

ONLINE PEER MEDIATION PLATFORM

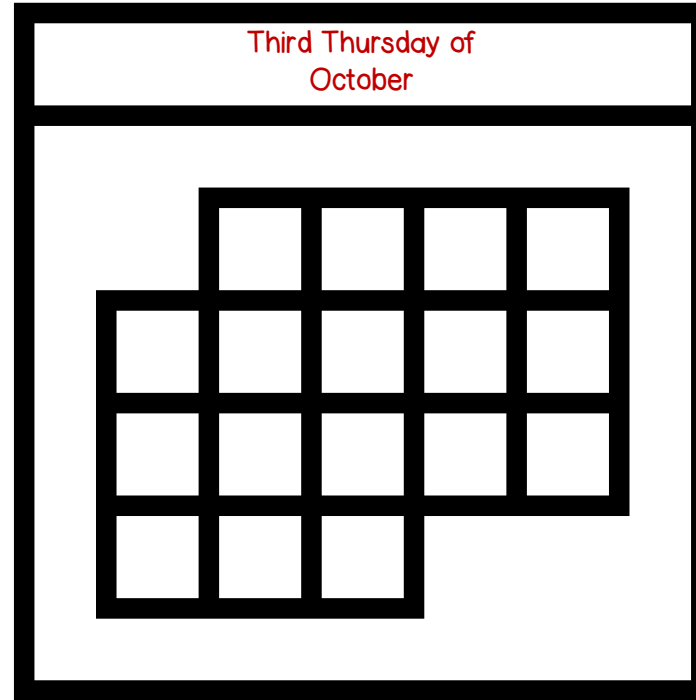
Taking Peer Mediation to the Next Level



CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY

- Promote the awareness of mediation and other creative, peaceful means of resolving conflict among youth and educators;
- Promote conflict resolution in schools;
- “Obtain national synergy by having celebrations happen across the country and around the world on the same day.”

WHAT IS CONFLICT RESOLUTION DAY?



**HOW CAN YOU PROMOTE CONFLICT
RESOLUTION DAY?**

DECLARE A PROCLAMATION

- Adopt a Conflict Resolution Day proclamation, or have students write individual pledges.
- Have students sign their pledge and display it prominently in school corridors. Integrate the pledge into your Conflict Resolution Day activities.

[Insert name of school here]

Conflict Resolution Day
Student Pledge

I, *(name of student)*, pledge:

- to use conflict resolution skills in resolving my conflicts;
- to encourage people to resolve their conflicts peacefully; and
- to support conflict resolution as something that can help make people happier, our school and neighborhoods safer and create a more peaceful world for all of us to live in.

Student Name: _____ Grade: _____

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[Insert name of school here]

Conflict Resolution Day
Proclamation

We the students of *[insert name of school here]* know that violence is not the answer to our problems. In order to make ourselves and our school more peaceful:

We honor Conflict Resolution Day today, *[insert date & year]* through *[insert text here describing specific Conflict Resolution Day events or activities]*.

We promise to focus on becoming more peaceful with one another.

