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The New Integral Elementary School of La Jolla: Creating Joyful Lifelong Learners - Mind, Body, Heart and Soul

SAN DIEGO (May 1, 2006): At the new Integral Elementary School of La Jolla, the focus is on the whole child, and creating joy in learning and discovery. It is about the educational process, not simply the end product. Rather than concentrating on exams and grades, the emphasis is placed on how each student learns and develops as whole.

With a low student-teacher ratio of 11-1 for grades K-6, the curriculum is designed to meet and exceed the California state standards through the combination of two tracks: A minimum syllabus met through teacher-directed learning, and a personal syllabus met through self-directed learning with teacher guidance.

An Individual Learning Plan (ILP) is developed for each student with the collaboration of teacher, student, and parents. This approach allows students to learn at their own mental and emotional developmental level in a non-competitive environment, rather than forcing them to match the general common denominator level of their peers.

The curriculum incorporates social studies, language arts, mathematics, the sciences, physical education, and the arts (including music, drama, dance, and visual arts), as well as meditation and yoga. The children learn by doing: building, experimenting, caring for animals, painting, singing, learning other languages, and experiencing different cultures, which are all incorporated in the academic process. The result is a student who has the wisdom to support his or her knowledge.

The Center for Integral Education, a California non-profit corporation, is now in its fourth year of operations at the Rainbow Kids Integral School, a preschool and early elementary. The new 8000 square foot Integral Elementary School of La Jolla, opening this fall, is currently enrolling K-6 students for the 2006/2007 school year. The school is located close to UCSD, situated on the campus of Congregation Beth El.

For more information about the Integral Elementary School of La Jolla or the Center for Integral Education, please visit the website www.IntegralElementary.com or call 858-450-4321.