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One Voice of Peace is a 501 C-3
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What Educators have to say:

*“The program, **Kids Create Peace**, is timed perfectly to help young children change potentially stressful situations in their lives – at school, home, and play - to ones of cooperation and team-work. They are at a developmental stage at 5th grade where their imagination and intellect are especially receptive to learning new information and social strategies. I say this based on many years of teaching, elementary through high school, and special education kids. I wholeheartedly endorse this program!”*

**Donna D’Alessio, MA Education,
H.S. Teacher, Language Arts , Kauai, HI**

*“From many years as a school administrator and K-8 educator, I’ve learned that teasing, taunting, and name-calling – what we call “bullying” – can unfortunately begin in those early years. When schools do not counter such behavior, the chances of kids turning to a dysfunctional lifestyle increase greatly. The **Kids Create Peace** program teaches them how to avoid conflict: not react with aggression to that of others, but instead change a hostile environment to a cooperative one. These skills will serve a lifetime.”*

**David Damico, Executive Director,
Curriculum and Technology,
Ecademy California**

One Voice of Peace™



Expressing Peace In:

- ◆ Education
- ◆ The Arts & Media
- ◆ Transformational Leaders

What if there were no
need for
violence prevention?



We have an answer!

The **mission of Kids Create Peace** is to provide all children and youth with the understanding and skills to create lives free of conflict, using educational programs and outreach.

Did you know?

- Every day, 160,000 students stay home from school due to fear of attack or intimidation (National Assoc. of School Psychologists)
- Absenteeism: The cost to one elementary school, where 1/3 of students were present less than 95% of the time, was \$50,000 (in lost federal funds.)
- 90% of 4th—8th grade students say they have been bullied at school (Centers for Disease Control & Prevention)
- Bullying generally begins in the elementary grades, peaks in the sixth through eighth grades, persisting into high school (Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention)
- There is a relationship between bullying or being bullied and other types of violence, including fighting, carrying weapons, and suicide (The 2009 Indicators of School Crime and Safety)
- Gang recruitment begins as early as 3rd to 5th grade (National Concerned Officers.com)
- School costs of bullying are countless hours consumed with a problem resistant to change, trancies, student drop-outs, low teacher morale, negative perceptions of the school by the wider community and parent hostility (nobully.com)
- **To society, the cost is our future.**

Kids Create Peace



*OVP's cost-free program,
~ Kids Create Peace~
gives our kids the tools to
create peace now, and
to become valuable
teachers of peace as adults.*

- ◆ Founded on four core principles
- ◆ Preventive rather than remedial
- ◆ Simple and easily understood especially by children and youth

Principle 1 – Have Empathy

Principle 2 – Do no intentional harm

Principle 3 – Non-opposition

Principle 4 - Respond vs react

To review these Four Principles, go to our website - www.onevoiceofpeace.org
click 'About Us' - 'Our Message'

Kids Create Peace is the inaugural program of **One Voice of Peace**. Its purpose, like that of all **O.V.P.** programs, is to increase harmony and cooperation among people. Our practical tools enhance communications and prevent conflict and misunderstanding **before** they can begin. **Kids Create Peace** will help set a foundation for the future of our children. There is no better place to begin this process than at the outset of their lives.

Our Goals:

1. Increase the pursuit and enjoyment of academic excellence, as a result of increased self-worth and self-esteem. These enhance students' leadership abilities.
2. Provide opportunities to learn essential life skills, including those of respect, cooperation, discernment and appreciation of diversity in points of view and culture. Students also learn effective listening and communication skills.
3. Assist students to discover and be free of the limiting or negative concepts and beliefs of others, and to perceive, speak and act without judgments.
4. Understand conflict: how it arises, its prevention, and providing tools to resolve conflicts and expand peacemaking skills.
5. Strengthen students' connection and commitment to family, friends, teachers, other adults and their school and community.
6. Engage students, families, schools and community in creating an enjoyable learning experience of caring individuals who model positive behavior and meaningful interactions.

The major result of attaining these goals: enhanced academic performance and personal maturity.