

Dear Fellow Peacemakers,

It seems fitting to me that, while the Olympics Games are underway, I invite your school community to an exceptional day of learning and action next September 21<sup>st</sup>. British filmmaker Jeremy Gilley documented his efforts to establish the first ever annual day of global ceasefire and non-violence with a fixed calendar date. As a result of these efforts the day was unanimously adopted by UN member states in 2001 as 21<sup>st</sup> September annually. The actual UN ceremony, ironically, took place on the morning of September 11<sup>th</sup> before being cruelly interrupted. The documentary film he produced was titled Peace One Day. And in that same spirit, and inspired by his vision, we invite a representative group of 5-7 of your student leaders in grade 6-8 along with an adult from your school to participate in **Peace: One Day on September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010 at Pine Point School.**

The day will begin at sunrise and continue past sunset, with various presentations, workshops, activities scheduled for the entire community. We seek to examine the complex concept of peace and view it from every angle: historically, sociologically, politically, spiritually, ideologically, militarily, personally, as well as intellectually. The day will be a whole sensory experience! At the end of the day, your team will be required to establish an ***action plan for peace*** and bring it back to your community. We will charge our audience with Mahatma Gandhi's quote, "Be the change you want to see in the world."

I write to you now hoping that you will mark your calendar and secure this important day for our learning community. In reality, the value of the day will find its meaning by what happens after September 21<sup>st</sup>. I remain optimistic that our future leaders will be the change both they and we want to see in the world.

While we will be somewhat limited in the number of participants within our region, we will be contacting a number of our statewide, national, and international connections to also get involved in the day. I sincerely hope you will help make this day memorial and motivating.

If you can commit to having a group of 5-7 students [within grades 6-8] for Peace: One Day, please email [peace@pinepoint.org](mailto:peace@pinepoint.org) to reserve a spot and officially enroll your school. As time progresses and as the day takes shape, you will be sent information through this email link.

Thank you in advance for carefully considering your school's role in International Peace Day.

Sincerely,

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Head of School