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# Are your kids *Indigo* children?

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The Indigo children phenomenon has been featured on Good Morning America, CNN and USA Today. It was predicted by famous psychic Edgar Cayce. And now it has become a movement. Rather than using Mensa to determine if children have a genius IQ, new age parents are turning to Kirlian photography to measure their child's aura for an indigo glow.

The subject has lead to web sites, books, magazines and now a movie documentary, "The Indigo Evolution" www.theindigoevolution.com, is scheduled to debut Friday, Jan. 27. It will appear in Philadelphia at The Center of Peace, 4700 Wissahickon Ave., 215-843-7707.

The film's web site has a link to quiz your child to see if they may have the creative traits of an Indigo. It also has resource links to follow for more research. Apparently an indigo child has special attributes, which are clearly recognizable.

According to Indigo expert Judy Julin of cosmikids.org, featured in the film, kids like those seen on the right, could all be Indigo children. Autistic children are known to sometimes possess some highly advanced skills. While children who desire to help others may also possess very special gifts.

Julin said any child could be Indigo, even those diagnosed with learning disabilities, "Rather than numb kids with



Photo from Jessica Lester

Some unique friendships have formed this year between Spring-Ford Intermediate School sixth-grade students and their peers in Shonna Dudas' autistic support class as the children have worked together to create seasonal murals in the school hallway. The six graders volunteer to work with autistic kids. In the photo are members of Ms. Dudas' class and their peer helpers. Behind them is the mural they created for the winter season. In the front row, left to right, are Ashley Eckman, Sean Mooney, Joseph D'Anna, Emma Wiggins and Katie Gentile. In the back row, from left to right, are Mrs. Armentrout, Andrew Choutka, Sara Thornton, Shannon Stenson, Christina Manley, Taylor Fry and Ms. Dudas.

(behavioral drugs for so called attention disorders) let's try different learning environments and see how they respond when their creativity is embraced." Julin's organization and others like www.childrenofthenewearth.com, attempt to present alternative or additional educational methods for today's children.

Julin said, "When children are allowed to speak their minds without fear of retribution, they flourish. The only

rule in this creative space is to be kind to one another."

While the concept is gaining popularity, there is a great deal of skepticism concerning the way Indigo photographs are taken. It is known that human beings produce electricity and it is believed they therefore generate some type of unique aura that is invisible to the eye or regular cameras. But with Kirlian photography an additional electric charge is introduced to the subject to help

make the aura visible. Some question whether or not this also creates an artificial image.

There are many examples shown on television, (Dateline NBC) but they rarely explain how the process works and leave it to be taken for granted how amazing these auras can appear.

Julin suggested that parents can improve communication with their kids with less emphasis on labels or societal stereotypes.