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CUTTING EDGE LOCAL SCHOOL HOLDS OPEN HOUSE

Parents Looking at More Effective Methods it Offers

San Diego –Integral Elementary School of La Jolla, which opened on September 5, 2006, will hold an Open House to allow more San Diego parents an opportunity to discover its unique methods on Wednesday, October 18, 2006 from 6 to 8:30 p.m.

The Integral philosophy, which originated at the Sri Aurobindo International Centre for Education (SAICE) in India, offers an alternative to the current “test fixated” system in the United States, according to the school’s founder and principal, Prapanna Smith.

The small but growing school has attracted many parents who are now thoroughly pleased with the very different, but highly-effective education their children are receiving.

As one set of parents, Richard and Ruth Mellen, put it:

“Our son had two prior years of experience with Integral Elementary’s ‘sister’ school, Rainbow Kids Integral Preschool and he thrived. The teachers at Integral Elementary are creating such a new, expansive, personalized learning experience for the children, and building on a deeply established educational tradition. Sebastian has come to love starting each day with the quiet of meditation with his friends. He seems to be learning in kindergarten what we learned in second grade, and has a lot of fun doing it. The low student-teacher ratio is a big plus. His day is capped off with the invaluable *Awareness Through the Body* class, which leaves him very calm and happy after seven fulfilling hours away from home.”

While still following the California State Standards, an Integral education allows students to create, with the help of teachers and parents, a learning plan that focuses on their individual strengths and interests. This facilitates having the children experience a true desire for and joy in learning. The school uses nontraditional approaches and assessments to let children demonstrate what they know in real-world situations. It also utilizes cross-aged tutoring and cross-disciplined groupings based on skill sets and abilities. Grade levels become less significant in this type of environment, as students excel and learn at a pace that is appropriate for them.

Integral Elementary boasts an 11:1 student to teacher ratio. In addition to standard academics, students also focus on the arts, meditation skills, and physical education, including yoga.

For details on the Open House or more information in general, please call (858) 450-4321 or visit www.IntegralElementary.com.

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