

Kaleidoscope

THE NEWSLETTER FOR THE CENTER FOR INTEGRAL EDUCATION

Rainbow Kids on the Move!

What a fantastic year we have had! The Rainbow Kids Integral School opened its doors last fall, and became a reality for over 16 families! It is very exciting to make a dream come true. We completed a great year at a wonderful location where we shared a classroom and playground space with a Unity church. But our aspirations and opportunity have pushed us into the next realm. We are on the move and have relocated to a site all our own! The site is only five minutes away from our previous location, so our current families can move with us, and it allows for us much greater future growth.



We had significant success this year in our fundraising as well. You, our community at large, supported us in raising over \$50,000 last year! This money allowed us to purchase beautiful classroom materials for the children, maintain a very low student teacher ratio with two wonderful teachers, and kept us afloat during tough times. We also were “found” (via our website) by the former CEO of Deepak Chopra’s Foundation, Dan Spinner. Dan has had over 20 years experience in charitable fundraising, and has taken us under his wing. He is helping us to become more organized and efficient in our fundraising efforts.

As you can imagine, relocating to a larger site that needs much work has a lot of expenses associated with it. Because of these higher aspirations of ours, we have launched a \$75,000 2003-4 school year fundraising campaign called “Rainbow Kids on the Move!” The money we raise will be used to purchase more Montessori and other classroom materials and furniture, playground equipment, renovation supplies, and marketing materials, such as brochures and a video about us; to create a scholarship fund; to fund additional aids in the classroom; and to create a teacher training program. We hope that you can help make a difference in the educational alternatives for the children of today and support our growth by making a contribution to this campaign.



Musician Ron Horvitz visits the Rainbow Kids classroom!

As always, we have high ambitions! We thank you, our community, for all the support you’ve given us these past few years. It has made all the difference in the world, and we would not be here without it. You have made this dream a reality as much as we have, and we are grateful. We hope you are as excited about our future as we are, and we look forward to keeping you posted about our growth and the future of Integral Education in the U.S.!

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The new site has over 4700 s.f. of indoor space and over 8000 s.f. of outdoor play area. We will be licensed for up to 72 preschool/Kindergarten-aged students, in addition to our future elementary level students. It is located in a densely populated residential area of a very central part of San Diego. The site had been another preschool before we acquired it, however they were running on a shoestring budget and had let the facility run down quite a bit. As a condition of our long-term lease we took the site “as is”, in exchange for several months free rent. This allows us to “customize” the look of our facility as we renovate the classrooms, bathrooms, kitchen area, and playgrounds. It also gives us a little breathing space to increase our enrollment at a reasonable pace.

During this past year, as we learned much about operating a school, we received a lot of support from the local community, as well as from the community “at large.” We had articles published about our school in the local *The Light Connection* and *San Diego Family* magazines, as well as a featured school article in the new national magazine *Children of the New Earth* (see www.ChildrenOfTheNewEarth.com/education.shtml), and a sideline mention of our school in the national press release of a new movie coming out next year called “Indigo” (see www.indigothemovie.com/pressrelease.html).

President's Message

by Prapanna Smith

It has been an awesome and exciting time for all of us at CIE and the Rainbow Kids Integral School. After years of preparation we finally completed our first year of school in June, then immediately shifted to our new school site, and launched our first summer school program. Now we are ready to inaugurate year two of RKIS in our

wonderful new facility. This larger and grander site will allow us to do all the wonderful things for the children that we have dreamed of. Through meditation, reflection, and yoga; painting, drawing, and handwork; gardening and outdoor play; reading and story telling; drama, singing and dance; mathematics, science and computer literacy; and through project works combining elements of all of these and more together, our kids will explore their own inner dimensions and the world around them. Now, for the first time in the USA, a truly integral education will be able to take root here, and transform the lives of kids and their families.

