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CELEBRATE ARTS IN EDUCATION

Local School Celebrates Students' Creativity With Art and Song

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PEEKSKILL, NY, May 25, 2010—Honoring and fostering the creative spark of the arts in education, the Garden Road School is proud to present an evening featuring art, song and stories by its students and faculty on Tuesday, May 25th, at the Peekskill Coffee House in Peekskill, N.Y.

The event, which will also mark the premier of the school's newest band the *Red Tailed Hornets*, is meant to showcase Garden Road's unique perspective and integrated approach to education. "At the Garden Road School, we believe arts in education is vital to creating a holistic learning environment for our children," said Donna Mikkelsen, the school's director and one of its founders. "We are so thrilled to have this art show happening at the Peekskill Coffee House. We feel it really demonstrates how we teach art as a process and encourage each child's individual expression."

In addition, the evening will also feature teachers and students performing songs from Garden Road's newly released CD *Songs from the Garden*. "The children had a wonderful time with the recording process and are so excited to bring this to life," Mikkelsen said.

If that's not enough local arts entertainment, there will also be readings from the school's other arts project, a collection of short stories written, illustrated and designed by Garden Road's second and third graders. *The Sun Shines on the Golden Dragon and the Mysterious Wizard, But Not on the Fat Smelly Alien: Garden Road Anthology 2010*, features the school's first entry into publishing, but certainly not its last.

The Garden Road School, founded in 2001, was established to educate children for a purposeful future through a vibrant curriculum that merges academic excellence, creativity and core human values. Throughout its curriculum, academics and values merge to meet the needs of each and every student's individual learning styles. The result is a holistic setting in which each child's potential is realized and nurtured. For more information, you can visit their site at <http://thegardenroad.org/>; or stop by the upcoming open house on Friday, May 28th at 9:30 a.m.

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