

Tilsim Newman Spotlight Update – Summer 2013



Tilsim has always been a very active volunteer for Mattie's Foundation. She also works hard to raise awareness of peace for our world, and the work Mattie's Foundation is doing to support peace education. During 2013, the school where Tilsim works – Pangborn Elementary School in Hagerstown, MD – chose to become our first Peace Certified School. Following presentations to the student body, Jeni Stepanek (Mattie's mom) was given a copy of a book about Mattie and peace that was created by three of Tilsim's students. Since then, the school has created an ongoing Peace Focus Plan for the coming school year!

(Visit our **Peace Certification** and **Teacher Tips** pages to read more about Tilsim's work and for information about the Peace Plan carried out by Pangborn Elementary School!)

Here are Tilsim's responses to our Summer Spotlight Update questions:

What have you been doing since you were honored by Mattie's Foundation?

Our School Climate Committee came up with a Peace Focus Plan for the new school year (2013-2014) for the first 10 weeks. It will be worked on to create the continuation throughout the school year. *(Peace is not a single lesson plan, but a part of ongoing school activities).*

How have you shared or supported peace and/or Mattie's Foundation?

Since the Peace Certification Assembly, Pangborn staff, students, and families have been informed about the honor and during the Teacher PD days before the beginning of the new school year, the School Climate Committee will be presenting a power point about the 10-week Peace Focus Plan to the staff. *(Watch www.MattieOnline.com for ongoing progress updates!)*

Why does peace matter to you?

Peace matters to Pangborn because we believe peace is possible.

Your school has chosen to become "Peace Certified" by Mattie's Foundation.

Why does becoming peace certified matter to you?

Peace matters to Pangborn because we think the earlier the peace seeds are sown, the better it is for the younger generation to grow strong peaceful roots.

If you could share one message or thought with the entire world what would it be?

We need peace more than anything in the world.



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