



May Peace Prevail on Earth

Peace Pole Planting and Dedication by Montessori Private Academy Students

On Thursday, April 22, 2004, Montessori Private Academy's Elementary II (4th, 5th & 6th grade students) dedicated a Peace Pole outside the school at 5925 Darlene Dr.,



Rockford. The Peace Pole is approximately 6' tall with the phrase "*May Peace Prevail on Earth*" inscribed in 8 languages—Arabic, English, Hebrew, Japanese, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish and Thai. The students choose which the 8 languages to include on the pole.

After participating in Rockford's International Day of Peace ceremony last September, the students began studying world peace and raising funds to purchase a Peace Pole for the school. The Peace Pole symbolizes Maria Montessori's commitment to peace education and the need for community and world peace.

