

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

As another academic year approaches, we are pleased to share a pictorial recap of extracurricular activities of Rainbow Dreams Academy students for our 2013-14 school year:

Aug 2013



Rainbow Dreams Academy partnered with Zion National Park to provide an education experience for our students that included an overnight camping experience. Students were lectured on appreciating our natural resources, respecting the environment, learning rules of safety and understanding plant life that flourishes in the desert climate.

Dec 2013



Annual Kwanzaa Celebration! The basic philosophy of Rainbow Dreams Academy is built on the seven principles of Kwanzaa: Unity, Self Determination, Collective Work & Responsibility, Cooperative Economics, Purpose, Creativity and Faith. Kwanzaa was created to introduce and reinforce basic values of African culture which contribute to building and reinforcing family, community and culture.

Sep 2013



"Judge Paul Brady Day" was celebrated at the school with The Honorable Paul Brady, a retired judge, sharing his experiences with our students. Judge Brady, the first African American appointed to the federal administrative bench, discussed the endless possibilities of careers related to our justice system and his recent book entitled, *The Black Badge: Deputy United States Marshal Bass Reeves*. Bass Reeves was the first African American U.S. Marshal and the great uncle of Judge Brady.

Jan 2014



Members of the Las Vegas Chapter of The Links, Incorporated provided a 2 day "anti-bullying" workshop for our students in grades 2-5 declaring Rainbow Dreams Academy a "Bully Free Zone". The workshop was facilitated by an anti-bullying specialist, and was followed up with individual classroom activities led by members of the organization. The focus was to raise awareness of the bullying of children in schools and elsewhere and to highlight ways of prevention and appropriate response.

Oct 2013



The 2nd Annual Halloween Carnival was held in our multi-purpose room with members of our Parent Teacher Organization spearheading the event. The activities were coordinated by parents that included games, costumes and snacks. Special thanks to parents who volunteered their time!

Mar 2014



Rainbow Dreams Academy partnered with the dental school at UNLV and Dr. Arlene Joyner to promote the "Healthy Smiles" program that provided individual oral health education to our students by instructing them on how to take better care of their teeth and how to keep them healthy through proper dental hygiene and nutrition.

Nov 2013



Our 3rd Annual Grandparents Day Breakfast celebrated the relationships between our students and their grandparents. Following breakfast, grandparents were invited to visit their grandchildren's classrooms and assist with activities.

Apr 2014



United States Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) and his wife, Landra, stopped in to check up on the students at Rainbow Dreams Academy. Senator Reid addressed the students on the importance of education and took time from his schedule to read to them as well.



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UPCOMING EVENTS

- Nov. 6 & 7, 2014
Jacqueline Shropshire Art 4 Education Show
- Dec. 19, 2014
Kwanzaa Greeting Card
- April 25, 2015
Make a Difference Day (Plant Day)
- May 11-14, 2015
Rainbow Reading Week
- May 21, 2015
Anna Bailey Movement Program
- June 19, 2015
15th Annual Las Vegas Juneteenth Festival



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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.



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Apr 2014



7th Annual Plant Day – provided an opportunity for students and staff to “give back” by focusing on one

of the 7 principles of Kwanzaa: Collective Work & Responsibility. Volunteers joined our students and staff in cleaning up the neighborhood surrounding our school by removing trash & debris, cleaning the playgrounds and adjacent sidewalks and planting desert friendly vegetation to beautify our campus.

May 2014



“Carol A. Threats Annual Reading Day”. The event has been named in honor of our school’s first principal for her continuous

support of our commitment to educate children. Mayor Carolyn Goodman was present to surprise Mrs. Threats and both were presented plaques in recognition of their support of making Rainbow Dreams Academy a reality!



3rd Annual Field Day – Thanks to Ms. Jackie Henry and the hard work of our Parent Teacher Organization volunteers, this event made a real big

S-P-L-A-S-H with our students participating in outdoor games and activities designed to be consistent with First Lady Michelle Obama’s “Let’s Move” program.

May 2014 Continued



YNAPP GRANT – For the 4th consecutive year, Rainbow Dreams Academy students have benefited from a grant sponsored by the City of Las Vegas and submitted by Eryn Pollard in conjunction with The Meadows School Varsity Cheerleading Team. This year Eryn and her teammates developed an “Ambassador Leadership Program” designed to encourage and prepare our students to be good citizens, good students and future leaders!



The 6th Annual Anna Bailey Movement Program proved to be magical as our students delighted the audience with a fabulous creative dance performance. The annual event signals the end of the school year and celebrates the hard work that began at the beginning of the school year under the watchful eye of professional choreographer, Carole Sampson, who instructs the students in all aspects of creative dance. The program is part of The Arts curriculum offered to all students enrolled in Rainbow Dreams Academy.

Thank you WINDSONG TRUST!

We are truly grateful for the generous funding from Windsong Trust in providing support for our Dream Care Program. Their generosity also allowed us to upgrade our technologies by purchasing desk top computers for our Computer Lab, Classrooms, upgrading computers for our Library, Front Office and Administration. Windsong Trust also provided iPads for classroom use. The upgrades provided by Windsong Trust have heightened student motivation by increasing self-efficacy and self esteem, improved attendance, reduced behavior problems and promoted positive attitudes toward learning. A MILLION THANKS TO WINDSONG TRUST for helping Rainbow Dreams Academy keep the dream alive!