

## FAME Highlights

Welcome to our “Highlights” page. Below we share with you some of our student, staff, and school wide accomplishments of the past year. Congratulations to everyone involved!

- ❖ June – WASC recertification for three year term



FAME was awarded accreditation for another three year term by the Western Association of Schools Accreditation. Accreditation means that our high school program meets the standards of a quality program and that our courses and transcripts will be recognized by both public and private universities. Please see our Accreditation page for a copy of our report and the visiting committee final report.

- ❖ April – 8<sup>th</sup> grade student Clay Ferguson received EPA 2008 President’s Environmental Youth Award (PEYA)

Clay and his partner along with other regional winners were guests of the EPA for an award dinner in Washington where they received their recognition award.

The PEYA program was established by the White House in 1971 and has been administered by EPA since that time. Up to 10 winning projects are selected each year from EPA's 10 regional offices. Young people from around the country and U.S. territories are invited annually to participate in the PEYA program, which is aimed at encouraging individuals, school classes, summer camps, youth organizations and public interest groups to promote environmental awareness and encourage positive community involvement.



Left to Right: Amy Chovnick, Chance Boreczky, Clay Ferguson, Lisa Jackson

To read more about Clay’s project click on this link: <http://www.epa.gov/peya/peya2008.html#9>

- ❖ April – FAME Receives \$1000 Governor’s Fitness Challenge Front Runner Award

FAME received a \$1,000 check from the Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports and CVS/pharmacy for being named a Front Runner Recognition award winner in the 2009 Governor’s Challenge Competition. The award was presented by Lorrie Sullenberger, Regional Fitness Ambassador of the Governor’s Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, and Reldon (Lee) Gifford of CVS/pharmacy.

The Governor’s Challenge Competition is a statewide fitness contest among k-12 schools that promotes increased physical activity and better health among California’s youth. FAME Public Charter is one of 29 schools statewide, one of 3 in the Bay Area, and **the only school in Alameda County** receiving a Front Runner Recognition Award. FAME Public Charter School is one of 106 Bay



Left to Right: Nabeez Noor, Aisha Hirani, Rob Robinson, Aram Kennard, Haroon Wally

Area schools that is competing in the 2009 Governor's Challenge.

For more info on the Governor's Council, contact Kenny Rogers: 310-692-0162 (Cell) or [Kenny@CalGovCouncil.org](mailto:Kenny@CalGovCouncil.org)

- ❖ March – PTO Scholastic Book Fair raised \$3,000 worth of books for classrooms

In March, FAME held its first Scholastic book fair. Enough books were purchased to enable \$3000 worth of books to be donated back to the classrooms. Thank FAME PTO and parents for supporting our school!

- ❖ California Certified Charter School



The California Charter Schools Association named FAME a certified charter school in 2007. The Certified program validates and distinguishes charter schools that have demonstrated a commitment to meeting rigorous, comprehensive quality standards established by California's charter school association. By successfully completing the Certification process, participating schools provide families and the education community with verification that they are upholding standards which define a high-quality school. For more information please follow the link:

[http://www.myschool.org/Certified\\_Schools/](http://www.myschool.org/Certified_Schools/)

- ❖ Four Unqualified (i.e. clean) Audits

Each year FAME contracts with an external auditing firm to review financial and attendance data to ensure its compliance with reporting requirements. FAME has been awarded a clean audit every year.

- ❖ API score improved 26 points in 2008

Please see FAME School Accountability Report Card for more information on API.

[http://www.famecharter.org/downloads/documents/SARC\\_2007-2008\\_As\\_Reported\\_2008\\_2009.pdf](http://www.famecharter.org/downloads/documents/SARC_2007-2008_As_Reported_2008_2009.pdf)

- ❖ Made AYP in 18 of 18 criteria in 2008

Please see FAME's School Accountability Report Card for more information on AYP.

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- ❖ SB 740 Funding Determination – 100%

In May 2009, the State Board of Education determined that FAME qualifies for a second 3-yr round of 100% funding. Legislation requires the State Board of Education to determine whether charter schools that offer non-classroom based instruction qualify for 100% funding. Funding determinations are based on a charter school's compliance with several requirements related to pupil-teacher ratio, attendance and facilities use. The State Board reduces the amount of funding awarded to a charter school if any requirements are not met.

- ❖ \$577,000 Federal Facilities Grant

FAME was awarded a Federal Facilities grant to continue upgrading and develop its school locations.