

EARTH DAY CELEBRATION

*5 schools celebrate the work 1,000 local students
have done to heal the Earth.*

Novel UN Curriculum Explodes in L.A.

The Dream Project, a curriculum that started 24 months ago in one school, with one teacher and 30 students has burgeoned into five schools, 18 teachers and 1,000 kids. Under this curriculum Los Angeles students have been researching the overarching problems of our world and actively discovering solutions to the 8 United Nations Millennium Goals (UNMDGs). www.dreamprojectun.org

- One school raised enough money to keep a school in Sudan open for a year.
- Another created “Pocket Change for Change”, collecting pocket change and sending the proceeds to Honduras for school supplies like paper and pencils.
- Students participated in Feed the Children, feeding over 2,000 families in Los Angeles.

On April 17 students from Celerity, SMASH, NIMITZ, and Franklin High School will gather at John Muir Middle School to celebrate their accomplishments and to share the lessons and inspiration they have taken from The Dream Project.

*Teachers invited to present Dream Project at UN
educational conference in Paris, France
September 2, 2008*

Along with teachers and students, several performers and speakers will be on hand.

- Singer/songwriter Gina Rene will sing, “Be the Change”,

the official song of “Earth Hour.”

- Gagnez and Rich Bella, two ex-gang members who are now poets for peace, will recite from their poetry.
- Students will showcase songs and dances and radio plays they have created around the United Nations MDGs.
- Cynthia Kersey, inspirational speaker and author of “Unstoppable,” will give the students, teachers, and administration a call to action to take their activism to the next level

The Dream Project is a twelve- week class that is designed around the United Nations’ Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The Dream Project empowers young people to recognize themselves as leaders that hold the potential to make a positive and real contribution to the world, and to instill in them social responsibility, self-esteem, and creative problem solving. It allows them to envision situations beyond their day-to-day lives, and has them address and create solutions for the issues recognized in the United Nations’ MDGs. These goals are aimed at combating hunger, poverty, disease, illiteracy, environmental degradation and discrimination by the year 2015.