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## **MUSIC, MUSIC, MUSIC!**

Music transcends all languages and connects people from a wide array of cultures and circumstances. Recognizing this communication opportunity, students at the Community Learning Center (CLC) have created a musical venue to promote their vision of a peaceful world.

Starting with the theme *We are World Peacemakers* and the vision that each child influences their future, students in Laia Hansen's third and fourth grade class wrote their ideas of what a peaceful world would be like and what each student could do to effect that goal. The project was a natural extension of CLC's charter. Founded in 1983 as an alternative school where community service, world perspective, social awareness, and character development as well as academics are developed. CLC is comprised of 40 students, grades 1-4, two teachers and housed on the Top of the World Elementary School campus.

This theme and vision soon became the "*One Peace at a Time*" musical project with the help of CLC songwriter parents Bata Waters and Robert Cassard. Waters and Cassard worked with the CLC students teaching them facets of songwriting and musical structure before recording the song in their home recording studio. Cassard wrote the melody and chords; the students created the rhythm of the song's bridge.

Students have performed the song at local events and orders for the CD have given the students additional opportunities to affect peace in their world. Proceeds from the CD sales will be used to purchase a van for the Puerta de Fe Orphanage in Baja, Mexico and then be given to benefit other peace-orientated efforts the CLC students choose.

Ron La Motte, Top of the World Principal explains, "One of the primary goals of the CLC program is to connect learning to every aspect of a student's life. We understand the ability of music to communicate across many cultures, economic groups, and nationalities. This project completed by the CLC students accomplishes this noble aspiration. The students have taken their mission to promote love and cooperation to a new level of commitment by sharing their talents and enthusiasm with our world community. Top of the World is looking forward to their live performance at our monthly Flag Ceremony on December 17. Congratulations on a job well done!"