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**5th International Day of Peace Pinwheels for Peace Festival
Wednesday, September 21, 2011 – 4:30 p.m.
Oklahoma City University, McDaniel University Center
2501 N. Blackwelder Ave., Oklahoma City, OK.**

Oklahoma City – Students and other community members throughout the greater OKC area will participate in the 5th Annual International Day of Peace Pinwheels for Peace Festival. The Festival is being held September 21 at McDaniel University Center, Oklahoma City University. It starts with a Drum Circle at 4:30 p.m. The Festival begins at 5:00 p.m. As in previous years, we'll enjoy the pinwheel creations of students from the Oklahoma City metro area, live music, multicultural performances, activity booths, and fun.

Students around the metro area are creating pinwheels representing peace and harmony as part of the Pinwheels for Peace Project. The idea of two Florida art teachers in 2005, the project has become an international celebration as well as a way for art students to show their contribution to the United Nations' International Day of Peace. Some of their works of art will be on display during the festival. As students create pinwheels, they are asked to reflect on Peace: A state of calm and tranquility, with no anxiety or violence.

Performances at the Celebration: Musician and Artist Steve McLinn of Ojas Music will lead us in a multicultural celebration of dance and music. Kicking off the event at 4:30 will be a drum circle. You are invited to bring a drum and join the fun! The festival will feature St. Andrew's Dung Lac Lion Dance Team; Little Dove Peace Dancers; the Mayan School of Dance; Dove Science Academy Folkloric Dancers; Linwood Elementary Honor Choir; Dancers from Capitol Hill High School; American Indian Dancers; and a Peace Mob where everyone can join the fun!

Display and Activity Tables will provide information from our sponsor groups about peace - promoting peace within ourselves, among groups and with our environment. You will also be able to create your own pinwheel of peace.

In today's world, peace needs to become more than just a word. Students are bombarded with television images, video games, and magazine and newspaper articles that promote conflict and war. Through the Pinwheels for Peace Festival, we help the students make a public visual statement about their feelings about war and peace, tolerance and cooperation, harmony and unity. It will awaken our community to what the next generation is thinking.

For more information about this event, visit www.una-okc.org or like us on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Pinwheels-for-Peace-Oklahoma-City-Festival/147353361424>. To learn about Pinwheels for Peace projects throughout the world, visit www.pinwheelsforpeace.com

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