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ACES INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY UNITES SCHOOL, FAMILY & COMMUNITY

AVENTURA, FLORIDA — September 21, 2007. International Peace Day at Aventura City of Excellence School, (ACES), commemorates the United Nations resolution to cease fire and hostility in the world. Weeks of preparation culminated in a beautiful, well orchestrated ceremony, which united ACES students, families, City of Aventura Officials and Community members to focus on the value of Peace.

Patrols escorted special VIP guests into the Middle School Media Center where the ACES Peace Day Ceremony took place. The audience listened attentively as Middle School Students read poignant essays and poetry on Peace. Then, the 2nd Grade Chorus charmed the audience with their rendition of “It’s a Small World.” A school wide “Peace Day Video Project” mesmerized all as it showcased ACES students and administration discussing “What Peace means to them.” City of Aventura Mayor, Susan Gottlieb read a proclamation declaring September 21st as International Peace Day in the City of Aventura.

Every student at ACES participated in a Peace Day Class Project to help the underprivileged by filling up beautifully decorated shoe boxes with small everyday essential items. Parent Rosana Garcia organized the project with the Samaritan Purse, a nonprofit organization based in North Carolina, which collected the gifts to deliver to poor children around the world.

Students made “Peace Art” filled the ACES halls and bulletin boards. The Peace Day ceremony culminated in the Middle Cafeteria, where paper peace doves made by classes covered a wall and the Kindergarten proudly displayed their giant creation of an American felt quilt flag. All guests enjoyed the Peace Day Cake made with the symbol of a dove hugging the earth and VIP’s received an ACES “Peace Day Book” filled with student art, essays, and poetry as a memento of the special celebration.