



P.E.A.C.E. News for November 2020

***Peace Educators Allied for Children Everywhere, Inc.
(P.E.A.C.E., Inc.)***

ACTION ALERTS!



***This may be the most important action you ever take,
for what you believe in.***

Peace Educators Joint Annual Meetings Soon!

Please Participate in our P.E.A.C.E. Zoom Meeting.

P.E.A.C.E., Inc., as well as the NAEYC Peace Educators Interest Forum and the [Peace Educators Facebook page](#), will hold our *free* joint annual meetings on **Sunday, November 8, 2020**, at 7 p.m. EST, 6 p.m. CST, 5 p.m. MST, and 4 p.m. PST. We'll briefly go through the annual elections for P.E.A.C.E., Inc., and our Peace Awards, then the Interest Forum will elect its Facilitators, then the Facebook Page managers will be recognized and honored. This should take 10-15 minutes.

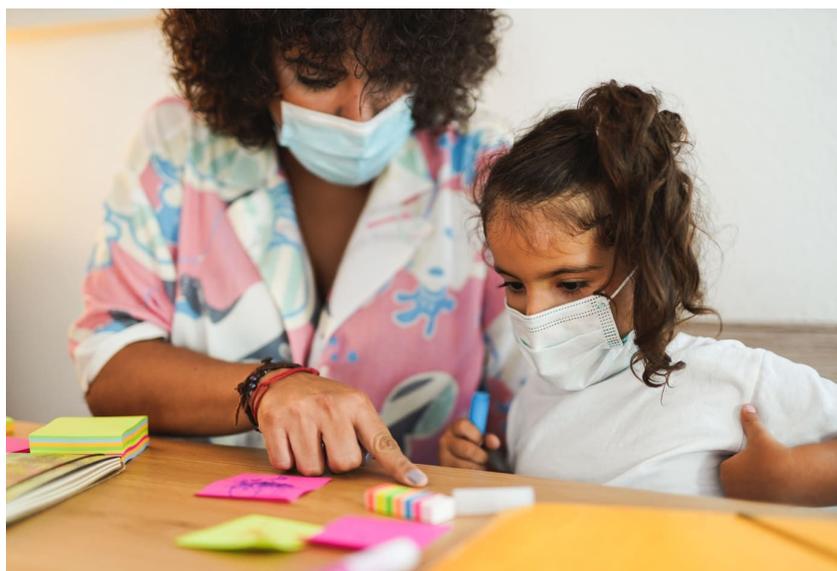
After all that, we'll enter into the first interactive session for the remainder of the hour, of what might become an ongoing dialogue about what we can do, individually and collectively, to help young children grow in peace and love in these very troubling times. This includes not only the development of the tools of social and emotional development that help them resolve differences without violence, but also their inner resources (and ours) to overcome violence in personal, family, school, community, cultural, and national violence.

Please join us! The free Zoom.us Internet Link will be at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84263921019>, and you may join in by telephone (voice-only) for Meeting ID: **842 6392 1019** by dialing **+1 301 715 8592**, a US number.

The upcoming NAEYC virtual Annual Conference (November 8-10) has a number of [sessions of possible interest to P.E.A.C.E. members](#). A number of them deal with how to address challenging behaviors, recovery from traumas and crises, equity and social justice, anti-bias education, resiliency, and creating calmness. A registration fee is required for access.

A Struggling Child Care Profession at Risk: *Congress and President Dither on Needed Support*

A week before the November 3 election, negotiations continue over a desperately needed recovery package before Congress since the House passed their HEROES Act several months ago. A vital part of the package, with all but amounts agreed between the House and the Senate, is to help the hard-hit child care profession continue in business and provide safe and helpful care and education to America's young children, who desperately need our attention right now. If you can reach your Representative and Senators in these final days before elections (or even afterwards), please tell them that they need to support child care for working families with adequate resources for pandemic child care, while there still are providers left in the business.



Picture courtesy of CNBC.com

No More Nukes?

The Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons has reached the 50-nation threshold and is now ratified. That means that it's now illegal, under international law, for the signing nations to develop, hold, or use nuclear weapons. Unfortunately, the U.S. and other countries that have those weapons, as well as the other NATO countries, have stayed out of the treaty. We still have work to do on all of the holdouts, especially our own country.

Resources

International Children's Peace Prize

The organization KidsRights Changemakers Movement provides opportunities for children all over the world to ensure equality and sustainable improvements of children's rights. The [2020 index](#) shows children's rights are seriously affected by the coronavirus outbreak. Participants in the Changemaker Movement work very hard on achieving peace in their communities and each year, one of them is awarded with the *International Children's Peace Prize*.



