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International Day of Peace Brings Peace Pole Expansion to Peoria Unified

WHAT: International Day of Peace Celebration

WHERE: Centennial High School, 14388 N. 79th Avenue, Peoria, AZ

WHEN: 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21

PEORIA, ARIZ. - Centennial High School is holding a special ceremony at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 21, at the Peace Pole, located outside of the school gym, to commemorate the International Day of Peace. The Peace Pole was donated by the Peoria Rotary Club in 2016 and offers a place of solace where students and staff can go to reflect and relax in the sitting area on campus.

At the annual International Day of Peace Celebration, the Peoria Rotary Club will reveal five more schools which will soon be home to additional peace poles, much like the one that is already in place at Centennial High School. In addition, they will bestow the inaugural Peacemaker Award as a surprise recognition.

Peoria Unified, located in the Northwest Valley, serves more than 37,000 students in 34 elementary schools, seven high schools and one non-traditional school. With ongoing open enrollment and alternative educational opportunities, the district boasts a 94 percent high school graduation rate. It is one of the largest unified school districts in Arizona and prides itself on excelling schools, award-winning teachers, high test scores, specialized signature programs and championship sports programs. The Vision of the Peoria Unified School District is "Every student, every day, prepared to shape tomorrow."

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