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CONSOLIDATED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT



Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010 was Peace Day at De Zavala Elementary School. View the photo gallery [here](#).

5th-grader driving force behind De Zavala's "Peace Day"

Wednesday, Nov. 17, 2010 was Peace Day at De Zavala Elementary School. Moses Rendon, a fifth-grader at the school, was the inspiration behind the day aimed at creating a "no-bullying society."

"De Zavala Dolphins are ready to change the world. We will practice kindness not hatred, generosity not greed," Moses said to an assembly of third through fourth grade students and teachers Wednesday afternoon.

There was also a presentation by Jeremy Pierce, a licensed therapist who specializes in bullying. Each student was given a Peace Day Pledge bookmark, and the school is selling T-shirts with "Team Moses/No Bullying" on them. (The T-shirts are being sold at cost thanks to the generosity of Robert and Patricia Van Natta of Van Natta Silk Screening.)

Moses has Asperger's Syndrome, a type of autism characterized by having significant difficulties in social interaction.

His teachers note that Moses has made tremendous progress socially and academically during his years at De Zavala. He has also been bullied, and witnessed others being bullied.

As the school focused on character education this year, it occurred to Moses that De Zavala needed a Peace Day.

Moses presented his idea to the school administration and plans began for Peace Day, which was highlighted by his reading of the Peace Day Pledge, written by one of the teachers.

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