

World Peace Passport

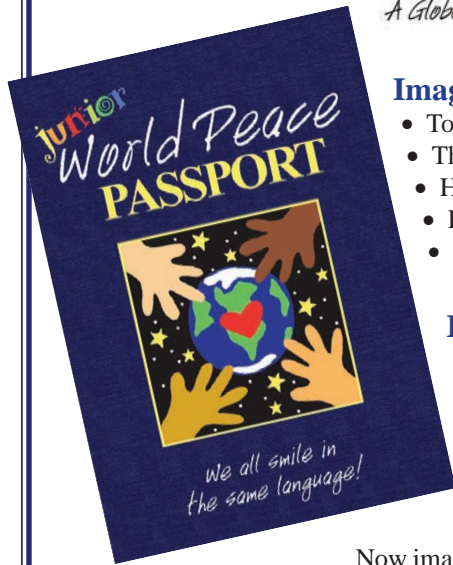
A Global Education Initiative  Inspiring Cultural Understanding and Friendship

Imagine teaching every child in every classroom around the world...

- To appreciate and celebrate diversity as part of the richness of life.
- That there is no reason to fear others just because they are different.
- How prejudices are formed and the process of cultural conditioning.
- How to identify and break through cultural stereotyping.
- How cultural understanding can be a pathway to peace.

Imagine linking these classrooms around the world so our children can learn to...

- Communicate respectfully with people from different countries and social traditions.
- Co-operate on joint projects with students from around the world.
- Create consensus and resolve conflicts that arise as a result of cultural differences.
- Create new friendships that encircle the globe.



Now imagine these culturally aware global citizens growing up and making decisions about their future – what kind of world could that be? A world where consensus is more important than conflict, where achieving common goals is more important than disagreement and peace is prized above all. A world we believe is worth investing in NOW!

World Peace Passport – A Global Education Initiative

The youth of today are the leaders of tomorrow. The filters through which they see the world, the choices they make and how they shape their future is greatly determined by the kind and quality of input they receive today. Early education is the key.

The *World Peace Passport*, a non-profit organization, is a global education initiative with a powerful vision – to effect positive change by creating a global classroom that connects students and teachers around the world through an interactive, entertaining and thought-provoking educational program in cultural understanding. This unique program:

- Deepens our children's understanding and respect of each other cultures, traditions, beliefs and lifestyles.
- Enables them to work successfully with people of diverse backgrounds to solve problems and achieve common goals.
- Provides them with the knowledge and values to become responsible global citizens.
- Provides them with the desire, confidence and ability to create a more peaceful and prosperous world.

The Creation of the World Peace Passport

The *World Peace Passport* (WPP) was created by Cindi Reiman, President and Founder of the American Hospitality Academy (AHA) USA, with global offices and training centers in different parts of the world. For over 20 years AHA has provided hospitality and tourism internship training to thousands of young people from over 70 different countries. Having seen the positive effects of AHA's cultural appreciation training in young adults, Ms Reiman decided to expand this important program to younger children on a global scale. She created the WPP Schools program with three major components:

1. *Cultural Understanding Curriculum* – for Kindergarten and Grades 1 – 8 (or equivalent).
2. *Global Learning Community* – classrooms will be linked online, creating a global classroom in cultural understanding.
3. *Teacher/Student Exchanges* - enabling teachers and students to visit schools in other countries.

Cultural Understanding Curriculum – A Gateway to a Whole New World!

When we travel, our passports are our gateway to new countries and experiences. In keeping with this symbolism, we created our “textbook”, the size of a normal passport, as a unique, colorful and interesting way to deliver our cultural understanding lessons to children.

There are 9 passports, one for each grade from Kindergarten through Grade 8. Each passport contains 16 lessons. Teacher's Guides outline participatory teaching and learning methodologies now established as best practice in education – classes are fun, dynamic and interactive, use discussion and debate, role-play, pairing-and-sharing and group learning. Lessons can be integrated into traditional subjects or taught as a stand-alone course. Kits in the shape of a suitcase hold passports, teachers' guides, arts and crafts materials and posters making them a self-contained study program for any school.



Distinguished educators from around the world create and review our curriculum. Pilot programs in classrooms worldwide enable WPP to produce a quality curriculum that is globally relevant and culturally respectful.

Exploring the World with Globee

Lessons are brought to life by *Globee*, a curious fun-loving bee from the faraway land of “Bumble” who buzzes from country to country, wearing his heart on his wings and spreading friendship and goodwill. *Globee* helps students earn special stamps in their passports to mark their successful journey through the four basic principles of our cultural understanding curriculum:

1. Understanding Culture
2. Breaking Down Stereotypes
3. Respecting Cultural Differences
4. Celebrating Diversity

He has all kinds of adventures, finding out about different countries, languages, foods, dress, music, modes of transport and ways of life. We laugh as *Globee* makes “cultural bloopers”, and by helping *Globee* correct these mistakes, students learn about respectful communication with people of different cultural backgrounds.

Globee has no particular cultural, political or religious agenda. He is a “globally friendly” bee, providing children with an effective, interesting and engaging way of learning and helping them BEE respectful, BEE friendly and BEE appreciative of our similarities as well as our universal differences.

Global Learning Community –Connecting Classrooms Around the World!

Imagine students studying the WPP curriculum, being able to connect with each other and learn about each other without ever leaving their classrooms! This extraordinary vision is made possible through WPP’s partnership with the Oracle Education Foundation (OEF). OEF provides WPP with US\$1 million worth of in-kind technology products and services. OEF’s think.com website is a safe secure online learning environment that allows classrooms worldwide to connect with each other, share information and initiate joint projects. Together we can create a Global Learning Community that crosses all geographic, cultural, racial, religious and economic borders. By reaching just 10% of current think.com users, we’ll connect with over 1,500 classrooms and 60,000 students in the first year of online operation!

Schools without online capability can still participate in the program. WPP will connect them with other schools through more traditional communication channels.

Teacher/Student Exchanges –Strengthening the Bonds of Global Friendship!

Once the more foundational phases of the program have been successfully completed, WPP will develop an exchange program enabling teachers and students to visit schools in other countries. Imagine 2 classes from different parts of the world finally meeting face to face and strengthening the bond of friendship through personal interaction and sharing of deeper emotions. These life-changing experiences are all part of the rich palette of opportunities offered by the *World Peace Passport’s* global outreach program.

We invite you to join us in supporting our youth in exploring the richness of diversity, to help foster a spirit of understanding, acceptance and respect of all cultures, races and traditions and to provide real hope for a better, more peaceful and prosperous future!



We all smile in the same language.

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