

OPERATION P.E.A.C.E. – BOSTON

Partnerships in Education and Community Enrichment

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What's New:

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Upcoming Events:



Dorchester Opening -
Summer/Fall,
339 Talbot Avenue,
(Codman Square)



National Neighborhood Night Out! -
Summer BBQ and games!
August 7th, 4:30 - 7:30pm
Peterborough Street

What cannot be achieved in one lifetime will happen when one lifetime is joined to another. -- Harold Kushner

New Dorchester Location!

(Codman Square facility for K2 - 5 grades)

Building upon the success of our Peterborough location (in the Fenway) and a desire to reach even more families, Operation PEACE is excited to announce the opening of a new learning center at **Noral Apartments**, Codman Squ., Dorchester.

The services offered will be the same as our other sites: After School (K2-5), a full-day Summer Academy, Computer Learning (for children and adults), ESL programs, Job preparation, and more. Once the specific needs of the community have been assessed, additional programs will be scheduled.

"Mayor Menino and other local leaders continue to stress the importance and need for education and care to be based in the local, neighborhood community," commented David O'Donnell,

Operation PEACE - Boston Executive Director. "We are grateful that Wingate Management, LLC continues to invest in its residents through Operation PEACE. Noral Apartments is a whole new community - young and old - for us to help."

The Noral/Codman Squ. site is roughly 800 sq/ft and will house a school-age education area, cooking and arts n' crafts area, children's reading library, Computer Learning center, and more. The anticipated opening is later this summer, with full programs to begin at the start of the school year.

For more information about programs offered and the grand opening, call the main office (617.267.1054) or check our webpage:

operationpeaceboston.org

Super Raffle = Super Time!

Thursday, May 3rd from 5:00pm - 8:00pm, Operation PEACE celebrated its **Super Spring Raffle** graciously hosted by Jim Rooney at The Baseball Tavern.

The event was a great success as we raised over **\$1,000**. We were thrilled by the variety of Fenway folks that came out to support us. Mark your calendars for early spring next year.

Summer Grant Awarded

On **June 6th**, Operation PEACE - Boston was awarded an **\$11,490 grant** from the *Mission Hill Fenway Neighborhood Trust*. The grant will be used to cover the staffing and materials expenses for our free K2-5 children's Summer Academy. We are so grateful to the Trust for their generosity. To be sure, their support will provide summer fun and learning for many Fenway children.

A College Intern reflects...

Each year, Operation PEACE welcomes several college interns to augment our staff and provide hands-on learning related to their area of study. **Alexis Cupp** is a junior from rural New Hampshire studying at Boston University, majoring in Science Education. When Alexis came to Boston she took education classes but was not able to work with students nearly as much as she wished. Therefore she was extremely pleased to work with Operation PEACE. Alexis shares her time in her own words:

"I began volunteering at Operation PEACE at the end of last school year and was excited to continue to volunteer there this year. I immediately felt at home and continued to have a fantastic experience volunteering. Although my degree will certify me to teach middle school students, I have thoroughly enjoyed working with elementary aged children. Their love of learning and positive attitudes has made my day on many occasions. My favorite part of so far

was when I was lucky enough to teach several lessons on temperature and weather. The students learned how to use a thermometer, how to tell different clouds apart and even used heat to make crystals! Working with Operation PEACE students has taught me so much, and I know that I will take all that I have learned when I begin teaching."

Alexis hopes to do her student teaching in Quito, Ecuador and is excited to return to Operation PEACE.



Next issue: One of our children writes about the Summer Academy!

Op PEACE Joins Rodman Ride for Kids

Operation P.E.A.C.E. is excited to announce that we are now an affiliated agency with the **Rodman Ride for Kids**. This means that we can link our fundraising efforts with the very successful Rodman Ride. Our fundraising goal will be \$1,000 for each of our five riders, which

will be supported by a major corporate donor. The Ride will be held **September 29th**. Keep an eye to our website on how to donate and support our riders.

(Our thanks to Don Rodman and the Rodman Ride for giving us this opportunity to participate in their great work.)

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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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