

Rainbow Dreams Educational Foundation is one of the premier non-profit organizations in southern Nevada established and committed to meeting the needs of the historically underserved communities in southern Nevada. This will be achieved through an emphasis on early childhood, youth, and adult education, cultural awareness and appreciation, and continued support for existing programs and services that are successful in building stronger citizens, families and communities for generations to come.

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PROGRESS

Mar 2012

7TH - THE SMITH CENTER FOR THE PERFORMING ARTS

The Smith Center for the Performing Arts provided Rainbow Dreams third graders with a close up view of Las Vegas' premier performing arts center. The Smith Center is recognized as a vital force in our community supporting artistic excellence and education. Prior to attending the field trip, students participated in a book study which prepared them to see a world-class performance of Frindle.

13TH - FLOYD MAYWEATHER PARTNERS WITH RDA

Floyd Mayweather launched his partnership with Rainbow Dreams Educational Foundation by presenting a \$25,000 check to Mrs. Diane Pollard, Rainbow Dreams Academy Founder during a visit to the school. Mr. Mayweather pledged to support Rainbow Dreams programs through volunteerism and a continued financial commitment.



27TH - LAKE MEAD FIELD TRIP

Through a grant from Outside Las Vegas Foundation, Rainbow Dreams fourth and fifth grade students participated in a field trip to Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Rangers and scientists from the National Parks Service engaged students in the program titled Nature's Neighborhoods where they studied more closely the natural plant and animal communities in the Mojave Desert.



30TH - THE TOMMY HILFIGER FOUNDATION

The Tommy Hilfiger Foundation made a \$5,000 donation for the Dream Care after school program. The Hilfiger Foundation was established to help empower America's youth by developing and supporting programs that target education, health and cultural programs. RDEF is grateful for their support.

Apr 2012

18TH - RED ROCK CANYON FIELD TRIP

Students in kindergarten and first grade visited this part of the Mojave Desert and were awed by the desert beauty, towering red cliffs, and abundant wildlife. This field trip was a culminating activity linked to the study of the desert tortoise and desert conservation.



21ST - PLANT DAY

For the past six years, Rainbow Dreams Academy staff, students and their families in conjunction with The Meadows Varsity Cheerleaders and community volunteers worked to beautify the campus and the neighboring community. The volunteers met the goal of clearing trash and debris and planting desert friendly plants and flowers.



26TH - FLOYD LAMB PARK FIELD TRIP

Floyd Lamb Park at Tule Springs was the location of the field trip for fourth and fifth graders. This outdoor learning experience was the third in a series funded by a grant from Outside Las Vegas Foundation. Biologists, rangers, education specialists, and volunteers from Outside Las Vegas Foundation, Southern Nevada Agency Partnership (S.N.A.P.) - U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, and U.S. Forest Service, along with the City of Las Vegas introduced RDA students to the program titled, I Give A Hoot About Burrowing Owls. Students explored the habitats of the burrowing owls, observed their movements through spotting cameras and compared them to other birds in the park. Student survey says their favorite activity was dissecting owl pellets to determine their diet and digestive patterns. Exploring and protecting our public lands were also discussion topics.



27TH - "TEACH CHILDREN TO SAVE DAY"

Executives from long-time Rainbow Dreams sponsor and partner, Bank of Nevada, helped the children in grades K-5 become aware of the importance of good money management and saving.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

April 20, 2013
Plant Day - RDA

June 25, 2013

13th Annual Las Vegas Juneteenth Festival
Symphony Park at
The Smith Center for the Performing Arts
361 Symphony Park
www.june19th.com
Time: 6:00pm - 10:00pm



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NAMING OPPORTUNITIES

There are numerous naming opportunities available at the academy. Families / Corporations / Foundations may choose to donate to a specific space in our capital campaign. For example, a pledge of \$50,000.00 will permanently "name" a classroom. A plaque will be prominently displayed designating the donor(s) when the pledge has been satisfied.



United Way
of Southern Nevada

Support the
Rainbow Dreams Educational Foundation
through the United Way #112572.

May **2012**

11TH - RAINBOW DREAMS ACADEMY'S FIRST FIELD DAY

Rainbow Dreams Academy held its first "Field Day" at Doolittle Park. Students participated in a variety of activities geared to engage them in teambuilding and physical activities designed to combat childhood obesity. Teachers along with fifty-five parent volunteers organized and ran the various events. It was a family affair.



24TH - THE ANNA BAILEY MOVEMENT PROGRAM

Students in grades 1-5 participated in the fifth annual movement program. In 2012, the program was renamed The Anna Bailey Movement Program in honor of Mrs. Anna Porter Bailey, a world class dancer who resides in Las Vegas. As a professional lead dancer, Mrs. Bailey performed with dance troupes at the famed Apollo Theater in Harlem and at the Paramount Theater on Broadway. A long time supporter of the performing arts, Anna Bailey has given unselfishly of her time and talents to community organizations for more than five decades. Over 600 proud parents, family members, and friends of Rainbow Dreams Academy were in attendance at the two performances this year.



Jun **2012**

19TH - THE 12TH ANNUAL LAS VEGAS JUNETEENTH FESTIVAL

"The Event. The Experience. The Journey."

The featured artists were IN-EFFECT, Phil Flowers, Next Movement and Van Buren. We are grateful for our corporate sponsors: NVEnergy, Wells Fargo, Caesar's Entertainment, Bank of Nevada, Nevada State College, The Urban Voice, Lamar Outdoor Advertising and Sir Speedy.

The 2012 Rainbow Dreams Educational Foundation Scholarship was awarded to Aaron Sampson. Aaron will attend Cornell University in New York.



Jul **2012**

RDA MAKES ADEQUATE YEARLY PROGRESS

Rainbow Dreams Academy made Adequate Yearly Progress for the fourth consecutive year! The school received the designation from Nevada Department of Education and Clark County School District by meeting the benchmarks established by No Child Left Behind.

Aug **2012**

27TH - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

First day of classes for the 2012-2013 academic year – We Strive, We Believe, We Achieve!!!!