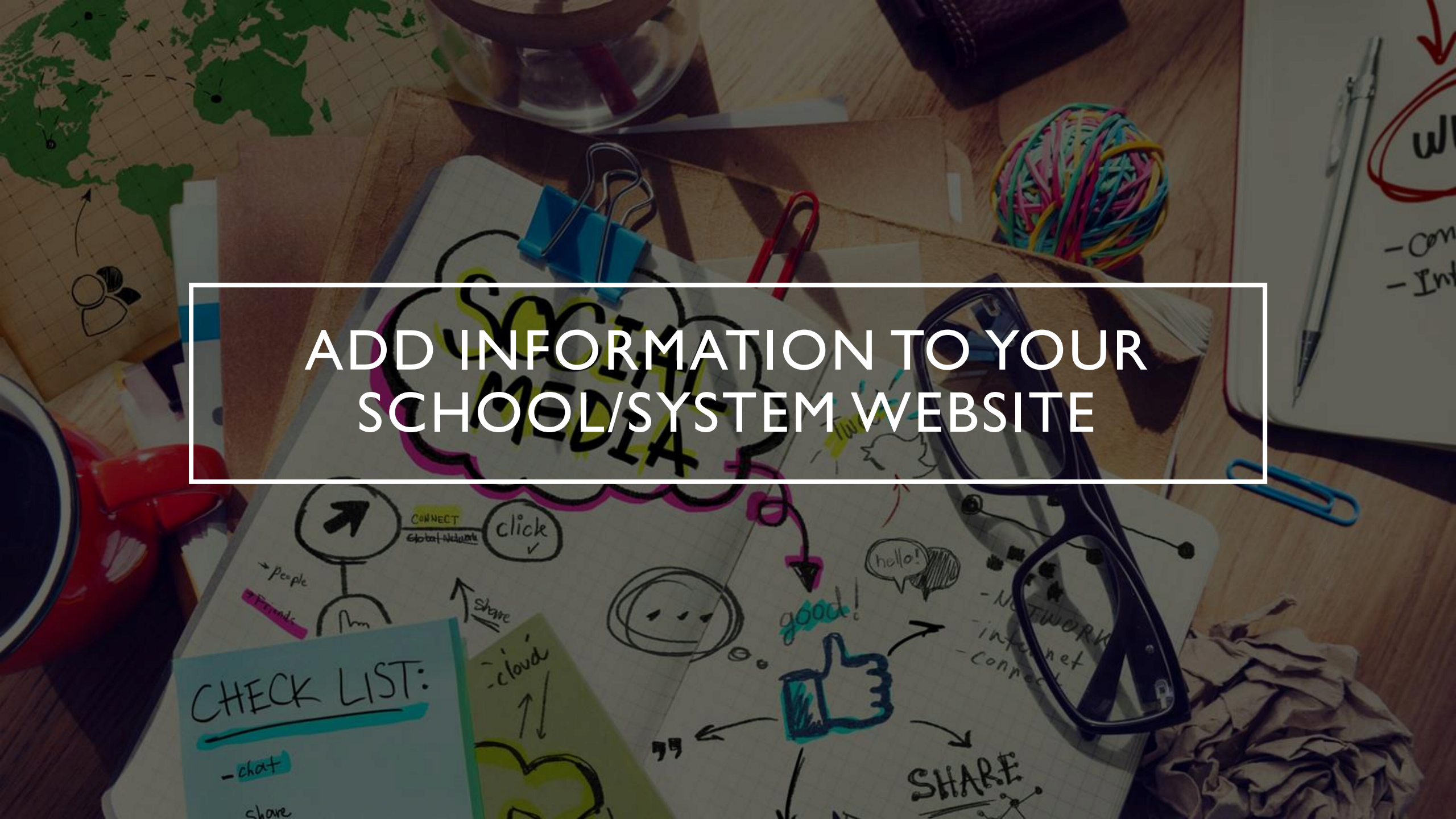
We promise to take the skills we learn today and use them every day.

By keeping this pledge we will make our school a more peaceful place and we will all learn to be better friends.

As representatives of the students at *[insert name of school here]* we pledge ourselves and our fellow students to the goals listed above.

(Sign Here) *(Sign Here)*
(Type Name Here) *(Type Name Here)*
(Type Position Here) *(Type Position Here)*

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ADD INFORMATION TO YOUR SCHOOL/SYSTEM WEBSITE

CHECK LIST:

- chat
share

cloud

share

click

CONNECT

Global Network

People

Friends



good!

hello!

