



District 5110  
Port Orford Oregon



## Inspire Unity With Peace Poles



Rotary promotes peace in the world through seven areas of focus. Building peace in communities is one of those areas of focus. Peace poles can be a catalyst to bring

community members together, to create a peaceful gathering space and serve as a visual reminder of a commitment to peacebuilding.

A Peace Pole is a monument that displays the message “May Peace Prevail On Earth” in 4 or 8 languages, depending on the pole chosen. Generally, English is one of the languages chosen for the U.S., along with other languages to demonstrate our unity with others. Students would like to propose languages that represent our student body and may include Spanish, German, French, English, Asian languages, native local languages, etc.

The message is an affirmation of peace and its placement furthers Rotary's goal of building a culture of peace throughout the world. The Peace Pole would be created by students and materials would be provided by the Rotary Club of Port Orford free of charge.

Peace Poles are intended to inspire unity among people of all cultures, ethnicities, and backgrounds. Rotary recommends a Peace Pole ceremony to accompany the installation of each pole. We would like to establish a date during school hours for placement when all persons involved in school can attend at the beginning of the new 2026-2027 school year. Rotary will also provide temporary placement stand so that pole will not a permanent placement in the ground (unless school prefers permanent placement-which Rotary can also provide).

This can also be revisited each year with a ceremony or event to remind the community why the pole is there. We'd like to suggest choosing the International Day of Peace, September 21, 2026 for the commencement ceremony and for a reminder ceremony each year.

The message May Peace Prevail On Earth was authored by the late Masahisa Goi of Japan after the atomic bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki. This is an international message with over quarter of a million Peace Poles located in every country around the world, dedicated as symbols of peace. Once a Peace Pole is planted, Rotary will put it on their Rotary Peace Poles Map.

We hope that the 2cj school board will consider our proposal and we welcome any inquiry or further comment.

Please contact our Interact Club advisor, Bellah Stephan if you have any further questions @ [solomonstephans@gmail.com](mailto:solomonstephans@gmail.com).

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

The Pacific Pirates Interact Club Members