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**ACADEMY EDUCATES CHILDREN IN AFRICAN CULTURAL HERITAGE**

Students exposed to varied role models, range of backgrounds

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**Commentary**

- "This is a Paper or a Mid-Phone Line Award": An award given to a responsible employee on a telephone call for not using profanity or derogatory language.
- "Job of the Week": A job opportunity for a specific position at a local company.
- "The Problem Child of Prejudice, Why Ain't All the Children?": A question about the importance of diversity in education.
- "Is This a Prayer or a 900 Phone Line?": A critique of religious content in public contexts.

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The Academy educates children in African American heritage, offering a variety of role models and exploring cultural identity. The academy's curriculum includes art, music, and technology, teaching students about African American history, culture, and heritage. Students are exposed to a range of backgrounds, including African-American adults and mentors. The academy is unique among independent nonprofit cultural centers, offering a range of adult role models, Crear said.

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**Academy staff**

- **Diane Crear**: Academy director
- **Amy Dally**: Academy officer
- **Henry Hawkins**: Artist

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**Academy's Impact**

- The academy has been meeting on alternate Saturday mornings since October, and has served about half the children attending so far.
- The academy's impact is projected to continue, with plans to expand its reach.

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**References**

- **Academy Educates Children in African American Heritage**: A study by Thomas Schaefer on religion and ethics for the Wichita (Kan.) Eagle.
- **American Educators and Parents**: An article by Kathleen Taylor about teaching its children.
- **African American Adults and Men**: A research by Virginia Henderson on cultural identity.

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**Contact**

For more information, contact the Academy at 252-6180.
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which begins Feb. 4, the academy also will include parenting skills instruction.

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