veterans Day Celebration: JAE honors our local veterans at our annual Salute to Veterans Assembly. We honor those who have served, are currently serving and those who have died in service to our country. We honor our veterans with musical performances, reading of student essays and poems, student-created video

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presentations, a POW/MIA Remembrance Table presentation, and present our attending veterans with notes and cards of thanks. Our veterans are also treated to light refreshments after our assembly. Honoring veterans can have a positive impact on students by helping them to learn the values of patriotism, empathy, gratitude and the commitment to the greater good. It also builds civic responsibility by teaching students that showing appreciation and empathy is an important part of being a responsible citizen.

Giving Tree: During the month of January JAE participates in a schoolwide collection of warm hats, gloves, scarves and socks. These items are distributed to local organizations that provide the items to those who are in need.

Toy Drive: During the month of December JAE participates in the Town of Brookhaven's Youth Bureau INTERFACE Program Holiday Toy Drive. Students and staff work together to collect toys for children in need in the Town of Brookhaven.

The Great Kindness Challenge: The Great Kindness Challenge is a global campaign that promotes kindness, social-emotional health and bullying prevention in school. It's presented by Kids for Peace and takes place annually. The goal is to create a school culture of kindness, compassion, unity and respect. Students, teachers, administrators, families and communities can all participate. JAE participates in the weeklong, schoolwide event annually.

FRANK J. CARASITI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Start With Hello Week: Start With Hello Week is a program in partnership with the Sandy Hook Promise intended to address issues of loneliness and isolation by encouraging students to reach out and offer a simple gesture of kindness, which can significantly impact someone's day or overall well-being. FJC participates in this program every September. This includes morning announcements, signing a pledge and teaching about kindness.

Bully Prevention Week: An initiative that highlights the issues of bullying and encourages individuals to act against it. It emphasizes the importance of fostering a culture of respect and support, where bullying is not tolerated and every person is valued. FJC participates in this initiative with a focus on being a buddy, not a bully. This year, it included saying "Boo to Bullying."

Beautiful Me Program: An educational self-esteem program in which participants learn how to think about themselves with confidence and greater insight. The Beautiful Me program is designed to emphasize different aspects of self-awareness, self-reflection and healthy relationships with others. A series of activities and discussions encourage and empower participants. Kindergarten girls participate in this program every year, led by our guidance counselor.

Pajama Drive: FJC collects new pajamas for local organizations that work with families in need. Each year we collect many pairs of pajamas and celebrate the generosity of families with our own pajama day.

Souper Bowl Challenge: FJC works together to help fill those food

Senior Citizen St. Patrick's Day Breakfast and Concert: JAE welcomes our senior community members to our school for a morning of Irish song, fun and food. Our students act as wait staff, taking orders and serving our special guests as they enjoy coffee, tea and bagels and a morning of wonderful musical performance by our chorus. Service-learning projects like this can provide students with practical experience outside the classroom that can help students develop social and personal skills.

Kids Heart Challenge: The Kid's Heart Challenge is a monthlong service-learning program in which JAE students learn about healthy living and raise funds for heart health by partnering with the American Heart Association.

World Down Syndrome Day: On March 21, JAE celebrates World Down Syndrome Day. Students are engaged in lessons to learn what Down syndrome is and how individuals with Down syndrome need to be valued in their communities. JAE students proudly wear mismatched socks to celebrate World Down Syndrome Day and raise awareness.

Autism Acceptance Month: Throughout the month of April students at JAE learn about autism and autism acceptance through class lessons, read-alouds and schoolwide activities. Throughout the month students work together to produce a schoolwide mural depicting autism acceptance and understanding.

shelves and tackle hunger! Second grade classes compete against one another to see who can bring in the most canned items. Over the last couple of years, we've been able to donate record numbers of canned and dried foods to local organizations who help those who are food insecure.

Veterans Day Celebration: Each year second graders at FJC invite veterans to attend our annual Veterans Day Assembly. At this assembly we honor those who have served, make cards for veterans and sing a song to honor their dedication and sacrifice to our nation.

Holiday Angels: Staff and community members donate funds to help us provide baskets and presents to help local families in our community who might not be able to afford it.

The Great Kindness Challenge: The Great Kindness Challenge is a global campaign that promotes kindness, social-emotional health and bullying prevention in school. It's presented by Kids for Peace and takes place annually. The GKC's goal is to create a school culture of kindness, compassion, unity and respect. Students, teachers, administrators, families and communities can all participate in the GKC. Each year, FJC is a participant in the GKC. This includes students completing a checklist of kindness opportunities. Students also participate in a participation station.

Autism Acceptance Month: Students and staff come together to learn more about autism. This includes wearing shirts and pins to show support as well as creating bulletin boards and projects that help students learn more about autism and neurodiversity.



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CORRIDOR OF PEACE PROJECT COMMITMENT FORM

Personal Commitment to "Increase the Peace"

Shoreham-Wading River High School:

Celebrate Differences:

Peer Mentoring / Best Buddies - Both directly and indirectly supports students with special needs to be appreciated as valued members of the school community.

Promote Peace:

Global Awareness Club - Mission of the club is to work to promote peace and understanding both locally and across the world.

Foster Compassion:

Compassion Without Borders - Club is a SCHSPA event that brings together student leaders from across the county to promote collaboration and sharing of ideas.

Prodell Middle School:

Support compassion, inclusivity, and tolerance:

Wildcats with Character monthly recognitions.

Wading River School:

Foster a culture of peace through education:

The mission of this Peacemakers Club is both learn and teach SEL strategies to help recognize and manage emotions, promote deep kindness, develop greater empathy, demonstrate additional concern for others, establish relationships, make responsible decisions, and handle challenging situations constructively. Topics will complement our monthly Wildcats with Character Traits and Empowering Minds curriculum, focusing on the growth mindset and impact all students in the building.

Advance understanding, tolerance and solidarity:

The Best Buddies Club at Wading River provides both students with special needs and their general education classmates with opportunities to build friendships, explore the community, develop interpersonal skills while promoting kindness, empathy and compassion.

Foster democratic participation:

All fifth-grade students and their parents/guardians are given an opportunity to journey to the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall in Philadelphia, learning about our Nation's history and the importance of participation in our democracy, including voting.

Miller Avenue School:

Celebrate Differences:

The Buddy Builders Club at Miller Avenue provides young students with a supportive environment to develop meaningful connections and enhance their social skills. During our monthly meetings, members work together to create a more inclusive and supportive community through engaging, developmentally appropriate activities. Topics may include:

- Cultivating lasting friendships
- Practicing kindness and empathy
- Developing leadership qualities
- Improving social interaction skills