

OPERATION P.E.A.C.E. – BOSTON

Partnerships in Education and Community Enrichment

FALL ~ 2012

What's New:

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Upcoming Events:



New Learning Center - This Fall!
339 Talbot Avenue,
Codman Squ., Dorchester



International Food Party
Nov. 2nd, 4:30 - 6:30pm
Youth Center
Peterborough Street

"It is our task – our essential, central, crucial task – to transform ourselves from mere social creatures into community creatures." - M. Scott Peck

Summer Success!

Peer Leadership

Peer Leader Angelica (seated center, photo right, at the Museum of Fine Arts) joined Operation P.E.A.C.E. in 2009 with a strong interest in current events, art, and making others laugh! Angelica is now in the 6th grade at Dearborn Middle School in Roxbury. Thank you, Angelica, for your great leadership with our younger students. Angelica's reflection follows:

My experience at Operation P.E.A.C.E. as a peer leader has been awesome. I would recommend this After School/ Summer Academy. I had lots of fun and it is really great because it got me out of trouble and it got me out of having a boring at-home summer.

I was in the After School when I was younger. I also have so much fun. It was more than a pleasure to be in Operation P.E.A.C.E. as a peer leader. Being a peer leader at Operation P.E.A.C.E. is SO MUCH FUN!



Events Recap...

Summer Academy: During July and August, we hosted our free annual Summer Academy for K2-5 graders. The thirteen children explored the different aspects of the animal kingdom. The full day program included indoor and outdoor learning, field trips, and an awesome art project; now on display in the Peterborough Computer Lab.

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Not Just Any Bake Sale

As part of our Summer Academy, a student-chosen project was to hold a bake sale during National Night Out for **Camp CAYA** (*Come As You Are*), a camp weekend for dwarf children, teens, siblings and parents (hosted in New Hampshire). Our children dedicated all the sale proceeds not for themselves, but for Camp CAYA. Families brought tasty sweets to help raise money for this wonderful organization! Students helped make rice crispy treats, chocolate covered strawberries, or pieces of artwork.

In the end, the bake sale was a success, raising \$159.50 for Camp CAYA! PEACE student Kiana M. said, "I liked when I kept checking over at the bake sale table and everything was gone." Jada St. L. liked that "...we raised more than what we were supposed to raise which is good because it's more money for Camp CAYA!"

Ruth Ricker, Founding Director of Camp CAYA, thanked the students "for all you do as peace ambassadors" and said, "I look forward to reading about you in the news as you become community activists and world leaders!"

(Events continued...)

National Night Out/BBQ: In early August, Operation Peace, the Peterborough Crime Watch group and Wingate Management joined with thousands of neighborhoods nation-wide to learn about safety and celebrate our community. The weather was delightful, the BBQ delicious, and the "spirit" great - over 300 attended!

Rodman Ride for Kids: On September 29th Operation PEACE joined-up with the *Rodman Ride for Kids* to raise funds for our programming. Five Op PEACE riders pedaled 25 miles on a cool, gray, Foxborough morning, to surpass our goal of \$50,000! Our thanks to Wingate and all our volunteers for their support!

We're Here for You!

Operation P.E.A.C.E. - Boston opened in 2001 in the heart of Boston's Fenway district with the goal of empowering the area's disadvantaged and low-income residents, including approximately 500 families living in subsidized housing. Our free learning programs are available to all: you, Fenway families, the wider community, unemployed residents, new English speakers or senior citizens; all are welcome. Our core programs include:

- **After School Learning (K2-5)**
- **Summer Academy (K2-5, full day, July - August)**
- **Open Access Computer Lab**
- **ESL classes (as needed)**
- **Adult Ed and Senior learning**
- **Job Preparation skills**
- **Computers for Russian, Spanish**
- **Tech help (Ipad, laptops, cameras...)**
- **College Internships, volunteers...and more!**

Please email or call us at 617.267.1054 for more information.



*** Holiday Hours ***

Operation P.E.A.C.E will be closed as follows:

After School:

November 22nd - 23rd

December 24th - January 1st

Open Access Computer Lab:

November 22nd - 23rd

December 24th - January 1st



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Our Mission:

The mission of Operation PEACE is to enrich family and community life in the Boston area through educational programs, language courses, and technology resources.

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We are grateful to our grant sponsors, Wingate Companies, LLC, and the Schuster family; all of who make our mission possible.

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Youth Center:

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