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Astra-Glaze® Provides Palette for Vibrant Identity

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Ruby Duncan Elementary School - Las Vegas, NV

Constructed in a recently developed neighborhood in North Las Vegas, the color palette for Ruby Duncan Elementary was chosen to provide a lively kid-centric contrast to the monochromatic tones of the surrounding natural landscape. By using [Astra-Glaze-SW+](#) glazed masonry units, the architect was able to utilize both color-blocking and a confetti pattern to create an identity for the school that's as vibrant as the school's namesake.

Raised on a Louisiana plantation, namesake Ruby Duncan is the mother of seven with merely a ninth grade education who championed the rights of the poor, women, and children of Las Vegas during the Civil Rights Movement. "We want our children to understand that life is great and they are our greatest resource," said Duncan during the school's dedication in 2010.



Clark County School District Superintendent Walt Rulfes walks the campus with namesake Ruby Duncan and Michael Flores, 22, during the school's opening day. (Photo credit: Mona Shield Payne, Las Vegas Sun.)

The 89,000 s.f. building housing grades K-5 boasts an efficient two-story plan arranged around a central outdoor courtyard learning area. The design utilizes less land than conventional one-story facilities and uses [colorful masonry](#) partitions to create additional value-added learning space.

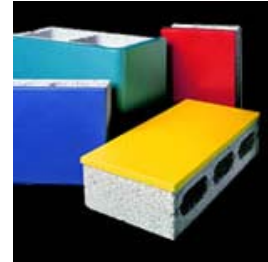
Architect Firm: SH Architecture
Lead Designer: Eric Roberts, AIA
Engineer: Mendenhall Smith
General Contractor: Core Construction
Masonry Contractor: Frazier Masonry Corporation
Supplier: Superlite, Phoenix AZ

CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES

Lunch & Learn: The Concrete Benefits of Glazed Masonry

(Program Number: Tren-1, Credits: 1 Health, Safety, and Welfare)

Glazed concrete masonry units (CMUs) are a safe, clean alternative to structural glazed facing tile (SGFT) and ceramic tile. This HSW program addresses sustainable design as well as the LEED® credits that may be achieved using glazed CMU. Learn why concrete masonry units have a high impact on safety objectives and are a "healthy choice" in terms of impact on both building inhabitants and the environment.



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