



Season of Service, Period of Peace Student Project Overview

Black American Student Union (January 18-22) – *Tamesha Wise, Advisor*

Motto for the week: *“Fall for Nothing-- Stand for Something”*

Black American Student Union students attended Martin Luther King Day events in Oakland where BSU student Thomecia Busby won third place in a poetry contest for her poem, “Fight.” Additionally, students went to St. Vincent de Paul Society of San Francisco to feed the hungry.

Gay Straight Alliance (January 25-29) – *Kate Livson, Advisor*

Motto for the week: *“Show Your True Colors”*

GSA Students ran a weeklong campaign to support Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgendered and Queer youth and people in the school lobby. Students were encouraged to become an ally and to eliminate homophobic slurs. The week culminated with a closet door placed in the lobby—students were challenged to come out and make San Leandro High School a safe place.

Octagon Club (February 1-5) – *Sean Tobin, Advisor*

Motto for the week: *“Nonviolence Starts with You”*

The Octagon Club researched five key facts of violence and educated the campus on how they directly relate to the San Leandro community. Each day a different flyer with a different statistic was placed around the school campus. These flyers and school announcements created an awareness of local violence issues and encouraged peaceful resolution to problems.

Business Academy (February 8-12) – *Sam Lucero, Advisor*

Motto for the week: *“Peace is just a word until we make it happen”*

Students in Business Academy wrote poems and performed poetry focusing on the issue of nonviolence and peace. At a special evening reading at the San Leandro Public Library, students performed their poetry for hundreds of enthusiastic parents and community members.

Jefferson Service Club (February 22-26) – *Jack Nelson, Advisor*

Motto for the week: *“Unity through Nonviolence”*

The Jefferson Service Club event was a “peace march” and rally that took place at Bancroft Middle School. Fifty SLHS students representing a diversity of sports, clubs and classes worked with the entire 8th grade class. Lorrain Taylor, founder of *1000 Mothers to Prevent Violence*, shared her devastating story about her twin sons who were murdered and how students should never turn to violence as their answer.

San Leandro Academy for Multi-Media—SLAM (March 1-5) – *Phil Hargrave, Tony Farley, Cheryl Farley, Sean Tobin, Advisors*

Motto for the week: *“Lower your hands and raise your voices”*

Nearly 60 SLAM students produced media covering a range of issues of violence as part of a campus education project. In addition to the media, each student fasted for one day, to commemorate the anniversary of Cesar Chavez’ Fast for Nonviolence. Students also produce a recorded statement, which was broadcast as part of the morning announcements. Student videos also included a student reflection of their motivation for their videos.

ASB (March 8-12) – Nancy Boissevain, Teacher

Motto for the week: *“Speak less, speak softly, speak sweetly”*

ASB’s theme was “Respect.” ASB created a “Respect Wall” in the school lobby. Students used post-it notes to write compliments about each other. Additionally, ASB sold different colored balloons to represent respect for men, women, relationships, friendships, and love.

English Classes (March 15-19) – Tracey Levy, Teacher

Students in Ms. Levy’s English classes engaged in a three-fold project to spread the message of peace. The main project involved students taking various quotations from history and using them as inspiration to make quilt pieces. These pieces were fashioned together into a larger peace quilt. Students also used quotes as part of the fabric for 1000 peace cranes. Finally, students used quotes to decorate neon peace signs which were used to decorate a tree in the school quad.

Key Club (March 15-19) – Jaclyn Lee, Advisor

Motto for the week: *“Taking the Steps to Change”*

Students in the Key Club engaged in two different projects as part of the Season of Service. First, they assisted students making peace cranes in the school quad. One thousand peace cranes, the Japanese symbol for “good luck” were created. Second, students sold white ribbons to help raise awareness of working towards campus peace. Donated funds supported families afflicted by the recent Chilean earthquake.

Social Justice Academy (March 22-26) – Ari Dolid, Teacher

Motto for the week: *“Taking the Steps to Change”*

The Social Justice Academy emphasized the need to take steps to make change in one’s own life. SJA is ran a ribbon-gram campaign where students sent a ribbon to another person on campus to whom they want to apologize, give a compliment, or communicate a caring thought. At the end of the campaign, students wore their ribbons to demonstrate the number of students who have taken steps to change.

Latinos Unidos (March 29-April 2) – Juanita Abundiz, Teacher

Motto for the week: *“Porque en la entrega hai vida verdadera”* (For in service, there is true life)

Latinos Unidos worked to promote unity and family, including those families torn apart through immigration issues. Latinos Unidos members wore large white ribbons symbolizing family and unity. Additionally, they invited students and staff to write what family means to them, spelling out the word, “Family” on note cards. Finally, the group conducted a canned food drive to benefit families affected by immigration.

Additional Supporters

Art—Audrey Brown, Teacher

One hundred twenty students from Audrey Brown’s Drawing and Painting class drew toys from observation, using color pencils. They developed a positive message to send to San Leandro elementary students and included that message in their art piece. Finished drawings are displayed at McKinley, Roosevelt, and Washington elementary schools.

Graphics Class—Deborah Reinerio, Teacher

Students in the Graphics classes produced original posters for each week of the Season of Service, containing each group’s name, their week, their theme, and their motto. Student groups in various classes created posters, which were voted upon by the larger group. The best poster represented the week’s service.