



## PEACE DAY:

### AN ANNUAL OBSERVANCE AT LIPMAN EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOOL

The Barbara K. Lipman Early Childhood School and Research Institute at the University of Memphis observes an annual Peace Day. Because of the horror of the 9/11 attacks, the teachers, parents and children of Lipman School decided the very best way to counteract that kind of fearful event was to begin a lifelong conversation about making peace, being peaceful with oneself and others, affirming that peace is the better way for people to live together on the planet Earth. The date for our annual Peace Day is on or about October 24<sup>th</sup> because it is close to the birthday of the school's namesake, Barbara Lipman, and it is also United Nations Day.



### PAST PEACE DAY EXPRESSIONS:

It is always so meaningful when parents and community friends can participate in the morning's activities with the children. At noontime we share a multicultural 'Peace-nic' with many cultures represented at the table. The children, teachers, university students and parents have...

- 'Peaced' a quilt with squares on which the children have drawn peaceful ideas...
- Created a Chinese mosaic table with the Chinese symbols for peace...
- Planted springtime bulbs & seeds of hopefulness...
- Made a peace symbol with our bodies on the playground...
- Lighted the World Peace Candle...
- Created the "Green Circle" of inclusion and social justice
- Miss Jan was a storyteller of *Sadako and the Peace Cranes*; then we made origami peace cranes...
- Released Peace Doves in the Outdoor Classroom...
- Read and studied Old Turtle and Old Turtle and the Broken Truth by Douglas Wood...
- Created an American flag with children's handprints and their promise to always be mindful of peace...

Please make plans to join us for our 10<sup>th</sup> annual  
**LIPMAN SCHOOL'S**  
**PEACE DAY CELEBRATION**  
**Friday, October 21st, 2011, 9:15 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

Just a little history...

Peace Day Celebration grew out of Lipman School's long tradition of anti-bias/diversity educational practices. The first 'Multicultural Luncheon' was held in 1985 and it continued until 9/11/2001. We then re-evaluated our true priorities and decided that the concepts of peace and justice were the root of all our dreams for a better world. We chose the day close to October 24<sup>th</sup> because it is the birthday of our namesake, Mrs. Barbara K. Lipman, and it is also United Nations Day.

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Others may call Odette Patrikios at 678-2120 for further information.

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**AUTUMN MORNINGSTAR:**

**Native American Storyteller and Magician**

**"Wings of Grace" Peace Dove Release**

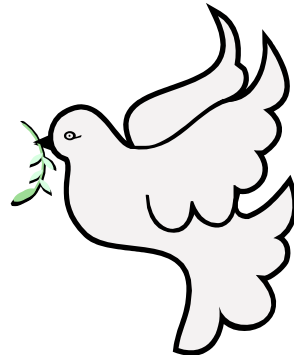
**on our Brown Family stage in the lovely Pecan Grove**

**Bring a folding chair or a picnic blanket**

**MULTICULTURAL 'PEACE-NIC' LUNCH - 11:30-12:30**

A wonderful way to break bread together in the spirit of community and share our cultures with each other.

Prepare and cook a potluck dish (service for 10-15 people) from your culture and bring it with you or deliver it to Ms. Odette that morning if it needs to be warmed. Please label your dish.



**Shalom Y'all!**



## Autumn MorningStar

**Autumn MorningStar** is a professional magician and traditional storyteller. She reflects the essence and spirit of her **Blackfeet and Choctaw heritage** through her eloquent performances, which are presented with respect and dignity.

**MorningStar** is one of fifty Native Americans profiled by the Smithsonian's *National Museum of the American Indian*. Her story is recorded in a collection called [Living Voices](#) which is currently being broadcast on **National Public Radio**.

Her big stage show, **Shadow of the Wind**, combines storytelling and sign language with the heartbeat of Native drums. The haunting melody of her **Indian love flute** weaves a web of mystery throughout the show.

Fancydancers appear and swirl to the soulful sounds of traditional Indian songs. These cultural elements are delicately entwined with the magic of grand illusion.

**Shadow of the Wind** can be seen in many cities across the United States including **Los Angeles, Las Vegas, Denver, Memphis, and Honolulu**, and abroad in **Sweden, Germany, and Japan**.



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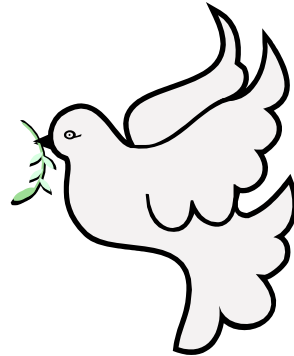
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