

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)
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)
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 to see our full list of available resources.

Ready to get started? Contact our school liaison Ann Boniferro at boniferr@alcdsb.on.ca to get registered!

Questions? Feel free to contact us at admin@peacequest.ca with any questions or to learn more about what we have available.