Trees for Peace

The planting of trees symbolises hope and the continuity of life. The practice of planting trees for peace is a practical way of enhancing environmental and global education. It enables children to focus on environmental issues while fostering peace education.

Some of our schools have already begun the practice of creating a tree-based Peace Garden, providing a space for students to responsibly resolve peer conflicts or somewhere just to relax and spend time introspecting. Guidance counsellors also utilise these spaces when an alternative environment is needed. The Peace Garden can be enhanced by adding positive statements and reminders for how peace can be achieved. Targeted positive statements are also included to add to the garden’s atmosphere.

Teachers can also have their students create “Tree of Peace” in an art class or social studies class by having students draw a Tree of Peace, making it as beautiful as possible and adding to the tree those concepts that for them, depict peace.

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