

History of Peace Week

- ◆ Peace Week began in October 2001 when Brandon Lee Wolff of SAVE R US (Students Against Violence Everywhere Are Us - www.saverusinternational.org) planned a two-day Peace Festival to promote peace and nonviolence involving 3000 students at Council Rock High School. The concept of a peace festival was recreated in an elementary school peace festival in 2002 and further expanded into Peace Week 2003 encompassing the entire Council Rock School District.
- ◆ The following year, Brandon teamed with Natalie Kaye, formerly of CB Cares, to expand the week into Peace Week Bucks County 2004, which involved 13 different community organizations and school districts throughout the county. Under Natalie's leadership, the planning committee expanded and involved even more community organizations in the planning of Peace Week Bucks County in 2005 and 2006.
- ◆ Under Brandon's leadership, a spin-off of Peace Week Bucks County, TRI-CO Peace Week, also occurred in 2005 and 2006 involving three colleges ("tri-co"): Swarthmore, Haverford and Bryn Mawr.
- ◆ In 2007, both peace weeks will occur simultaneously during the first week of April.

Peace Week Bucks County 2007

is a weeklong series of events throughout Bucks County promoting violence prevention, continuing the tradition of partnering agencies, organizations and school districts to impact thousands of students throughout the County.

Peace Week's two primary goals are to promote the importance of peace and non-violence, and to empower our youth against violent behavior.

Peace Week is coordinated by the Consortium, *Bucks Promise for Youth and Communities*, along with members of a planning committee.



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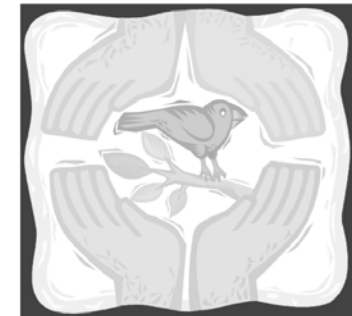
Peace Week 2007 made possible by:

- A Woman's Place www.awomansplace.org
- Bensalem Public Library
- Bensalem School District www.bensalemsd.org
- Bristol Borough Community Partnership www.bbcommunitypartnership.org
- Bucks County Courthouse www.buckscounty.org
- Bucks County Intermediate Unit www.bucksiu.org
- Bucks County Human Relations Council www.bchumanrelations.org
- Bucks County Olweus Bullying Prevention Program www.bullyfreebuckstoday.org
- Bucks Landing Apartments www.buckslandingapts.com
- Bucks Promise for Youth & Communities www.buckscountypromise.org
- Building A Better Bensalem Today
- CB Cares Community Coalition www.cbcares.com (Central Bucks)
- Central Bucks School District www.cbsd.org
- Council Rock Coalition for Healthy Youth
- Council Rock School District www.crsd.org
- Doylestown Presbyterian Church www.dtownnpc.org
- ENRICH Bucks County (Education Network & Resource Information for Community Health)
- League of Women Voters www.pa.lwv.org/bucksco
- The Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Library www.grundylibrary.org
- Morrisville Free Library Association
- Network of Victim Assistance (NOVA) www.novabucks.org
- Oxford Valley Mall
- Peace Praxis www.peacepraxis.org
- Pennsbury LYFT Community Coalition www.pennsburylyft.org (Lower Makefield, Yardley, Falls, Tullytown)
- Pennsbury School District www.pennsbury.k12.pa.us
- Planned Parenthood - The Rainbow Room www.ppbucks.org
- St. Katharine Drexel Shrine www.katharinedrexel.org
- St. Mark Catholic School www.stmarkcatholicschool.net
- SAVE R US www.saverusinternational.org
- TODAY, Inc. www.todayinc.org
- United Way of Bucks County www.uwbucks.org
- WISE-CTC Community Coalition (Warminster, Ivyland, Southampton Embracing – Communities That Care)

The events listed in this brochure were confirmed as of February 23, 2007. For an updated list of events, please check out our website at www.buckscountypromise.org

Peace Week Bucks County 2007

*Preventing Violence
In Our Schools
and Communities*



March 26 - April 4, 2007

www.peaceweek.org

Peace Week Calendar of Events

The events listed in this brochure do not represent an endorsement, nor necessarily reflect the belief or mission of Bucks Promise for Youth and Communities or any of its coalition members.

