

Toronto Peace Tree Day Participation Guidelines 2010

Harmony Movement, the Toronto Peace Tree Committee and the Toronto District School Board invite students from grades **1 to 12 across the TDSB** to audition for the Toronto Peace Tree Day 2010 festival of diversity, peace and fusion through the arts! All performances, speeches and/or art submissions can be created in school or outside of school hours and can be pre-existing creations, but **must adhere to the guidelines below. Please read the guidelines below carefully.**

Be creative, innovative and have fun! Combine dance steps from flamenco, bhangra, hip hop, salsa, jazz, stomp, step, mambo, rumba, kathak, Korean ribbon dance or any other culture to create an innovative dance routine. Mix African drums, with tabla, taiko and Latin beats. If you don't know any of the dances steps, find someone in your school who does and ask them to help you create an innovative routine. If you plan to create a performance or speech, please email peacetreeday@harmony.ca by **April 1st** and inform us of the type of performance you will be creating.

Let the dances, rhythms and colours of the world inspire you!

Dance or Music Performances

1. Dance or music groups should reflect a dance or musical performance from a diverse culture or a fusion of diverse cultures and involve students from diverse backgrounds.
2. Performances should be between 3 to 5 minutes.
3. Dances should involve a minimum of 3 participants,
4. Instrumental performances should involve a minimum of 2 participants. Vocal performances can involve choirs, but can also have a lead vocalist.
5. Audition tapes of dance groups should be sent with dancers wearing costumes if available.

The most creative, innovative and best performed dances and musical numbers that adhere to the above guidelines will be selected for participation at the Toronto Peace Tree Day 2010!

Speeches/Poetry/Spoken Word

1. Speeches/Poetry should focus on any one of the following topics:
 - Peace
 - How diversity enriches our lives and the value of living in a diverse society
 - The importance of respecting people of diverse backgrounds and their cultures and faiths including how this can be achieved
 - How to unite people of all cultures, abilities, backgrounds and faiths
 - Inspiring young people to contribute to those less fortunate

2. Speeches and poetry should be between 1 - 2 minutes. Poetry can also be submitted in writing for display purposes.

Speeches that are well organized, clearly articulated, expressive, engaging and most inspiring will be selected for participation.

Art

1. Art submissions can be created on 8.5" x 11" or 17" x 11" paper (any colour)
2. Art work should reflect what peace means to you.
3. Incorporate a written message of peace/diversity into the artwork.
4. Fill the page with colours and reflections of diversity and peace.

Artwork that reflects the above criteria and is the most inclusive, creative, impacting, colourful, well designed and meaningful will be selected for the Peace Mural on Peace Tree Day.

Peace Leaders

To Teachers:

We are also looking for students who have shown outstanding contribution in terms of peace, diversity and equity issues in the community to speak about his/her initiatives and the importance of taking action to implement social change. **Teachers, please forward your recommendations to peacetreeday@harmony.ca by April 1st with a brief summary of the student's contribution to the community.**

Deadline for Entry

Please send auditions as a **link**. **You can upload your video on VIMEO or YOUTUBE and then send us the link.** In case you are unable to create a link then please send an MP3 format and stills in jpeg format to peacetreeday@harmony.ca **by April 25, 2010.** Please be sure to include the following in your email:

1. Name of your school
2. Teacher's name
3. Your email
4. Teacher's email
5. School phone number
6. Names of the participants including their age
7. Title of your dance, music, speech, poetry or artwork

Selected performers, speakers and artists will be notified by April 30, 2010. **All performers and speakers must be available to perform and participate on June 1, 2010 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Selected performers must arrange for own transportation to and from the venue (TBA) in Toronto.** For more information please email peacetreeday@harmony.ca.