After School Plans to Grow
(Additional group for 6th – 8th Graders)

As Operation PEACE continues to explore new ways to serve the youth in our community, we have noticed a growing need in our After School program. Specifically, we have seen that the young children (ages 5 – 11) in our After School program are “aging-out” and seem not to have a next step.

Youth Coordinator Mallory Macdonald, who runs the daily After School program comments, “More and more, the young teenagers who have finished our program continue to come by to see their friends or just to visit. We can further their education and development by offering an After School program tailored to their age and needs.”

To that end, Operation PEACE has begun to explore what space, materials, and staffing would be required to open a 6th – 8th Grade group (ages 11-14).

Once the resources have come together, the second group expects to begin in early January.

If you are interested, please keep in touch with Operation PEACE via our website or phone for more updates (contact numbers are on the reverse side).

Damion and Gabriella look forward to a program that will grow with them as they mature.

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Resident Thanksgiving – Fri., Nov. 18th, 12:30pm – 2:00, (Contact Peterborough Senior Center for details.)

Holiday Tag Sale – Month of December, Peterborough Senior Center

“For a community to be whole and healthy, it must be based on people’s love and concern for each other.” – Millard Fuller

Same Site, New Look!

Be sure to take a moment and checkout our new look, www.operationpeaceboston.org. Using the skills of our Multi-media staff member Zayde Buti, our programs, events, and other information are presented in a fresh and easy-to-navigate format. (Zayde’s efforts were made possible through a grant from the Mission Hill / Fenway Neighborhood Trust Foundation, for which we are very grateful.)

* Holiday Hours *

Operation P.E.A.C.E will be closed as follows:

After School:
November 23rd – 25th
December 22nd – January 2nd

Open Access Computer Lab:
November 24th – 25th
December 26th – January 2nd
Silver Lake Learning Opens!

September is the beginning of many things and Op PEACE was among such exciting beginnings. Operation P.E.A.C.E. expanded its computer learning to Wingate Silver Lake, an affordable housing community in Kingston, MA.

Op. PEACE opened a “mini-computer lab” with instruction times available 2-3 days a week. The computer center is located in the community room for any resident to use. One-on-one training is offered with the guidance and instruction of experienced Op. PEACE staff members.

Individual and group learning sessions are available Mondays, Wednesday (mornings), and Fridays by appointment. Those interested explore basic computer knowledge or more advanced programs, such as Excel or Facebook; each appointment is tailored to the ability of the particular resident.

Whether it is at our Silver Lake (Kingston) location or at our Peterborough (Boston) site, it’s never too late to learn about the computer, Internet, or email! Stop by anytime; all are welcome.

Another Successful Summer Academy

The 2011 Operation P.E.A.C.E. Summer Academy was a great success! Students spent the summer exploring American regions and history of United States expansion. From the Louisiana Purchase to the Gold Rush, students participated in themed art activities about the states and their history. Youth also traveled to places of interest in the Boston area during two field trips a week. This year, the Operation P.E.A.C.E. Summer Academy celebrated the end of the program with a trip to Canobie Lake Park!

Many thanks to Wingate Management, Local Motion of Boston, Operation P.E.A.C.E. staff and our participant families for a successful summer!