

Rotary

Club of Windsor-Roseland



Peace Schools

What is a Peace School?

Students and staff in over 35 elementary schools and 5 high schools in Windsor & Essex County could answer this question. They would describe their school as warm and inviting with programs to combat bullying and activities to show respect for the diverse cultures of their students. They would cite their code of conduct and good sportsmanship and their program to welcome new immigrants, partner them with a buddy and give them a tour of the school. They have the Four-Way Test posted in their school and use it to treat each other fairly and settle disputes.

The Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland is most proud of its Peace Schools project. The program identifies up to two elementary and or high schools each year as Peace Schools based on their submissions about school programs that promote peace. Peace Schools receive a plaque which is displayed in their school and they have an opportunity to renew their status each year thus making this an ongoing program.

Elementary Peace Schools are awarded a Peace Pole for their school property with the inscription "May Peace Prevail on Earth" in English, French and 2 other languages of their choice. As well, they each receive a \$300 cheque to be spent on a peace project in their school or in the community such as a "Buddy Bench" for their playground.

Each high school receives a pull-up banner identifying the school as a Peace School with a peace dove.

During the assembly for the dedication of a school's peace pole or banner, Rotarians see first hand the powerful impact that this project has in creating peace and understanding as a foundation of living and learning.



