

How To Guides for District 5160

How to Create a Legacy Peace Path



Min # of Rotarians: 2
Est cost: \$300

Prep time: 4-8 weeks
Avg Service Time: 1-2 Days

A **Peace Path** is a painted or paved pathway on school grounds with step-by-step visual prompts that guide elementary students through resolving minor conflicts independently. Students with disagreements stand at the beginning, moving one marker at a time, each step instructing them to use communication tools (I statements, sharing feelings and using active listening). The final steps guide them to compromise, apologize or agree on a solution.

5 Steps (see inside for details):

1. Dream Together
2. Design the Experience
3. Involve Every Grade
4. Connect / Invite
5. Keep it Growing



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1. Dream Together

- Invite the principal, teachers, Rotary/ Interact students to imagine location, reflection, and choosing kindness.

2. Design the Experience

- Select area, sidewalk, path, other area.
- Invite students/Interact to brainstorm: add peace quotes, reflection, acts of kindness, school values, artwork, footprints and school colors, etc.

3. Involve Every Grade

- Each grade level creates one section, examples:
 - K. What makes a good friend?
 - 2nd Say something kind today.
 - 5th Grade How can you make peace?
 - 7/8 Include someone sitting alone.
 - 9-12 What legacy will you leave here?

4. Connect / Invite

- Students can paint footprints, peace symbols, kindness messages, reflection prompts, and inspirational artwork. Each section becomes a student's gift to future classes
- Hold dedication event with families, school, boards, leaders, media.
- Have students provide demo

5. Keep it Growing

- Every year grad class or new members add one new stepping stone, quote, message of peace, service project.
- Expand additional languages, artwork, leadership
- Connect to other peace projects on campus (Peace Poles, safe spaces, Peace Gardens)



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Optional:

- * Let students design most everything.
- * Include many languages spoken in your school, encourage all access.
- * Connect to Rotary's **Areas of Focus** and the
- * Add QR codes that link to student-created videos about peace and kindness.
- * Encourage art, leadership, and English classes to contribute.
- * Create an annual "Peace Walk" during Peace Week.
- * The path could naturally lead to the Peace Pole (optional) , where students could gather for reflection, Interact meetings, peace activities or Good Character Award ceremonies.



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Positive Peace Video

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