



Peace through Understanding

School & Classroom Program

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**Free to join • International exposure in the classroom • Pen pal projects
Learning about other cultures • Postage assistance for teachers who qualify**

What is the School and Classroom Program?

Operated by People to People International (PTPI), this free, rewarding program pairs teachers and their students with classrooms in other countries. Through teacher email accounts and the postal service, students collaborate on educational projects that expand their knowledge and understanding of another culture and help them form friendships with peers abroad. Two classrooms form a “classroom partnership” and work together on one or more projects, or multiple classrooms contribute to a single project. Projects are provided in the program manual given to registered teachers or new projects may be created.

When can you register?

The annual registration period occurs July – October each year. Registrations made after this time will be held as pending until July of each year.

Who may participate?

Primary, middle and secondary classrooms, clubs and youth groups from all countries are welcome.

How does the program operate?

1. Teachers register. Download a registration form at www.ptpi.org or write to classroom@ptpi.org.
2. Registration is acknowledged by email message from classroom@ptpi.org.
3. Teachers are given a program manual with projects and tips for effective partnerships.
4. PTPI locates and assigns a partner classroom, which is comprised of similar-age students (one year younger or older) in one of the countries requested on the registration form. If no preference is noted, then the partner classroom is located in a country where PTPI has unfilled requests.
5. Teachers are sent contact information about their partner teacher and classroom. All contact information is private and shared only between teachers in a partnership.
6. Partner teachers conduct introductions, choose projects for students to work on, and develop a timeline for interaction over the course of one or two semesters.
7. Partner classrooms communicate in English or a common language.
8. The program director is available for assistance for the duration of a classroom partnership.

Direct questions to Paige Leitnaker, Director of the School and Classroom Program, at classroom@ptpi.org or +1 816.531.4701. We look forward to welcoming you to our international family!

People to People International (PTPI), with World Headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri USA, was established by President Dwight D. Eisenhower on September 11, 1956 to enhance international understanding and friendship through educational, cultural and humanitarian activities involving the exchange of ideas and experiences directly among people of different countries and diverse cultures. Today, as a not-for-profit, [501 (c) (3)] organization, PTPI has a presence in 125 countries with more than 80,000 families and individuals actively participating in People to People International programs. Please visit www.ptpi.org for more information.