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Hilldale School celebrates "The International Day of Peace" with Pinwheels for Peace

The students of Hilldale School under the guidance of teacher, Mandy Rizvi, have dedicated their time and artistry to create Pinwheels for Peace as a part of the International Day of Peace celebration on September 21, 2007.

The project started at Hilldale with the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders in their Contemporary Issues & Action class. These students made pinwheels and posters, composed essays about the possibility of peace in the world, and wrote letters to other area schools to encourage their participation. In their Contemporary Issues & Action class, students must choose activities which engage them with their community. Based on the excitement of the class, Mrs. Rizvi decided to include the rest of the school in this project. Students from Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade participated.

Approximately 35 pinwheels will be "planted" at the entrance of the school and in front of the Serramonte Main Library in Daly City, in honor of peace, on September 21, 2007.

"Our Contemporary Issues & Action class is an integral part of our ethics curriculum which provides students an opportunity to understand first hand how each individual matters in his or her community," says Principal Sasha Clayton.

The international project, Pinwheels for Peace, was started in 2005 by two Florida teachers. More information on Pinwheels for Peace can be found at [www.pinwheelsforpeace.com](http://www.pinwheelsforpeace.com).

"The world is a challenging and confusing place. At the Hilldale School, students are encouraged to meet challenges head-on. Of course, facing challenges is not easy and some challenges are so great that they seem unapproachable. Bringing about peace in today's chaotic world is just such a challenge. But these young citizens aren't afraid. I'm very proud of the work they've done and the ideas they've generated about peace in today's society," says teacher Mandy Rizvi, who spearheaded Hilldale's involvement.

Photos available.

*Hilldale is a co-educational, academically accelerated pre-Kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grade private school nestled against the San Bruno Mountain in Daly City. At Hilldale we are...Rising to the Challenge.*

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