

UUCA 6th-grade RE learns peace-building through “ultimate” sport



For the past two Sundays, UUCA's 6th-grade RE classes have explored a novel way to build peace--through sports. This focus on peace-building is part of the 6th-grade RE's study of the 6th Principle, "the goal of world community with peace, liberty, and justice for all."

On Sunday 3/5, the group welcomed an H-B Woodlawn student who related her experiences in Israel at "Camp Ultimate Peace,"

where the sport of Ultimate (Frisbee) serves as a vehicle for bringing together Palestinian, Arab-Israeli, and Jewish-Israeli youth. The student, Miranda, shared stories and photos illustrating how Ultimate's emphasis on cooperation, respect, and "spirit of the game" allows Israeli and Palestinian youth a safe context for developing understanding and friendship.

The following Sunday 3/12, the 6th-graders went to a local park to practice the basics of Ultimate, coached by three other high-schoolers: Abby of Washington-Lee, Fiona of H-B Woodlawn, and UUCA Youth Group member **Chloe Fugle**. The Ultimate training session ended in a "spirit circle," a post-game ritual between opposing teams that emphasizes players' mutual respect despite the competitive setting.



If you would like to learn more about the Ultimate Peace program or would like to propose future Ultimate activities, please contact 6th-grade RE Teacher **Kathleen Fugle**, fugle@yahoo.com.