

PEACE DAY: An Annual Observance at Lipman School

The Barbara K. Lipman Early Childhood School and Research Institute at the University of Memphis observes an annual Peace Day. Because of the terrorists' 9/11 attacks, the teachers, parents and children of Lipman School decided the very best way to counteract that kind of fearful event was to begin a lifelong conversation about making peace. Being peaceful within oneself and others affirms that peace is the better way for people to live together on the planet Earth. The date for our annual Peace Day is on or about October 24th because it is close to the birthday of the school's namesake, Barbara K. Lipman, and also United Nations Day.



PAST PEACE DAY EXPRESSIONS:

It is always very meaningful when parents and community friends can participate in the morning's developmentally appropriate activities with the children. At noon we share a "Peace-Nic" lunch which is prepared by the multicultural families at Lipman School. Everyone leaves having been fed body and spirit.

1. Created a mosaic piece of the Chinese symbol for peace which is on the outside wall under the portico...
2. Lighted a 'World Peace Candle' from the World Peace Organization...
3. Shared wonderful times with Dr. Thomas Moore, singing, dancing and talking about Peace....
4. Created the "Green Circle" of inclusion and social justice...
5. Enjoyed the children's story, *The Chirkendoose*, as performed by the U of M 'Story Troupers'
6. Miss Jan Kidder and Dr. Fuminari Natsabuko of Hiroshima University, Japan, told the story of *Sedako and the Peace Cranes* in Japanese and English while Stuart Janssen painted Sedako releasing the cranes...
7. Created an American flag with the children's handprints and the stars and stripes with them saying aloud, "I believe in peace...." as they imprinted their handprint.
8. Read studied Old Turtle and Old Turtle and the Broken Truth by Douglas Wood...
9. Released two dozen white peace doves each year in the Leslie Phillipsen Outdoor Classroom...
10. Hosted Native American storyteller and magician, Autumn Morningstar....
11. Developed a family cookbook, *The Larger Pot*, from Peace Day recipes...
12. Planted trees – peach tree bears fruit each year to share with everyone

Please make plans to join us for our 16th annual
**U of M LIPMAN SCHOOL'S TWO DAY
PEACE DAY CELEBRATION**

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26th, 4:00-5:30
PARENT DISCUSSION WITH OUR FRIEND,
DR. THOMAS MOORE
"HOW TO TALK WITH YOUR CHILD ABOUT RACE"
A very timely subject that needs some mindfulness



Dr. Thomas Moore was with us for Peace Day 2015 and sang "Let There Be Peace on Earth" with the children in each classroom. We've asked him to come back again because he is our good friend.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27th, 2017 - 9:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Just a little history....

Peace Day Celebration grew out of Lipman School's long tradition of anti-bias/diversity educational practices. The first 'Multicultural Luncheon' was held in 1985 and it continued until 9/11/2001. We then re-evaluated our true priorities and decided that the concepts of peace and justice were the root of all our dreams for a better world. We chose the week of October 24th because it is the birthday of Mrs. Barbara K. Lipman and it is also United Nations Day. **Questions or RSVP - 678-2120**

ACTIVITIES - 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

9:00 - "Wings of Grace" Peace Dove Release - Leslie Phillipsen Outdoor Classroom

9:20-10:20 a.m

Each classroom is planning a developmentally appropriate peaceful activity for the children, families and university friends to participate in this meaningful annual celebration. If you are a Lipman School family, your child's Supervising Teacher will be informing you of the details of classroom activities. If you would like to offer a story, a song, an artifact or such from your culture, please let your Supervising Teacher know of your willingness to contribute.

10:30 - 11:30 Gather outside at the Pecan Grove Stage.

**Performance and sing along with our friend,
Dr. Thomas Moore**

MULTICULTURAL 'PEACE-NIC' LUNCH - 11:30-12:30

...A wonderful way to break bread together in the spirit of community and share our cultures with each other. This year we have 14 different countries represented at Lipman School! Families prepare a potluck dish (service for 10-15 people) from your culture. **We will be serving OUTSIDE UNDER THE PORTICO OF THE ORIGINAL BLDG.** Bring your dish by 11:00. (If it needs to be warmed, you may use the main kitchen has an oven and microwaves.) You and your child may eat outside or inside the child's classroom.



Shalom Y'all!