

The Harmony Day committee would once again like to offer Librarians or classroom-teachers blank pre-cut bookmarks to be used as a Harmony Day activity. For those who haven't participated before, we hope that designing a bookmark with art, words, or poetry would allow students to show their understanding of what Harmony Day really means. Since many of our students are fond of collecting bookmarks we hoped that their finished products would be used and reused over the school year.

SOMETHING FUN AND NEW! We are asking each teacher librarian to choose 5 bookmarks they believe depicts the spirit of Harmony Day (this is not a competition so it doesn't need to be the best artwork) and submit them to the committee (just send them to me through school mail) and we will choose several bookmarks to reprint and include in the 2016 Harmony Day package. The students will get their original bookmark back. Each bookmark should include the name of the school, student's full name and student's grade.

Other spin-off ideas we have discussed over the last few years are exchanging bookmarks with buddy classes, trading with same-grade classes in other schools, trading within the classrooms, using the bookmarks on a bulletin board so the whole school has an opportunity to admire them, sending them to pen-pals in other schools in our district/province or anywhere in the world if you have contact information, as well as using this activity as an opportunity to promote discussion about why we celebrate differences in our school district. We hope you will share your own fun ideas for the bookmarks on the Harmony Day website.

Note: Please check out our great site on the Portal (go to district and under events there will be Harmony Day) for other amazing ideas.

Please contact me by **January 16th** with the number of blanks you require at your school (that will give us enough time to order and count them for the packages). The bookmarks will be delivered in your Harmony Day package of t-shirts, etc.

You may choose to do this activity through the library, give the blanks to teachers to use in the classrooms, order them just for your intermediate (or primary) students, or even offer the bookmarks as an enrichment challenge. You may want to provide them to every student in your school or just certain) grade levels. Whatever you decide, **please order only what you will use for Harmony Day**, as the tag-board and labour involved will have a cost to our budget.

Please contact me with any questions you might have.

Thank you all on behalf of the Harmony Day Committee,

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