- Network
- internet
- connect

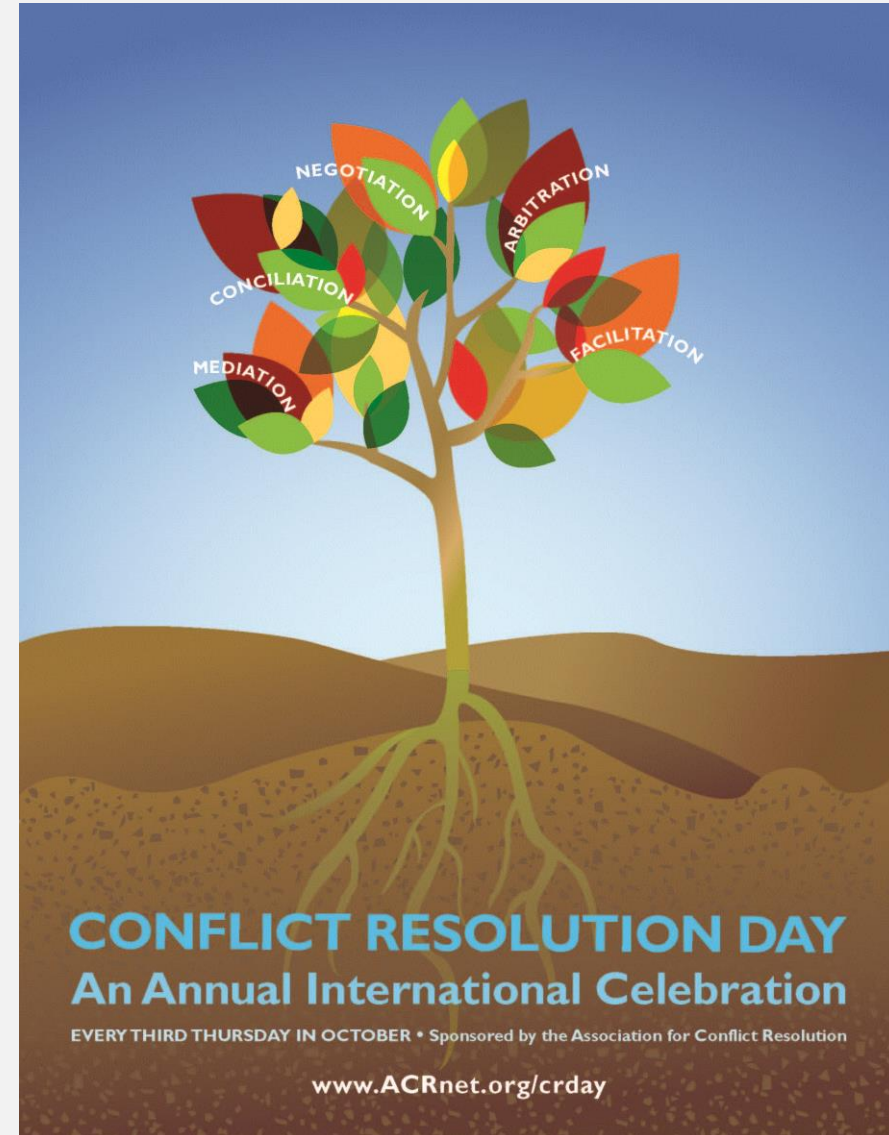
SHARE

Link your school's' annual conflict resolution event to Conflict Resolution Day (<http://www.ACRnet.org/crday>) by emailing acr@ACRnet.org for publicity.



PUBLICIZE YOUR EVENT

ACR Conflict Resolution Day Logo/Poster



odd girl out

Based on *The New York Times* Best Seller
ODD GIRL OUT: The Hidden Culture of Aggression in Girls

HOST AN EVENT

Host a **Mock Mediation** to show students the benefits.

Sponsor a **Peace Café** using a film like *Odd Girl Out* to discuss the topic of cyber bullying and how students can make a difference in their school.

Launch a school wide **Increase the Peace! Campaign**. Have students describe how they peacefully resolved a problem that day. Post these problem-solving methods on the walls.

Have students nominate **fellow student peacemakers** in their grade. Honor these peacemakers on Conflict Resolution Day.

Produce and distribute information on how to establish **peer mediation** programs.

KINDNESS IDEAS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Set up a peace corner or conflict resolution zone in the classroom.

Students can use it to:

- Calm down
- Talk out their problems
- Write out their thoughts & feelings

FOR MORE KINDNESS IDEAS

For more ideas, go to
<https://www.randomactsofkindness.org/kindness-ideas>

KINDNESS IDEAS MIDDLE SCHOOL

Set up a conflict free zone where students can talk out their problems. Have these rules available for them to follow. Some rules can include:

- Each person should speak one at a time.
- No name calling.

KINDNESS IDEAS HIGH SCHOOL

- *Stick sticky notes on every locker in your school with something nice written on it like "you're beautiful" or "smile" or "you make a difference".*
- *In schools, cafeteria workers prepare food and clean the trays behind the scenes, but they never get thanked. An idea is to write a sticky note and stick it on the tray. It will surely make the cafeteria worker's day when they see it!*
- *Listen well to classmates sitting around you because if you listen well to somebody else, that person will be happy that you listen to his or her story.*
- *Everyone loves having friends. When you introduce yourself to somebody new, they'll feel warm inside too. Share the love, the fun.*
- *Practice speaking in a kind way. For one day, keep every negative thought, frustration or complaint to yourself and only share your positive comments with others. And every time you do have a negative thought, counter it out loud with a positive one. See the silver lining in the cloud in every situation.*
- *Have you ever been new at a school? Then maybe you know what it's like to be in a new environment, around new people. Being the new kid can often be stressful or even scary. Some kids have a hard time adjusting to new schools because they are shy or aren't very good at making new friends.*



