



# “Peace by Peace: Building a Community of Peacemakers” PEACE WEEK ❖ September 20-25, 2010

## **Monday, September 20 - Peace in the Community Day**

**Opening Ceremony and Community Luncheon**, noon to 1:00 p.m., at the Abel Maldonado Center, 516 S. McClelland St. Please join us for a **free** light lunch, musical performances, the presentation of the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Community Peace Builder Award, and the release of doves. Local resident, Veronica Jordan-Farmer, will be the inspirational speaker. Ms. Jordan-Farmer will share her emotional, heartfelt story which led her to embrace restorative justice and the power of forgiveness.

## **Tuesday, September 21 – Inner Reflection Day**

**Musical Peace Showcase**, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., at the Abel Maldonado Center, 516 S. McClelland St. This **free** musical event will feature musicians, vocalists, and local choirs. The focus of the evening's performances is to promote peace and respect in the community. Light refreshments will follow.

## **Wednesday, September 22 – Peace Through the Eyes of Our Children Day**

Students will share their thoughts on peace through their school writing projects.  
Teen Court presentations will be held at local junior high schools.

**Free Parent Workshop: The Angry Child – Keys to Peace and Restoration (English Version)**, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Battles School cafeteria, 605 E. Battles Road. Michael and Lucila Camacho-Craft, licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, will help parents, and interested community members, learn how to face anger in a positive, healing way. Childcare is provided.

## **Thursday, September 23 – Respect for Mother Earth Day**

Community members/organizations will adopt parks in Santa Maria and pick up litter, 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. Students at several schools in Santa Maria and Orcutt will pick up litter on their campuses and nearby neighborhoods. Environmental education programs will take place at some schools.

**Free Parent Workshop: The Angry Child – Keys to Peace and Restoration (Spanish Version)**, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. at Battles School cafeteria, 605 E. Battles. Michael and Lucila Camacho-Craft, licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, will help parents, and interested community members, learn how to face anger in a positive, healing way. Childcare is provided.

## **Friday, September 24 – Peace in the Heart Day**

**Peace Chairs**, sponsored by local businesses and organizations, will be donated to local schools. In addition, a chair will be presented to the Santa Maria Public Library at 3:30 p.m. The brightly painted Peace Chairs feature words in several different languages that promote peacemaking and encourage calm, respectful problem solving.

## **Saturday, September 25 - Respect For and Celebrating Cultural Diversity Day**

**Cultural Diversity Neighborhood Fiesta** - 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at the Boys & Girls Club of Santa Maria Valley, 901 North Railroad Ave. Children's games and activities, a classic car show, information booths, giveaways, face painting and more – all **free**! Food sales support local non-profit groups.

**Free 4 The Weekend** – Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley hosts its 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Free 4 the Weekend event for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who pledge to stay violence, drug, tobacco and alcohol free. The event will be held at Honda of Santa Maria from 7:00 to 11:00 p.m. There will be **free** food, games, activities, entertainment, music, prizes and more. Contact 346-1774 for more information.

All activities are **FREE** of charge and open to the community.

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