

**John Muir Middle School
Peer Mediation Program
2009-2010**



To: John Muir Teachers & Staff
From: Ms. Hamilton, Peer Mediation Facilitator
Date: 09/15/09

We are excited to announce the fifth year of our "Peer Mediation" program is underway! The process of recruiting *student mediators* will begin the week of September 21st, 2009. This will allow an opportunity for teachers to get a general idea of which students will best support their peers in resolving conflict. Therefore, your support is needed to identify and recommend students who possess the qualities listed on the enclosed recommendation form. During the 2009-2010 school year, mediation will be held during periods three and four in room 304. Each student or group of students being referred must arrive with a request form. Please submit your recommendation forms to Ms. Hamilton's box by Thursday, September 24th, 2009.

The purpose and benefits of this program for our students is as follows:

Peer Mediation.....

- ❖ Resolves student conflicts in a positive manner
- ❖ Teaches students essential life skills
- ❖ Builds students' conflict resolution skills through real-life practice
- ❖ Motivates students to resolve conflicts collaboratively
- ❖ Deepens the educational impact of school
- ❖ Empowers students & increases self esteem
- ❖ Creates more time for learning
- ❖ Improves school climate