

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

Sep 2010

11th - Scholastic Book Fair

Each September, Ms. Piper and staff transform the Mary and Dr. Tyree Carr Tuskegee Airmen Library for the annual book fair. Ms. Piper, one of our kindergarten teachers and parent volunteers spend countless hours preparing for the event. Our parents and Ms. Piper operate the book fair before and after school with the goal of making sure to get at least one book to the home of every student.

Oct 2010

5th - 2010 Cookie Dough Sale

Held October 5th through the 18th. Special thanks to all of our parents and students who participated and to Mrs. Tanya McChriston who led the sale. Our parent organization donated funds to purchase shoes for RDA students participating in the Movement Program. Thanks for a job well done!

28th - Halloween Parade

Our hallways were full of spectators as Mrs. James and Ms. Piper's kindergarteners led the parade through each classroom modeling their costumes. From Princess Tiana, Butterflies to Spiderman and Fireman the children enjoyed an afternoon of Halloween festivities.



Nov 2010



4th - Art for Education Naming Ceremony - "Jacquelyn Shropshire"

Rainbow Dreams Educational Foundation honored Mrs. Jacquelyn Shropshire, local philanthropist, at our 10th Annual Art Show. Mrs. Shropshire is an enthusiastic patron of the arts.



4th & 5th - Mr. Charles Bibbs named "Artist of the Year"

ART for EDUCATION PROGRAM

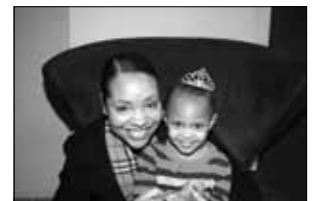
Rainbow Dreams Educational Foundation honored Mr. Charles Bibbs, visual artist and entrepreneur at The Stirling Club at Turnberry. Mr. Bibbs is an acclaimed artist whose work is prominently displayed in many homes, fine art galleries and showcases across the country. His work depicts a unique, strong and stylized quality created with a combination of abstract and realistic interpretations of contemporary subjects beautifully infused into multifaceted ethnicity, larger-than-life images. His technique can be distinguished from most artists by the method in which he combines acrylics and inks to obtain rich undertones of line textures. Bibbs' believes that, "we are the keepers of our culture" and as such, he spends much of his time working with community based organizations, students and other artists in his local community.



Dec 2010

11th - 2nd Annual Kwanzaa Program

Each class of students at Rainbow Dreams Academy works very hard during the school year in Ms. Manibusan's Humanities class to prepare for this special event that has been held at Nevada Partners for the past two years. Our school's basic characteristics are founded on the principles of Kwanzaa: Umoja means "Unity." We celebrate working together - parents and teachers to build a strong educational foundation for our children. Kujichagulia means "Self-Determination." Our students are determined to learn and believe in themselves. Ujima means "Working Together." Teamwork makes the Dream work. Ujamaa means "Helping Each Other." We work at keeping our neighborhood maintained by removing trash and debris and planting each year. Nia means "Purpose." We teach our children to discover their purpose through learning by focusing on language arts, mathematics and science. Kuumba means "Creativity." Each year our "Movement Program," a celebration of our creativity, is presented at the West Las Vegas Library Theater where we share our talents with the community. Imani means "Faith." Our school's creed is recited at the beginning of each day: "We have faith in ourselves and our teachers..." In the true meaning and spirit of "Kwanzaa," we celebrate each other every day.





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UPCOMING EVENTS

May 26, 2011

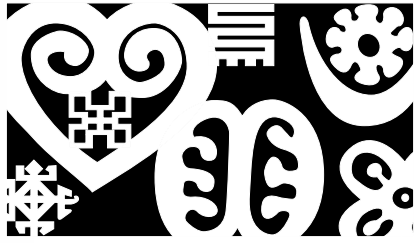
Movement Program
West Las Vegas Library
4pm -5pm & 6pm-7:00pm

June 8, 2011

Fifth Grade Promotion 9:30am
West Las Vegas Library
Kindergarten Promotion 1:00pm

June 9, 2011 Last Day of School

June 26, 2011- July 29, 2011
Las Vegas Freedom School
Summer Reading Program



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Naming Opportunities

There are numerous naming opportunities available in the new academy. Families / Corporations / Foundations may choose to donate to a specific space in a capital campaign; for example donating \$75,000.00 for a classroom naming. A plaque will be placed outside that specific room honoring the family, corporation or foundation donating the funds (or someone of their choosing) at the conclusion of the gift payment.



Support the Anthony L. Pollard Foundation through the United Way #112572.

United Way of Southern Nevada

Jan 2011

17th - Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade "Living the Dream: Rebuilding Americas' Promise Freedom and Liberty."

More than 50 students and parents of RDA gathered in the early morning hours to participate in the 25th Annual MLK Parade. Our Parent Teacher Organization decorated a flatbed, with our students' paper hands and posters. Along the 3 mile parade stretch students recited our school's creed and sang songs.



Feb 2011

11th - Black History Month at RDA

Dr. Carter G. Woodson, the founder of Black History Month, could not have known before his death in 1950 how widespread his idea would go. Every class in Rainbow Dreams Academy is responsible for learning something new each year about an African American who has made a significant contribution to our country. Parents, family and friends were in attendance to see our children excited and proud to share their projects.



19th - Mr. Dwight Jones CCSD Superintendent visits RDA

Rainbow Dreams Academy Charter School opened its doors to all surrounding schools and residents to welcome our new Superintendent, Mr. Dwight Jones. RDA students were on hand to lead the standing room only crowd in the Pledge of Allegiance and the recitation of our school's creed. State Senator Steven Horsford welcomed Mr. Jones to the community along with our principal Mrs. Roxie Witt- Davis. Board members Carol Threats, Priscilla Johnson, Diane Pollard and George Willacy were on hand to witness this special occasion.



Ambassador Leon Lett



Ambassador Leon Lett- Donated over 245 turkeys to all the students and staff at Rainbow Dreams Academy. Thank you, Mr. Ambassador.