Picture courtesy of KidsRights.org

Last year's winners were **Greta Thunberg** and **Divina Maloum**. Greta is known for bringing awareness to the issue of climate change, whereas Divina is known for warning students against armed groups in her country of Cameroon. According



to KidsRights, "The motivation behind the prize is to provide a platform for children to express their ideas and personal involvement in children's rights.

KidsRights feels that children should be recognized, awarded and motivated in their fierce efforts to improve their own situation and that of the children in their environment and even the world." This year's prize winner will be announced on November 20th.

[See the current nominees.](#)

Child Care Providers and Covid-19: *New Study Shows No Greater Risk*

An article last week in the *New York Times*, "[Can I Safely Send My Kid to Day Care? We Asked the Experts](#)," included a report on a recent research study in the professional journal, *Pediatrics*, with the following description:

What risk might my child pose to providers?

According to the largest study of its kind, [published in the Journal Pediatrics](#), researchers from Yale and Columbia surveyed more than 57,000 child care providers across 50 states plus Washington, D.C. and Puerto Rico between May and June. They found no relationship between working in day cares and contracting or being hospitalized for Covid-19, regardless of race, ethnicity or other factors.

"Child care providers who reported to work during the first three months of the pandemic were no more likely to contract Covid-19 than those who did not report to work," said Walter Gilliam, a psychologist and early childhood and education policy researcher at the Yale Child Study Center, who led the study. Most facilities in the study followed careful safety protocols.

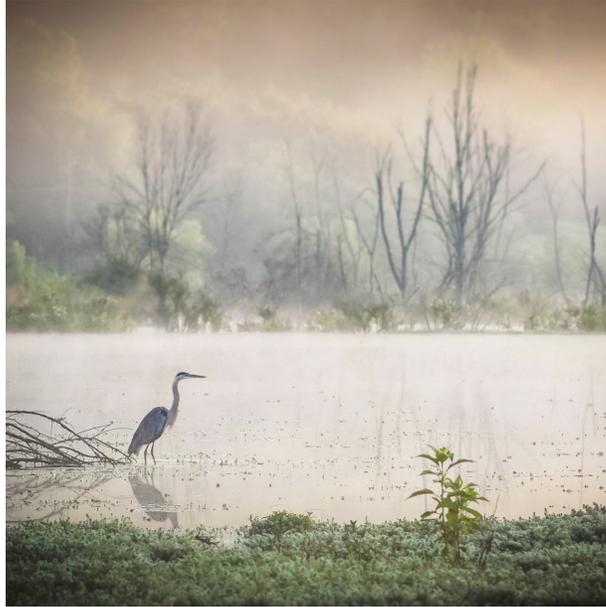
But, he added, "If the transmission rate is high in your community, of course it's going to get into your child care program."

The *Times* article also gives some comfort to parents about having their children in a high quality, safe child care program.

Children's Poetry

Peace of the Wild Things

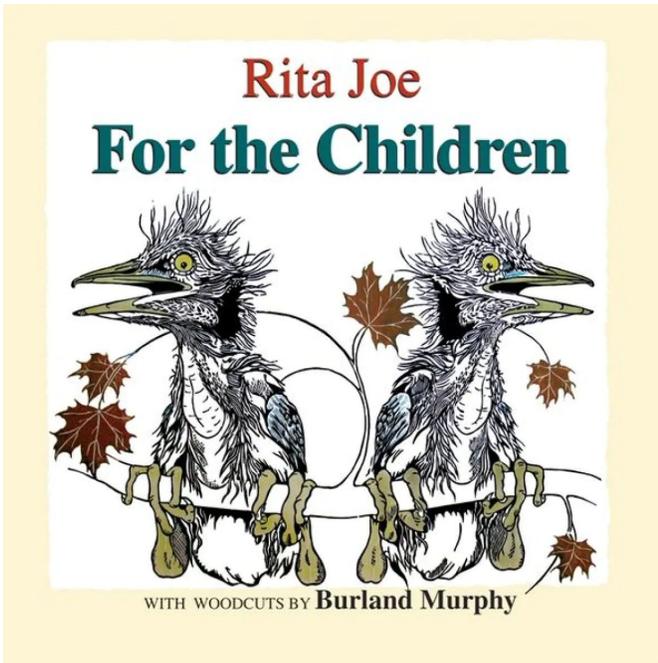
By Wendell Berry



When despair for the world grows in me
and I wake in the night at the least sound
In fear of what my life and my children's lives may be.
I go and lie down where the wood drake
rests in his beauty on the water, and the great heron feeds.
I come into the peace of wild things
Who do not tax their lives with forethought
of grief. I come into the presence of still water.
And I feel above me the day-blind stars
Waiting with their light. For a time
I rest in the grace of the world, and am free.

From [*New Collected Poems*](#)
(Counterpoint 2012)

Keskmsi'
By Rita Joe



At age seven
I go to school
The teacher is talking
I do not understand much of what he
says
So my stubby pencil makes contact
With the scrap of paper
I print small words,

The ones I know,
I try to put them in order.

