

Black River students send token to Hiroshima, Japan Peace Park

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Holland, MI — More than 1,000 paper cranes put together in a wreath by Black River Public School middle school students made their way to the Peace Park at Hiroshima, Japan recently.

The Peace Park stands at the site of the detonation of the first atomic bomb dropped on Japan by the United States in World War II.

“The cranes created are all sizes and shapes,” said Black River History Teacher Marguerite Stephens. “This not only symbolizes peace but also the diversity of our students and the unity they shared creating this token of peace.”

Strings of folded cranes have become a sign of peace since a girl from Hiroshima folded more than 1,000 of them in the 1950s. The girl made the cranes in an effort to cure her leukemia, thought to be caused by residual radiation from the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima in World War II. She died at the age of 12.

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Let's hope these kids hold on to this ideal as they grow up. In spite of the fanatical leanings of many in our society, war and killing is not the solution to anything.

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