

Title of Project: Lapwai Wildcat Peacekeepers

Grade Level: Fourth and fifth graders
Number of Students Participating: max 20
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School: Lapwai Elementary
District or County: Nez Perce County



Overview/Description of Project: Fourth and fifth grade students will be trained to become Peacekeepers on the playground to help the faculty with acts of aggression and bullying problems. They will be trained in student-to-student mediating. They will also present skits to the primary grades about conflict resolution.

Goals: To reduce acts of aggression and bullying in the school and on the playground.

Core Content Areas: Peer mediation and problem solving strategies, respectful peer and cross age relationships, writing skills, verbal skills.

PARC MODEL STEP-BY-STEP GUIDE

STEP 1: PREPARATION: Training will be provided to fourth and fifth grade students in conflict resolution and problem solving in a total of eleven lessons. Students will meet in the after school program on Mondays and Tuesdays throughout the school year. They will demonstrate their knowledge of the problem solving method by participating in skits to be performed in the primary grades, community functions and sporting events as well as on the playground.

STEP 2: ACTION: Students will perform their roles as peer mediators/peacekeepers in pairs on the playground and report results back to their teacher and their peers. Students will write, act, and rehearse their skits that they will be performing about conflict resolution.

STEP 3: REFLECTION (*Reflection is not sequential; rather it is encouraged throughout the lesson*): Journals and discussion: Students will make journal entries on the days they perform their duties. Teacher will give feedback and students will discuss in groups their thoughts, feelings, and ideas.

STEP 4: CELEBRATION: Students will showcase their skills at open houses, school assemblies, community functions and discuss the impact with administrators. Students' written information on this project will be presented to all new students who enroll. End of the year celebration activity for all Peacekeepers who do their duty consistently and finish training.