

## 2016 International Day of Peace was celebrated by UPF Ryazan, Russia

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The family is the school of love and peace. The attitude of our children to others, to life, to the world in general, in many respects depends on how we educate them.

A festival related to the annual International Day of Peace was held in Kindergarten #25 on September 23, 2016.

Parents and children celebrated the day together with invited guests. The majority of the participants were hearing about the date for the first time. During the celebration, the Mall of Peace was opened in the kindergarten; the participants planted the first tree on it.

Parents with their children took part in a race titled "We Want Peace!" In this race, there were no winners; by running the distance each family expressed its desire to live in a peaceful world.

Children and parents prepared handmade articles from natural materials at home, expressing their desire to live in peace and friendship with all the people of the planet. At the celebration there was an exhibition of various handicrafts.

During the festival, the children got to know the cultures of several countries. Lutfiya Maksumova spoke about Tajikistan, and the Serov family and Tatiana Nechaeva gave a presentation on Ukraine. Master Dobrynya of the "Forge of Goodness" showed how to work with wood; dollmaker Olga Pupysheva held a master class in making doll-amulets, which in the past our ancestors always carried as safeguards against misfortune.

Finally, the participants released into the sky balloons in the form of doves—the birds of peace.

Participation in such events brings together children and adults, enables parents to give a little more heart to their children and those outside the kindergarten. It's a new chance to take care of those who are near. Thus, we become kinder, borders between people disappear, and the world becomes better!

—Olga Neizdaiminova, UPF-Ryazan