PEACE WEEK 2007 – KICK OFF EVENT!!

Monday, March 26, 2007 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

*Celebrate with cheerleading groups from area schools, Buddy the Bully-Free mascot, Benjamin Rush Elementary Show Choir, hear the official Peace Week proclamation and join Brandon Lee Wolff, founder of Peace Week and other special guests!

*FREE for the whole family!

*Location: Oxford Valley Mall – Inside the mall in front of SEARS
2300 East Lincoln Highway, Langhorne, PA 19047

Arab-Israeli-Palestinian Peace: From Crisis to Hope

Tuesday, March 20, 2007 from 7:30-9:00 p.m.

in the Celtic Cross Room

Speaker: The Rev. Pauline Sexton

Sanctuary Open for Prayer and Meditation

Wednesday, March 28, 2007 from 12:00-1:00 p.m.

With Peter Crooke, Youth Director.

Arranged by: The Rev. Stacy L. Martin, Associate Pastor

Adult Education Class Peace Primer –

Think Globally, Act Locally

Sunday, April 1, 2007 from 9:45-10:30 a.m. in the Choir Room

Speaker: Jo-Ann MacLatchie

The above activities located at Doylestown Presbyterian Church
127 E. Court Street, Doylestown, PA 18901

“Positive Coaching Alliance – Sport’s Parent Workshop”

Monday, March 26, 2007 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Presented by CB Cares in partnership with Millham Insurance and Doylestown Athletic Association. This workshop will teach parents to help young athletes learn life lessons through sports. \$10.00 registration fee, includes workbook

Contact: Stacey Mulholland, CB Cares at

215-489-9120 ext. 4 or smulholland@dh.org

Location: Tohickon Middle School Auditorium
5051 Easton Road, Doylestown, PA 18901

CB Care’s Rachel Simmons Award Presentation

Tuesday, March 27, 2007 at 7:30 p.m.

Author Rachel Simmons has written extensively on the issue of “Bullying”, specifically on the importance of promoting positive social skills. This award was developed in 2006 to be presented to a student, group of students or a school program that best represents the spirit of Ms. Simmons’ work.

Contact: Stacey Mulholland, CB Cares at

215-489-9120 ext. 4 or smulholland@dh.org
Location: Central Bucks Educational Services Building
16 Weldon Drive, Doylestown, PA 18901

3rd Annual Bucks County Resiliency Conference & Family Resource Expo

Wednesday, March 28th 6-9 p.m., and

Thursday, March 29th 8a.m.-4p.m.

Contact: Dale Nicholas, Bucks Co. MH/MR at 215-442-0760

Location: Sheraton Bucks County Hotel
400 Oxford Valley Road, Langhorne, PA 19047

Cyber-Bullying Workshop

Wednesday, March 28, 2007 from 7:00-9:00 p.m.

In Conference Rooms A&B

Appropriate for Parents and Staff of Bucks Co. K-12, Public & Non-Public Schools (Act 48: 2hrs.)

Register online at www.bucksiu.org

Location: Bucks County Intermediate Unit #22

705 North Shady Retreat Road, Doylestown, PA 18901

“Achieving Peaceful Conflict Resolution in our Criminal Justice System and our Community”

Wednesday, March 28, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Presented by the Bucks County Chapter of the League of Women

Voters in partnership with CB Cares. The documentary,

“Burning Bridges”, will be viewed followed by a discussion of the benefits and realities of the restorative justice conference.

Speakers include the Honorable Kenneth G. Biehn.

Contact: Stacey Mulholland, CB Care

215-489-9120 ext. 4 or smulholland@dh.org

Location: Bucks County Court House Community Room
55 E. Court Street, Doylestown, PA 18901

“Separation of Church & Hate: Responding to Those Who Oppose Homosexuality”

Wednesday, April 4, 2007 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

Includes info on how one Baptist minister has built bridges to help end discrimination. You’re welcome to bring a Bible to join in the discussion.

