Peace Run School Visit Checklist



The international Peace Runners will come to your school to share the torch and give an engaging presentation on the international run and ways to foster peace. This will include interactive singing and movement, skits, passing the Peace Torch, and wherever possible, running with the torch. Here are some tips and ideas to make the most of the experience at your school.

Provide Your School's Logistical Information

Please make sure the Peace Run Team knows everything they need to know!' The most important thing is address and directions (especially if not straightforward) and the age range of the children. This will help the team map out its route to your school and tailor its presentation to meet the needs of your school audience.

Share With Your Faculty Colleagues

Print and share the **Peace Run brochure**, and share one of the **Peace Run videos** that shows how it is an international event to promote peace and engages school children in a unique and direct way that makes them feel like they are part of something global.

- Our brochure can be downloaded here: <u>https://www.peacerun.org/media/uploads/us/us_files/peacerun.pdf</u>
- Our main Peace Run video is here https://vimeo.com/peacerun/4minpromo and there are also many videos from our travels here: https://vimeo.com/peacerun/4minpromo and there are also many videos from our travels here: https://vimeo.com/peacerun/4minpromo and there are also many videos from our travels here: https://vimeo.com/peacerun/4minpromo and there are also many videos from our travels here: https://vimeo.com/peacerun
- For schools that choose to, it is also an opportunity to recognize heroes of service by selecting recipients of the Torch-Bearer Award https://www.peacerun.org/us/torch-bearer-award/

Prepare Students in advance of the Peace Run

Students have a much more engaging and meaningful experience when they discuss peace in the classroom in advance of the visit, and prepare their own expressions for peace when the runners arrive.

- Classrooms can show the Peace Run video <u>https://vimeo.com/peacerun/4minpromo</u> so kids can see and identify with the international students that the Peace Run reaches.
- Check the Peace Run School Guidebook: <u>https://www.peacerun.org/media/uploads/us/us_files/peacerunschoolguidebooksm.pdf</u> for ideas of creative and engaging classroom activities and lesson plans.
- Encourage kids to give artistic expression to what peace means to them through arts and crafts and creative writing.

Encouraging Student Performances

The international spirit of the Run and its goodwill message can inspire various goodwill themes that would appeal to students. Such themes can enhance the Peace Run ceremony and even shape entertainment. Performances can be created to feature singers, dancers, school bands, poetry and spoken word, dramatic performances and even comedy. Peace-themed performances are a great way for students to contribute their artistic expressions on peace.

Our Peace Run music page is here <u>https://www.peacerun.org/us/peace-run-song/</u>

Spread the Word

Make announcements to build awareness and anticipation of the arrival of the international Peace Run team. You can invite special guests who support the cause of peace, including community and civic leaders as well as parents and friends. Events like these are attractive to local news stations and outlets that are always looking for "good news" packages. Your local Peace Run Coordinator can help reach out to media.

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Classroom Preparation Checklist:

- Download and print the Peace Run Brochure <u>https://www.peacerun.org/media/uploads/us/us_files/peacerun.pdf</u>
- Watch the Peace Run video shared with faculty and shown in the classroom <u>https://vimeo.com/peacerun/4minpromo</u>
- Download the Peace Guidebook used for peace-themed classroom activities <u>https://www.peacerun.org/media/uploads/us/us_files/peacerunschoolguidebooksm.pdf</u>
- Prepare and display arts, crafts and creative writing in the theme of peace
- Create and practice student performances to offer on the day of the Peace Run assembly (i.e. singing, dance, school band, poetry, spoken word, skits, comedy, etc.) Our Peace Run music page is here https://www.peacerun.org/us/peace-run-song/
- Consider incorporating a Torch-Bearer award presentation into you ceremony. <u>https://www.peacerun.org/us/torch-bearer-award/</u>

Day of Event Preparation Checklist:

- Sound amplification is set up
- Video is set up (if showing Peace Run video)
- Performances are ready to go
- Decorations are ready (artwork, flags, etc)
- Special guests are confirmed

