



Minnesota State Academy for the Deaf



PeaceBuilders Program

We are pleased to announce the implementation of a new character education program at MSAD. A committee was formed last year, to raise funds and select a curriculum. The committee selected a program called, "[PeaceBuilders](#)". This program provides school wide activity based instruction that promotes positive character building traits in children and teens.

MSAD students were introduced to the [PeaceBuilders](#) program during an assembly in their school buildings. The theme for September was, "What is Peace?" Older students participated in a poster making activity, representing peace. Younger children and teens took part in an icebreaker activity, "My Name Is...", where students had fun finding out who else may have interests in common with them. This activity was followed by instruction on how to use and exchange Praise Notes. Praise Notes are positive character statements written by others and given to the students. Most importantly, the students practiced and took part in reciting the [PeaceBuilders](#) Pledge. This pledge will be reinforced by posters located in their classrooms and dormitories.