“Bring that paper here,” the teacher
yells.

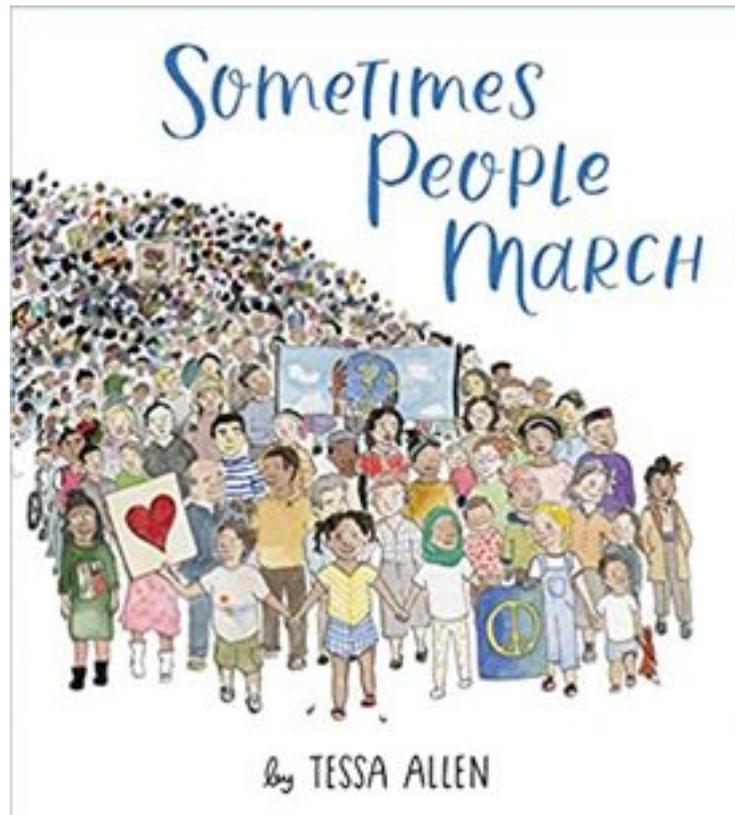
I hand him the paper.
His eyes widen, my knees trembling
I hand him the paper.
His eyes widen, “Where did you find
these?”

I point at myself, my head, my heart,
The fear is lessening.
A jumble of words
“Kes-km-si’na”

I caught up with myself,
That is why I am here
Poetry is my tool,
I create as I go.

From [For the Children](#) by Rita Joe,
Mi’kmaw poet from Cape Breton
Island, Nova Scotia, Canada

Book Review



Sometimes People March

Author/illustrator Tessa Allen,
Balzer + Bray Imprint [HarperCollins], 2020

Dedication: For my family who have always encouraged me to be feisty and curious

This is a timely and timeless book for activists of all ages.
People march for things they care about
to resist injustice,
to stand in solidarity,
to inspire hope.

We start the book with two pages of ants marching with determination and continue with a marching band through to enlightened communities who have ideas, goals and objectives. In its own masterful way, this new picture book respectfully depicts marching for change - environmental, political, societal, etc. By engaging readers, you can use this book as a conversation starter showing the purpose of protest.

The text and watercolor illustrations are created in sensitive and broadminded ways.

We observe how families and neighbors participate in our democracy by letting their voices be heard. We notice signs like “Votes for Women, Stop the War, Climate Justice, Black Lives Matter, Refugees Welcomed Here”. You may feel empowered by sharing this book with others.

Educators will be pleased with the “Movements, Marches and Key Figures in the Art” pages at the end of the book, including illustrations of protest signs throughout American history. The short explanations of protests starting with ‘1899 Newsies Strike’ and covers rallying causes and organized marches until 2020.

Sometimes great change starts small, with a brave question.

Maybe your question.

A question that calls people together.

And together we find the courage to march.

Tessa Allen is a debut author and she has created a classic primer about our right to protest.

Submitted by Karen Kosko

Days of the Month

November

November 16 - International Day for Tolerance



In 1996, the UN General Assembly adopted Resolution 51/95, proclaiming November 16 as International Day for Tolerance.

This action followed the adoption of a [Declaration of Principles on Tolerance](#) by UNESCO's Member States on November 16, 1995. Among other things, the Declaration affirms that tolerance is neither indulgence nor indifference. It is respect and appreciation of the rich variety of our world's cultures, our forms of expression and ways of being human.

Tolerance recognizes the universal human rights and fundamental freedoms of others. People are naturally diverse; only tolerance can ensure the survival of mixed communities in every region of the globe.