Of course, all this could not have happened without the generous contributions of our supporters and our CIE team. I am deeply honored and privileged to thank everyone for their dedication, hard work, and financial support. Please see our school website for our special thanks to, and a list of, all our contributors. Our teachers, Nancy Walsh and Lynda Carey, did a great job during our first year, providing a loving and enriching environment for the children. This year Mira Patel will join them. Mira, the newest member of the CIE Board of Directors, is also collaborating with me to develop an Integral Education curriculum for the elementary grades, as well as an Integral Education Teacher Training Program. Carla Gerstein and Jennifer Kuebler both worked hard all year and deserve all the recognition in the world for their important contributions to the school. They contributed greatly to fundraising, marketing,

networking, and policymaking. In August, with the dynamic leadership of CIE Board Member Christine Taylor and Carla's tireless labor, we organized our first annual Rainbow Kids Integral School Golf Tournament. The event was a success and we are already looking forward to our second tournament next year. Dan Spinner, formerly of the Chopra Foundation, and now Chief Fundraiser for the Dennis Kosinich Presidential Campaign, has joined our team and is facilitating the creation and implementation of our Rainbow Kids on the Move \$75,000 Fundraising Campaign. Dan is helping us to raise our efforts to a whole new level.

Finally, there are the all-important children, whose lives we seek to touch and inspire. We have many wonderful families who have supported our school and have blessed us with the sweet and inspiring presence of their children in our school. We aspire to become and remain worthy to serve them all, so that their children will truly discover their life purpose and achieve remarkable things in their lives at this important time in history. By the Grace of the Divine we shall fulfill our mission and do our part to transform this life into a Life Divine.



Grand Opening Gala Open House!

Mark your calendars for
Friday, Oct. 3rd
5:00 - 8:00

Clowns, Popcorn, Cotton Candy
All are welcome! Fun for the whole family!
(858) 271-6985 for more info

Help Raise \$ for RKIS, the EASY way!

Sign up now with www.escrip.com and start giving a percentage of your shopping dollars to RKIS automatically, at no extra cost to you! (If you are already registered with us and you are Vons/Safeway/Pavillions shopper, you must renew your registration annually in Sept. Please visit www.escrip.com and click on "YES! Renew" today!)



Rainbow Kids Integral School is registered with escrip.com, a company that works with merchant partners to generate charitable funds for schools. If you sign up with them, simply by shopping at the designated stores and using your registered store or credit cards, a percentage of the total sale is

AUTOMATICALLY donated to us! These are some of the stores involved: Vons, Henry's, Zany Brainy, Office Max, Big 5, Payless Shoes, Baja Fresh, and many more!

If lots of people sign up, we can easily earn \$100 or more every month, to use on supplies and other things for the classroom!

HERE IS HOW TO SIGN UP: It takes just a few minutes, please do this TODAY!

1. Log onto www.escrip.com
2. Enter our school name (Rainbow Kids Integral School) or our Group ID #311465
3. Register your grocery, credit, and/or debit cards

(Please rest assured that escrip.com is a secure website, and that thousands of people have safely registered with them.)

IT'S THAT SIMPLE! DON'T DELAY! DO THIS TODAY!!!

(Did we mention not to wait, but to sign up now??)

It is very easy to set this aside and forget about it – the sooner you sign up, the sooner Rainbow Kids will start receiving funds. **Ask your family and friends to register with us too.**

THANKS FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

A New Education for a New Consciousness

Kids Corner

What is Kindness?

Kindness is showing you care, doing some good to make life better for others. It is being thoughtful about people's needs. Kindness is showing love and compassion to someone who is sad or needs your help. Kindness is treating yourself and others gently. It is caring about the earth and all living things.



Activity: Today practice the virtue kindness, by noticing when someone or something needs care. Become sensitive to the world around you. Use your imagination to think of things that give others happiness. Found out what habits harm the earth and choose kinder ways to live. When you are tempted to be cruel, to criticize or tease, decide not to do it. Speak kindly instead.