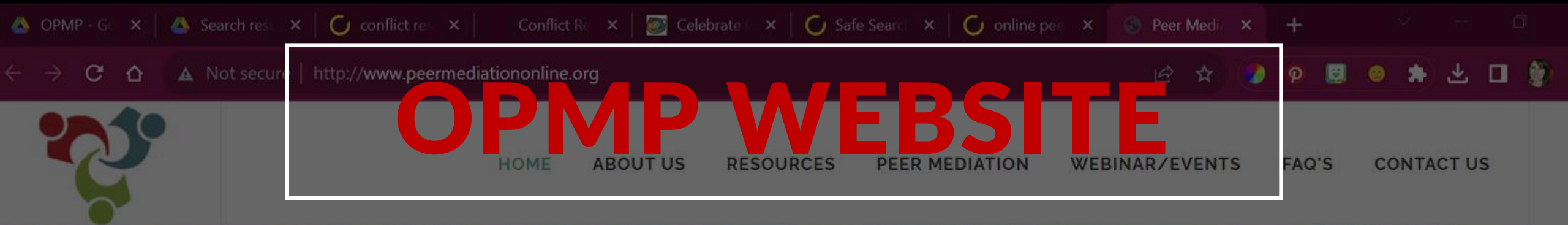
HOST AN EVENT

- Organize a **film festival** that highlights conflict resolution. Afterward, discuss peaceful conflict resolution strategies. Many popular children's movies and television shows already explore such themes.
- Create a **mini-retreat!** Dedicate part of Conflict Resolution Day to addressing common sources of conflict through workshops and group activities in class.
- Host an **art, poetry, or t-shirt contest**. Have students create artwork or t-shirts reflecting the theme of conflict and peaceful conflict resolution.
- Hold a “**brown bag**” professional development talk on a campus or for professionals in your community.
- Hold an **educational event** for students, or make a presentation in a classroom or school.

September	October	January	February	March	April
International Day of Peace	Blue Shirt Day	No Name Calling Week	Dating Violence Awareness	Nat'l Peer Helper Week	Youth Violence Awareness
Start With Hello	Unity Day		Random Acts of Kindness		
	Mix It Up Day		No One Sits Alone		

OTHER DAYS TO EDUCATE STUDENTS ON CONFLICT RESOLUTION





- Includes:
- Resources
- Training
- Peer Mediation Standards
- Research
- Videos
- Resources
- Lessons
- Free curricula

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OTHER IDEAS FROM CREДУCATION

- Recognize conflict resolution leaders and/or volunteers in your community.
- Sponsor a day of cooperative games for peer mediators and the public.
- Have your students create a puppet show exploring ways to deal with conflict peacefully.
- Have students nominate fellow student peacemakers in their grade. Honor these peacemakers on Conflict Resolution Day.
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- Host an art or t-shirt contest. Have students create artwork or t-shirts reflecting the theme of conflict and peaceful conflict resolution. Work with community partners at art galleries, libraries or museums to display the winning entries.
- Adopt a Conflict Resolution Day proclamation, or have students write individual pledges. Have your school peer mediation group, your Student Council or another group of student leaders draft and adopt a Conflict Resolution Day Proclamation. Have students sign their pledge and display it prominently in school corridors.
- Host a Mock Mediation for the public, policymakers, elected officials, community leaders/organizations, or school personnel.

WHY START A PEER MEDIATION PROGRAM?

1. Be aware of the peer mediation standards established by the Association for Conflict Resolution.
2. Pick a trainer who has experience and training in peer mediation. Trainers should be experienced mediators.
3. If you will be providing training, choose a curriculum that follows the Association for Conflict Resolution standards.
4. Know the adequate number of training hours students should receive.
 - Elementary: 12-18 hours
 - Middle: 12-18 hours
 - High: 15-20 hours
 - Advanced Training:
 - 12 hours/year
1. Conduct a needs assessment to find out the areas of conflict in your school.
2. Advertise your program among your staff and students.
3. Establish peer mediation protocols and how students will access services.
4. Provide practice for your students. The Online Peer Mediation Platform can provide free simulation practice for your students.
5. Keep records of mediation services to report your administration.
6. Conduct an evaluation of mediation training and services

OPMP TOURNAMENT

REGISTRATION BEGINS IN JANUARY
TOURNAMENT – FEBRUARY – MAY



Tournament

Interest Form.



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the Manual

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RESOURCES

[CASEL](#) – SEL resources

[CREducation Resources](#)

[Do Something](#) – Kindness campaigns

[E.A.R.](#) (Techniques for learning empathy by Bill Eddy)

[National Association of Peer Program Professionals](#)

[No Bully](#)

[Pacers](#) – Bully awareness

[Peace Alliance](#) – Conflict resolution curricula

[Presentations for educators](#)

[SAVE](#) (Students Against Violence Everywhere)

[School Tools](#) - Conflict Resolution lessons by Western Justice Center.

[Teaching Tolerance](#) – Conflict lessons.

[United States Institute of Peace](#)

[Videos](#) – Informational and educational videos.



Free conflict resolution toolkit for educators.

Students Against Violence Everywhere

Provides resources and support for educators to prevent school violence.

Teaching Tolerance

Provides free resources for teachers in bias reduction, civility, and tolerance.

Conferences for Educators

[Association for Conflict Resolution Conference](#)

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