



A Random Act of Peace

The Peace Project: Todd Parr and Pioneer Middle School

April 3, 2009 New York City

Peace is being free.
-Todd Parr, 2004

You know, this life is speeded up so much, and the whole world is getting tenser and tenser because things are just going so fast, you know, so it's so nice to slow down the rhythm of the whole world, just to make it peaceful.

-Yoko Ono, 1969

Students from Pioneer Middle School in Plymouth, Michigan in collaboration with Todd Parr, author of THE PEACE BOOK, will be traveling to New York City on April 3, 2009 to promote peace. As a “random act of peace,” students will be reading and passing out copies of THE PEACE BOOK to people on the streets of Manhattan (Fifth Avenue, Central Park and Grand Central Terminal). In addition to THE PEACE BOOK, people will also be receiving a peace “gift bag” that will contain promotional material from the following individuals and organizations: Yoko Ono, Little Brown Books for Young Readers, Junior Tours, Share our Strength, Shelterbox, UNICEF, One, American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, American Association of Teachers of French, Pennies for Peace, Share our Strength, American Library Association, Oxfam, Project Vote Smart, Putumayo World Music, Soles 4 Souls, Peace One Day and Amnesty International. The event in NYC is one of several activities planned by the students at Pioneer Middle School to promote peace during the 2008-09 school year. See the following article about Todd Parr and Pioneer Middle School Students.

http://blog.mlive.com/annarbornews/2008/09/plymouthcanton_middleschoolers.html

Visit ToddParr.com or visit <http://web.me.com/grenert/Site/Movie.html> to learn more about Todd Parr

The tentative schedule of THE PEACE PROJECT events on April 3, 2009 is as follows:

7:00 a.m. Interview at CBS Early Show

9:00 a.m. Kick off event at Strawberry Fields

- Words and welcome by Todd Parr

9:30 a.m. Random Act of Peace

- Groups travel to staging areas (CBS Plaza 59th/Fifth Ave)
- Reading of THE PEACE BOOK to people on the streets of New York
- Passing out Peace Gift Bags

11:00 a.m. Closing celebration (Barnes and Noble, NYC Location TBD)

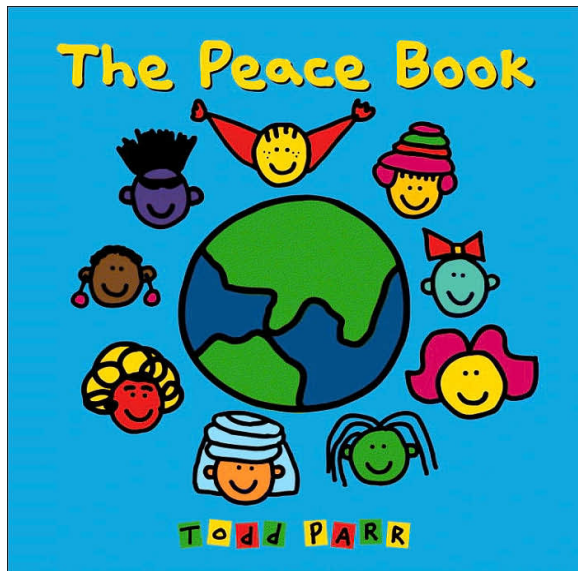
- Todd Parr reading and book signing



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For the “peace gift bag,” organizations and individuals have donated the following items: seeds from the rainforest, DVDs, CD music samplers, buttons, lapels pins, stickers, bookmarks, pamphlets and pencils. We are excited by the participation of Yoko Ono, Little Brown Books for Young Readers, Shelterbox, United Nations, UNICEF, Pennies for Peace, Junior Tours, Oxfam, Project Vote Smart, American Library Association, American Community Garden Association, American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages, American Association of Teachers of French, Arbor Day Foundation, Putumayo Music, Amnesty International, Share our Strength, Soles 4 Souls, Teaching Tolerance. Peace One Day, and ONE.



The Peace Book by Todd Parr 2004

*Peace is traveling to different places
Peace is keeping the water blue for all the fish
Peace is listening to different kinds of music
Peace is helping your neighbor
Peace is reading all different kinds of books
Peace is thinking about someone you love
Peace is giving shoes to someone who needs them
Peace is planting a tree
Peace is sharing a meal
Peace is keeping the streets clean
Peace is everyone having a home
Peace is growing a garden
Peace is learning another language
Peace is new babies being born
Peace is having enough pizza for everyone in the world
Peace is being free*