In 1995, to mark the United Nations Year for Tolerance and the 125th anniversary of the birth of Mahatma Gandhi, UNESCO created a prize for the promotion of tolerance and non-violence. The **UNESCO-Madanjeet Singh Prize for the Promotion of Tolerance and Non-Violence** rewards significant activities in the scientific, artistic, cultural or communication fields aimed at the promotion of a spirit of tolerance and non-violence. The creation of the Prize has been inspired by the ideals of UNESCO's Constitution that proclaims that "*peace, if it is not to fail, must be founded on the intellectual and moral solidarity of mankind*". The prize is awarded every two years on the International Day for Tolerance, November 16. The Prize may be awarded to institutions, organizations or persons, who have contributed in a particularly meritorious and effective manner to tolerance and non-violence. [Read more on this important day...](#)

November 26th - National Day of Mourning/Thanksgiving Day



Photo by Craig Simpson, 2019 National Day of Mourning in Plymouth, MA

51st Annual National Day of Mourning/ 400th Anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower, Plymouth, MA

Every year for 50 years the United American Indians of New England (UAINE) have gathered on the fourth Thursday of November at 12 Noon EST at Cole's Hill in Plymouth, Massachusetts just up the hill from Plymouth Rock and around the statue of the Wampanoag leader, Massasoit. The event is National Day of Mourning to remember that for many Indigenous people in the USA Thanksgiving Day is not a celebration but a reminder of the violence and genocide that has marked since the landing of the Mayflower. This is the 400 anniversary of the landing of the Mayflower in Plymouth Harbor. Events will be live and virtual. Go to uaine.org for more information or the [United American Indians of New England Facebook page](#) for more information on the events.

Quote of the Month

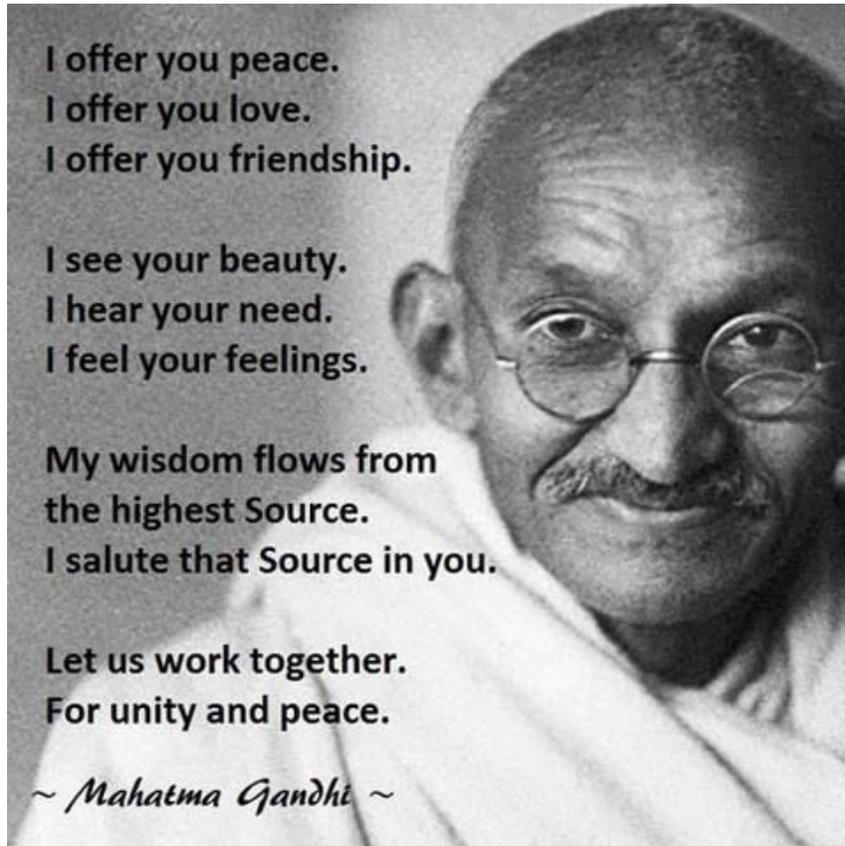
I offer you peace.
I offer you love.
I offer you friendship.

I see your beauty.
I hear your need.
I feel your feelings.

My wisdom flows from
the highest Source.
I salute that Source in you.

Let us work together.
For unity and peace.

~ Mahatma Gandhi ~



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We are eager for new members, and active members. Membership is free, although you're encouraged to help us as you can. Spread the word and let us know how you would like to be engaged at 1peaceeducators@gmail.com.

Help bring peace education to the profession and the public!

If you would like to bring P.E.A.C.E., Inc.'s perspective to more teachers on the ground working with young children, there are opportunities both in person and online.

Particularly on [NAEYC's HELLO open forum](#) we have seen opportunities to engage on these issues.

Join actforpeace@googlegroups.com to follow our members' recommended actions and share your own! You can sign up at 1peaceeducators@gmail.com or directly through Google Groups. We hope you will spread the word about the actions by forwarding them on to others.



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