Sponsored by Planned Parenthood’s Rainbow Room

For more info contact: Planned Parenthood’s Rainbow Room

at 215-957-7981 ext. 105 or at rainbowroom@ppbucks.org

Location: Lenape Middle School Library

313 W. State Street, Doylestown, PA 18901

Growing a “Kind Deeds Tree”

March 26 – April 4, 2007

A bare tree will be posted in the main activity room. As regular programs take place, leaders will take note of thoughtful acts demonstrated by program participants and write them on a leaf which will then be added to the tree.

Highlighting books focused on nonviolence

“Ten Thousand Children”, true stories told by children who escaped the Holocaust, co-authored by Warminster resident, Eva Abraham-Podietz, will be among the books shared with residents.

Creating a hallway mural

Children and adults from the community will share their artistic talents and ideas related to being a caring community.

Sharing of the video documentary, “Paper Clips”

Saturday, March 31, 2007

The Bucks Landing Family Center will be showing this story of the Children’s Holocaust Memorial and the Paper Clip Project at Whitwell Middle School.

All of these activities are co-sponsored by
WISE-CTC. For more info contact Barbara Dietsch at

215-364-3127 or WISE-CTC@quadnet.net

All above activities located at:

Bucks Landing Apartments – Family Center
120 East Street Road, Warminster, PA 18974

PEACE WEEK LIBRARY DISPLAYS

March 26 – April 4, 2007

All 3 locations listed below will devote a display area to Peace Week. They will be displaying books, audio, movies, etc. related to diversity and nonviolence

- Bensalem Public Library
3700 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem, PA 19020
- Morrisville Free Library Association
300 N. Pennsylvania Avenue, Morrisville, PA 19067
- The Margaret R. Grundy Memorial Library
680 Radcliffe Street, Bristol, PA 19007

“The Giving Tree”

March 26 – April 4, 2007

The school has planted a tree based on the story of the same name by Shel Silverstein. During Peace Week two classes will visit the tree each morning and place a “Peace Poster” on or in front of the tree.

Contact: Karen Pezza – 215-785-0973

Location: St. Mark Catholic School
1024 Radcliffe Street, Bristol, PA 19007

“Wall of Hope and Peace”

March 26 – April 4, 2007

The school will create the wall using art work, writings & clippings.

Contact: Melinda Gordan – mgordan@bensalemsd.org

Location: Robert K. Shafer Middle School
3333 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem, PA 19020

“Candlelight Vigil for Peace”

March 28, 2007 at 6:30 p.m.

Contact: Bobbie Enke – bjenke@verizon.net

Location: St. Katharine Drexel Shrine
1663 Bristol Pike, Bensalem, PA 19020

School-Wide Peace Project

March 29, 2007

School-wide activity involving posters and tea light candles in bags along Hulmeville Road in front of the school at night

Contact: Bobbie Enke – bjenke@verizon.net

Location: Cecilia Snyder Middle School
3330 Hulmeville Road, Bensalem, PA 19020

“Let Me Eat In Peace”

- Lunch Buddies: Youth encouraged to eat lunch with a new friend
- Share A Meal: Invite your neighbors over for a meal
- The Council Rock Girls and Boys Clubs will meet for guided discussions during lunch

Second Step Curriculum

Students in grades 1-3 will work on lessons focused on empathy skills, skills for reducing impulsive behavior & problem solving around emotional issues

Girl Scouts Go Green

Local Girl Scouts will be “adopting” local parks.

Contests

- Poster contest for Youth: Original artwork that best expresses a message of peace
- Essay contest for Youth: Youth, ages 5-18, can submit an essay under the title “Let Us Understand”

Contact: Donna Foisy, Council Rock Coalition for Healthy Youth
215-944-1006 or dfoisy@crsd.org

All of the above activities will be taking place in various schools within the Council Rock School District March 26 – April 4, 2007