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(September 1-4, 2008) peace and unity.

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## **The U.S Great Seal Awareness** (GSAP) Educational Project

The Diplomacy Center at the U.S. State Department exhibit commemorating the 225th anniversary of the creation of the Great Seal of remarkable emblem that identifies and symbolizes our

With permission from the U.S. Diplomacy Center, we have produced a replica of this exhibit to display at both the Democratic (August 25-28, 2008) and Republican national conventions marking the beginning of a nationwide educational effort to help Americans rediscover our founders' original vision of

The last panel of the Diplomacy Center's 10-panel exhibit displays artwork by four elementary school students. We have produced an 11th panel ("Imagine the Possibilities") with 17 more children's artistic interpretations of the Great Seal. (From Treasure Village Mon-Also, a new twelfth panel

("Rising to the Challenge") highlights peace as a predominate founding principle and calls for America's genius to focus on "the power of

peace," as the founders' described the olive branch. The 12 panels are displayed on 45" x 84" pull up panels that can be displayed in several configurations.

Working with the author of GreatSeal.com whose 76-page website is a respected educational resource (used by the U.S. Diplomacy Center when researching their exhibit), we are developing a companion site that will provide classroom projects and ways for students to share their visions of America as they learn about the multifaceted design of their national emblem.

Seal, the well-known American eagle holds the olive branch in its right talon and the bundle of arrows in its left symbolizing "the power of peace and war" entrusted to our elected representatives and us. Our eagle's message is E Pluribus Unum (Out of Many, One).

unfinished pyramid and radiant eye of Providence with the Latin mottoes Annuit Coeptis (Providence Favors Our Undertakings) and Novus sary step is the recognition Ordo Seclorum (A New Order of the Ages) signify-



The 12-panel exhibit is currently on display at the Murray Nelson Cultural and Government Center.

ing the founders' vision that America is an ongoing and enduring endeavor to create a more perfect union.

We believe that this U.S. Great Seal educational project will help unite a On the front of the Great divided nation by enriching a nonpartisan national discussion about who we are as a people in relation to the original American Dream envisioned by our founders and embodied in the Great Seal of the United States they designed.

Symbols have a powerful unifying effect. As Joseph On the reverse side is the Campbell believed: "The next great step for the human family will be to recognize, in our daily lives, the unity that already exists. And a necesof the common symbols of this unity."



The new twelfth panel ("Rising to the Challenge") highlighting peace.



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