

creating space to explore peace

Rotary Club of Peoria Arizona, U.S.A.



PEORIA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

The PUSD is our #1 Partner

- Founded 1889
- 8 High Schools
- 34 Elementary Schools
- 37,000+ Students
- 4,000+ Employees
- Vision: "Every Student, Every Day, Prepared to Shape Tomorrow."
- Mission: "Empowering students to fulfill their potential."



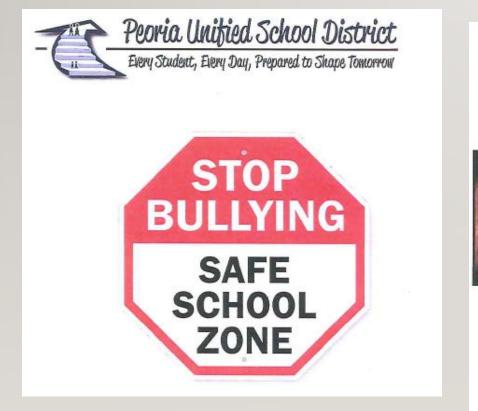
ANNUAL MEETING

Rotary Club Leaders and the PUSD Superintendent's Office

- Awareness of past efforts
- Successes to celebrate
- Desires for future efforts
- Concerns in schools
 - Family/Teacher/Admin pressures
 - Families in Poverty
 - Children in Foster/Kinship Care
 - Violence, aggression, self-harm, and bullying in the lives of students



ANTI-BULLYING The PUSD's Approach













PEACE – THE PURSUIT Rotary's Proposed Approach – Part I

- Purpose I: to offer Peace Studies on public school campuses to ...
 - ... develop a quality of character in students which promotes and fosters with peace.
 - ... welcome new students.
 - ... provide conflict resolution skills to students.
 - ... develop mediation services for, and by, students.
 - ... reduce acts of violence, aggression, self-harm, and bullying involving students.
 - ... equip students with coping skills for non-peaceful home environments.
 - ... encourage students to pursue peace through lifelong learning and engagement.



PEACE – THE PURSUIT Rotary's Proposed Approach – Part 2

- Purpose 2: to create Peace Spaces on public school campuses where ...
 - ... peace is explored by individuals or groups.
 - ... people can go when injured, or to offer reconciliation.
 - ... people can go to remember those who have suffered or died through violence.
 - ... people can go to celebrate those who have given meaning to peacemaking.
 - ... goodwill is built by elevating peace within the community.



PEACE – THE PURSUIT Rotary's Proposed Approach – Part 3

- Peace related resources at <u>www.peoriapeaceinitiative.org</u>.
- Recognize local "Peacemakers of the Year" with Annual Awards Event (self-funded).
- Implement Peoria Peace Initiative at any/all PUSD schools wishing to participate.
- Elevate the conversation on Peace throughout the PUSD and the local community.
- Call the whole community to the Pursuit of Peace.

All peace begins within individuals and only then does it pour forth into thought and practice.



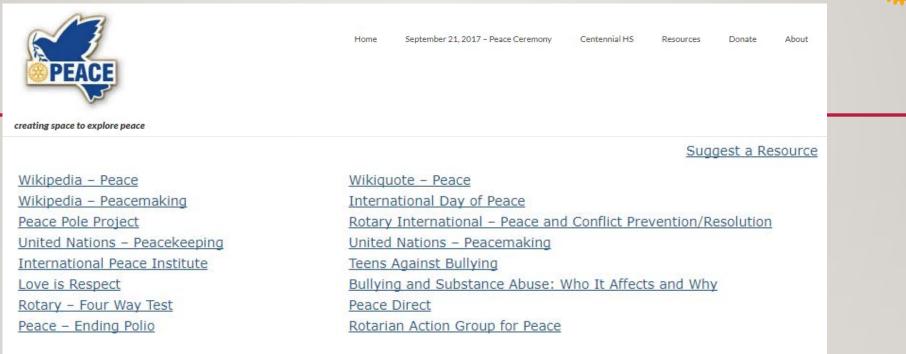
TRIAL RUN Centennial High School

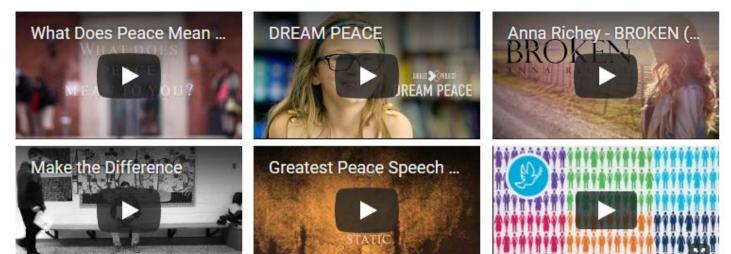


- Peace Study
 - being added in 2018 school year
 - Freshman orientation, peer mediation and conflict resolution
- Peace Space
 - managed by the CeHS Interact Club
 - used as the celebration site for the International Day of Peace
 - Funded by individual and club donations

www.PeoriaPeaceInitiative.org











2017 PEACEMAKER OF THE YEAR PEORIA POLICE OFFICER AND SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DAVID FERNANDEZ





Global Grant Opportunity

- \$42,000 (approx. \$7,000 per location)
 - Cactus High School
 - Ironwood High School
 - Raymond S. Kellis High School
 - Foothills Elementary School
 - Sundance Elementary School
 - District Administration Center

- Peace Studies
 - Curriculum
 - Student materials / resources
 - Online management
- Peace Spaces
 - General Contractor
 - Materials (benches, pavers, peace pole, plaque, etc.)



ROTARY CLUBS & DISTRICTS

Looking for Financial Assistance

Global Grant - Looking for Partners									
	#	Each		Subtotals		TRF Match		Totals	
Club	4	\$	1,000	\$	4,000	\$	2,000	\$	6,000
Club	8	\$	500	\$	4,000	\$	2,000	\$	6,000
District	2	\$	5,000	\$	10,000	\$	10,000	\$	20,000
District	2	\$	2,500	\$	5,000	\$	5,000	\$	10,000
								\$	42,000



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