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Learn more about **No Place for Hate**®, download forms and the newsletter at: www.noplaceforhate.org.

No Place for Hate® was developed by the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) to empower people to challenge bigotry in their communities and schools. To become designated **No Place for Hate**®, a community or school adopts a proclamation affirming a commitment to combating bias and fostering harmony, forms a committee to oversee the program and completes three community or school-wide programs that promote appreciation of diversity.

PHILADELPHIA MAYOR-ELECT MICHAEL NUTTER KEYNOTES ADL YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

About 100 students and educators from 19 different schools, some of which are **No Place for Hate**® schools, participated in the *ADL Youth Leadership Conference: Exploring Diversity, Challenging Hate* on November 20 at Drexel University School of Law. Each student and teacher was given a packet of the ADL **No Place for Hate**® program materials to use in workshops and discussion groups. Students confronted their own assumptions and biases, shared views with students of other backgrounds, and developed action plans to take back to, and implement in, their schools.

The conference's keynote speaker, Philadelphia Mayor-elect Michael Nutter, urged students to take a stand and combat hate and prejudice in their worlds. The conference received extensive media coverage during and after the conference, including news segments on NBC 10 and ABC 6, and an article in the *Jewish Exponent*.



Left: Youth Leadership Conference participants with lunchtime facilitator Mike Puma.

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NEW SCHOOL REPORT: CONRAD WEISER AREA SCHOOLS

No Place for Hate® welcomes all of the new schools that have enrolled in the program this fall. We are pleased to announce that there are now more than 125 schools in the program!

We would like to highlight the activities of three new schools in the Conrad Weiser Area School District in Berks County.

CONRAD WEISER HIGH SCHOOL CELEBRATES HOMECOMING WITH "DIVERSITY ROCKS" FLOAT

Conrad Weiser High School celebrated Homecoming with a special message this year. The theme was "Diversity Rocks" and the **No Place for Hate**® committee and S.A.D.D. club entered a float that was featured in the Homecoming parade. The float was the school's first **No Place for Hate**® project and was seen by a large percentage of the student population and hundreds of community members.

Right: Students at Conrad Weiser High School sit atop their "Diversity Rocks" Homecoming float.



CONRAD WEISER MIDDLE SCHOOL SAYS NO TO HATE WITH A SKIT

As part of their Anti-Bullying Program, students at Conrad Weiser Middle School wrote and performed a skit during an all-school assembly. The skit attempts to tear down cliques and groups that separate students from each other.

The skit was a huge success, according to Russ Kline, Coordinator of Student Assistance Services in the Conrad Weiser Area School District. Mr. Kline also shared that the "greatest joy about the **No Place for Hate**® project has been the excitement that the kids have shown. There is a pretty cool vibe going on at our school right now!"

STUDENTS AT CONRAD WEISER EAST ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARTICIPATE IN MONTH-LONG "ONE BOOK, ONE SCHOOL"

During this month-long project at Conrad Weiser East Elementary School, the entire school paused at different times each day to read a chapter from the book Jake Drake, Bully Buster. The project culminated with an assembly on December 11 when students reviewed the book, watched a video called "What is a Bully?" and recited the **No Place for Hate**® Promise together as a school.



INDEPENDENCE BLUE CROSS BLUE CREW PARTNERS WITH LUDLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Students from Ludlow Elementary School in Philadelphia took two field trips to the Independence Blue Cross Center City office to participate in a Book Club/Mentoring Program. Each student was paired with a member of the Blue Crew to read and discuss their impressions of the book, and to keep journals of their thoughts.

Above: A member of the Independence Blue Cross Blue Crew and a Ludlow Elementary School student read the book Brothers in Hope about the Lost Boys of Sudan.



ALLENTOWN IS DESIGNATED A NO PLACE FOR HATE® COMMUNITY

Allentown completed three community-level projects and received the **No Place for Hate®** Community designation this fall. The projects included an artwork contest, the Human Relations Community Breakfast and **No Place for Hate®** Day Celebration on May 1, and a poster contest for Allentown School District. The students' posters were prominently displayed at the Allentown Human Relations Commission Awards Dinner on October 30 where the community received its designation.

ADL'S AMERICANISM AWARD DINNER RECOGNIZES PLYMOUTH WHITEMARSH HIGH SCHOOL AND LUDLOW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Plymouth Whitemarsh High School freshman Lewis Bennett, III, received a Student Leadership Award at the ADL's Americanism Award Dinner for his courage in alerting police about another teen's plan to carry out a school attack.

Students from Plymouth Whitemarsh High School and Ludlow Elementary School also participated in an essay contest and the winners were honored at the dinner. The Plymouth Whitemarsh winners were Ariel Finegold, Scott Weiss and Megan Mundy. The Ludlow winners were Destiny Simmons, Angel Rodriguez and Julissa Rosario-Prince.



Right: Bennett with Joseph A. Frick, this year's Americanism Award recipient and Independence Blue Cross President and CEO.

BOYERTOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL KEEPS THE MESSAGE OF NO PLACE FOR HATE® ALIVE

At Boyertown Elementary School, the **No Place for Hate®** message has been going strong for three years in a row. In "Friendship Writers," one of this year's projects, a group of sixth graders write and read messages about **No Place for Hate®** during morning announcements. Paula Fennelly,

Remediation Specialist, shared her thoughts about the project: "As I listened to one of the students during the morning announcements, I felt what a great way to keep the message of **No Place for Hate®** alive!!"



Left: The hallways of Boyertown Elementary School in Boyertown Area School District are adorned with positive messages of unity and friendship.

CONGRATULATIONS TO SCHOOLS DESIGNATED NO PLACE FOR HATE® THIS FALL!

This fall, Abington Township and all nine schools within the Abington School District received their **No Place for Hate®** designations. Abington continues to be a pioneer in challenging bias and bigotry on a community-wide level, with the first **No Place for Hate®** college campus in the country at Penn State Abington.

Congratulations to all the schools who have earned their **No Place for Hate®** designations this fall:

- Abington Junior High School
- Abington Senior High School
- Big Spring Middle School
- Boyertown School District
- Bushkill Elementary School
- Copper Beech Elementary School
- Danville Area High School
- Franklin High School and Middle School
- Gotwals Elementary School
- Highland Elementary School
- Lower Pottsgrove Elementary School
- McKinley Elementary School
- Mechanicsburg Middle School
- Muhlenberg High School
- Northeastern Middle School
- Northwestern Lehigh High School
- Oley Valley Middle School
- Overlook Elementary School
- Paul V. Fly Elementary School
- Penn-Bernville Elementary School
- Roslyn Elementary School
- Rydal East Elementary School
- Willow Hill Elementary School

To earn their designations, each school formed a **No Place for Hate®** committee, adopted a resolution pledging to create a more inclusive school, and implemented a number of projects promoting respect for differences and challenging bullying and bias.

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The Anti-Defamation League was launched in 1913 in response to rampant anti-Semitism and discrimination against Jews. Understanding that concepts of equity, justice, decency and democracy had to be applied to all Americans, the founders outlined ADL's mission in its charter, "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people...to secure justice and fair treatment to all citizens alike...to put an end forever to unjust and unfair discrimination against and ridicule of any sect or body of citizens."



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