

Peace Day

In September of 1982, the United Nations established September 21 as the International Day of Peace. People all over the world take part in celebrations to show their support for World Peace on this day.

Jackson Walnut Park holds a Peace Day ceremony annually to commemorate International Day of Peace. The Schools' chosen project, Pinwheels for Peace, represents hopes and wishes for world peace. The project started in 2005 and continues to grow each year. In 2017, more than 3,000,000 pinwheels were planted in 2500 locations. Jackson School and Walnut Park Montessori students planted individual pinwheels in the School's peace garden as a daily reminder of the importance of working toward peace in our world.

As part of the 2018 Peace Day celebration students from both schools came together to plant "class pinwheels" and offer class prayers for peace in our world, ending with the response, "Let peace begin with me." Walnut Park Montessori students led the song "Light a Candle for Love" and Grade 6 students from Jackson led the "Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi" and the Pledge of Allegiance.

"Establishing lasting peace is the work of education...the child is both a hope and a promise for mankind." – Maria Montessori