

OPERATION P.E.A.C.E. – BOSTON

Partnerships in Education and Community Enrichment

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Open House!
Early next year...
Come visit and check out
all our new spaces!

A thought for this season of giving...

*"What do we live for, if it is not to make
life less difficult for each other?"*

- George Eliot

Dorchester Learning Center Opens

Monday, November 4, 2013 began a new chapter in the story of Operation P.E.A.C.E. as we opened our new Learning Center in Codman Square. The new center, located in the Noral Apartments at 15 Norfolk St., includes a school-age education center, cooking space, arts and crafts area, children's reading library, and computer lab...all available free of charge to residents and the community.

"We are excited about offering our programs to more Boston families with our second location and look forward to enriching family and community life in the Dorchester neighborhood," David O'Donnell, executive director of Operation P.E.A.C.E., said in a statement. "Our free learning programs are available to the whole community with courses for children and adults, unemployed residents, new English speakers and senior citizens."

Wingate Companies, our long-time supporter also contributed funds for the new center. "We are grateful to all those who joined together to make this center a reality," said Mark Schuster, principal of Wingate Companies, in a statement. "Based on the warm welcome we have received from the Dorchester community, we are confident Operation P.E.A.C.E. will become a vibrant neighborhood resource for local families to learn key life skills."

As many of you know, we opened our first Boston location in the Fenway area in 2001. State Representative Russell Holmes who was in attendance commented, "We welcome a great program... →



Pictured (l-r): Wingate Principal Mark Schuster, Carlo Lookner (staff), and State Representative Russell Holmes.

Operation P.E.A.C.E. Welcomes Peterborough Senior Center!

We are excited and pleased to announce that as of November 1st, the Peterborough Senior Center now falls under the programming of Operation P.E.A.C.E. Over the summer, the Fenway CDC (who has run the PSC for many years) approached us and asked if we would be interested in assuming the PSC. The Board of the CDC had no problems with the Center, but felt that they were drifting from their central mission and wished to focus

their efforts on affordable housing initiatives, legislation, and area development. Operation P.E.A.C.E. welcomed the idea, as we already serve many seniors and the programming of the PSC nicely aligns with our mission.

To mark the occasion, many seniors and staff members from the Fenway CDC and Operation P.E.A.C.E. joined in a Halloween party and lunch at the center. It was also an opportunity ... →

Peterborough Senior Center (cont.)



Pictured (l-r): Christine Araujo, Santosh Sharma (front), and Maureen McLaughlin.

...to bid farewell to our outgoing director Christine Araujo and part-time assistant Santosh Sharma, both of whom have served the Fenway seniors so well in the past.

Operation P.E.A.C.E. is looking forward to building upon the good work of those before us and will continue to deliver programs that engage while maintaining a 'family neighborhood' feel.

[Look to this space in future issues for news about our seniors.]

Opening (cont.)

...with proven success to the Codman Square neighborhood," He went on to say, "Operation P.E.A.C.E. brings a much-needed resource that will fill the void of afterschool, computer lab and ESL training, not only to Wingate residents but the entire community."



Community and staff members gather for the Ribbon Cutting ceremony.

Our Mission:

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, the Continental Wingate Family of Companies, the Schuster family, and all who make our mission possible.

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**Snowstorm reminder:** For your safety, if Boston Public Schools are closed, so too are all Operation P.E.A.C.E. programs. Thank you.



## \* Holiday Hours \*

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

*After School:*

**December 23<sup>rd</sup> - January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

*Learning Centers & Senior Center:*

**December 24<sup>th</sup> - December 27<sup>th</sup>**

**December 31<sup>st</sup> - January 2<sup>nd</sup>**