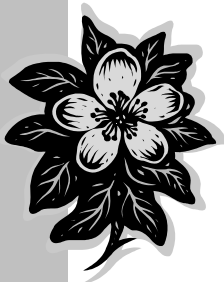
– *The Virtues Project*™ by Linda Kavelin Popov

“Rainbow Kids on the Move!”

The “Rainbow Kids on the Move!” 2003-4 \$75,000 Fundraising campaign is under way! Since we’ve acquired a new, much larger site this year, we have put ourselves back to a startup mode once again, similar to last year. There are many expenses associated with our new site. As we mentioned in the front page article, we leased the site in an “as is” condition. We have been working hard to renovate the building and make it suitable for children in our school. While we have finished much of the bathroom and classroom remodeling, there are still many things left to take care of. One big area is the playground. We removed about 2 tons of old and dirty sand from the play yard. We have now leveled the ground out, and are going to create grass, sand box, and woodchip areas for the children to play on. We still need to buy some playground equipment and fix some of the fencing, to finish it off. We also need to stock our new classrooms with more Montessori and other educational supplies. Another project in our queue is our teacher training program. We are developing an Integral Education training program for our teachers, which we hope will become a standard for IE schools in the U.S. We are also developing our elementary level classroom curriculum, and it is very exciting. This, too, will be useful for other schools that choose to model themselves using the Integral Education philosophy. Our curriculum references the California State Educational Standards, and exceeds them. We are also using funds from the campaign to support marketing to increase enrollment, to create a scholarship fund, and to increase classroom support.

We hope this helps you understand what a difference your contribution could make. Supporting the Rainbow Kids Integral School means more than just your financial contribution, it means your heartfelt desire to join us in making a difference in the lives of children. As you and many others unite with us in this campaign effort, we can take satisfaction in knowing we’re building a new model of education for our world. We deeply appreciate the possibilities that will exist because of it.

Insights from the Mother



“The conditions under which men live upon earth are the result of their state of consciousness; to seek to change the conditions without changing the consciousness is a vain chimera.”

The Perfection of the Body

“Physical culture is the process of infusing consciousness into the cells of the body. One may or may not know it, but it is a fact. When we concentrate to make our muscles move according to our will, when we endeavor to make our limbs more supple, to give them an agility, or a force, or a resistance, or a plasticity which they do not naturally possess, we infuse into the cells of the body a consciousness which was not there before, thus turning it into an increasingly homogeneous and receptive instrument, which progresses in and by its activities. This is the primary importance of physical culture. Of course, that is not the only thing that brings consciousness into the body, but it is something which acts in an overall way, and this is rare. I have already told you several times that the artist infuses a very great consciousness into his hands, as the intellectual does into his brain. But these are, as it were, local phenomena, whereas the action of physical culture is more general. And when one sees the absolutely marvelous results of this culture, when one observes the extent to which the body is capable of perfecting itself, one understands how useful this can be to the action of the psychic being which has entered into this material substance. For naturally, when it is in possession of an organized and harmonized instrument which is full of strength and suppleness and possibilities, its task is greatly facilitated.”

-- The Mother (Mirra Richard)

The Rainbow Kids Classroom Code

Rainbow Kids Integral School has adopted a classroom code of respect. In our Rainbow Kids classroom we always:

1. Treat each other as we want to be treated.
2. Keep our hands to ourselves.
3. Use kind and loving words.
4. Help each other when things are tough.
5. Laugh together when we are happy.
6. Honor all things beautiful, especially each other.
7. Keep all of our things in the right place and take care of our work.



“Rainbows are people whose lives are bright, shining examples for others.”
Maya Angelou

A special thanks goes to those who contributed and participated in our first annual Golf Tournament FUNdraiser on Aug. 23. It was an eagle of a success and we look forward to next year's event!!



Rainbow Kids Integral School



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