



BASIS @ FAME

Fall 2006 Class Schedule and Newsletter

Dear Families,

Welcome to the 2006-2007 school year! We are very excited about the upcoming year as we have expanded our program to offer a variety of services to support you and your student(s). First and foremost, we are pleased to announce that we will be offering small group classes at our Dublin Learning Center and our soon to be opened center in the Antioch/Brentwood area. In addition, both locations will house a curriculum library, small computer lab and provide a place for students and teachers to come together for meetings and events. We will also bring you a host of field trips and school-wide events aimed at creating community and supplementing your student's learning program. And there's more; we have hired a full-time Academic Counselor to help our high school students plan their academic program based on career and college goals. We are also implementing the NWEA assessment which will enable our parent educators and teachers to further tailor each child's learning plan based on academic ability and need. We have worked hard to put new support systems in place that will make your child(s) educational program better than ever.

This packet contains a class schedule for both of our learning centers, registration instructions, and a wealth of information regarding events and services offered this first semester. If you have questions about any of the information in this schedule/newsletter, please call the Dublin Learning Center at 925-875-9900 and our staff will be happy to answer your questions or direct your call to someone who can.

Happy Learning!

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Learning Center Classes

Families choose home study as the primary mode of instruction for their students for a variety of reasons. We all know the many advantages to independent study, yet we also know that many students thrive given the opportunity for small group classes and cooperative learning activities. We think it's important for children to learn how to work in a group environment. We think it's a better educational experience for our high schoolers to have access to qualified teachers that teach subjects our parent educators struggle to provide for at home. We've recruited a group of highly qualified teachers to provide supplemental instruction in a variety of subject matter across all grade levels. Our class offerings will start with a few this semester and grow based on the needs of our community. We look forward to talking with you about what classes you would like to see offered at our Learning Centers.

Class Offerings

What follows are the class names and descriptions of all of our classes organized by location, age group and subject matter. There is a class schedule for Dublin and a class schedule for Antioch/Brentwood area. Please make a note of the start and end dates of each class. Most classes are semester long and begin and end on the same day, however, we do offer 9 week classes whose dates will vary throughout the semester. You may also want to consider keeping this class schedule handy for future reference. Detailed information on how to register follows the schedule.

Dublin Learning Center Classes

Dublin Elementary Classes – K-5th

Young Authors	Teacher: Maria Baalbaki
<i>Who:</i> grades 1-3	<i>When:</i> Tuesdays, 9:00am-10:30am
<i>Class Fee:</i> \$180	<i>Text Fee:</i> \$20
<i>Equipment and Supply Fee:</i> \$20	<i>End Date:</i> January 23 rd , 2007
<i>Start Date:</i> September 12 th , 2006	
<i>Location:</i> Dublin Learning Center	
<i>Class Description:</i> Do you like reading, writing and telling stories? Join this class and we will read lots of new stories and probably some of your old favorites. We will complete art projects based on the characters from the stories we read. Students will also get an opportunity to write and illustrate the stories that dwell in their own imaginations. There will be lots of hands-on and group projects throughout the semester.	

Word Play	Teacher: Maria Baalbaki
<i>Who:</i> grades 4-6	<i>When:</i> Tuesdays, 10:45am-12:15pm
<i>Class Fee:</i> \$180	<i>Text Fee:</i> \$40
<i>Equipment and Supply Fee:</i> \$10	<i>End Date:</i> January 23 rd , 2007
<i>Start Date:</i> September 12 th , 2006	
<i>Location:</i> Dublin Learning Center	
<i>Class Description:</i> Could you spend hours at the library getting to know the characters of your favorite books? In this class we will have discussions about how authors create characters, setting and plot. We will write and illustrate original short stories, plays and poems. We will read plays and share our favorite authors! There will be lots of opportunities for creative, hands-on projects as well as time to get to know your classmates during group projects.	

Number Fun	Teacher: Maria Baalbaki
<i>Who:</i> grades 4-6	<i>When:</i> Tuesdays, 1:00pm-2:30pm
<i>Class Fee:</i> \$180	<i>Text Fee:</i> No Text
<i>Equipment and Supply Fee:</i> \$25	<i>End Date:</i> January 23 rd , 2007
<i>Start Date:</i> September 12 th , 2006	
<i>Location:</i> Dublin Learning Center	
<i>Class Description:</i> Come join us for a fun, basic skills math class with lots of activities that'll stimulate our mathematical logic skills. We'll use our hands and our brains to solve tough, real life math problems. We'll work in pairs and groups to challenge each other with math games and puzzles. You'll continue to do your math work at home but come to this class to learn and see how math really applies to your everyday world in a fun and exciting way.	

Dublin Middle School Classes – grades 6th-8th

Before Shrek	Teacher: Leigh Anne Jones
<i>Who:</i> grades 6-8	<i>When:</i> Fridays, 10:00am-11:30am
<i>Class Fee:</i> \$180	<i>Text Fee:</i> \$30
<i>Equipment and Supply Fee:</i> \$30	<i>End Date:</i> January 26 th , 2007
<i>Start Date:</i> September 15 th , 2006	
<i>Location:</i> Dublin Learning Center	
<i>Class Description:</i> Students in this class will strengthen their ability to analyze and interpret literature by studying folk tales, fairy tales, adventure stories, legends, myths, fables, and other (often surprisingly and impressively weird) lore from around the world. Expect roundtable discussion at every class meeting, along with occasional small-group activities and projects, in-class writing assignments, in-class movies, and maybe a field trip or two. One formal two-four page essay will be required toward the end of the semester. Not worry! There will be lots of instruction given on how to write an essay	
<i>Special Notes:</i> Most of the assigned reading must be done on your own time. A useful rule of thumb when budgeting study time is to set aside three hours at home for every hour spent in the classroom. (Yes, really!)	

Pre-Algebra		Teacher: Maria Baalbaki
<i>Who:</i> grades 7-8		<i>When:</i> Tuesdays, 2:45pm-4:15pm
<i>Class Fee:</i> \$180	<i>Text Fee:</i> \$70	<i>Equipment and Supply Fee:</i> \$5
<i>Start Date:</i> September 12 th , 2006		<i>End Date:</i> January 23 rd , 2007
<i>Location:</i> Dublin Learning Center		
<i>Class Description:</i> This Pre-Algebra Class will explore the fundamental principles which will prepare students for Algebra 1. Writing and solving word problems and a thorough review of mathematical concepts such as fractions, decimals and percents will be included. Our course studies will be guided by a text book but there will be time for group and hands-on projects.		
<i>Special Notes:</i> 6 th graders can enroll with instructor's permission.		

Dublin High School Classes– grades 9th-12th

Algebra 1		Teacher: Patricia Hierro
<i>Who:</i> grades 8-12		<i>When:</i> Wednesdays, 10:00am-11:30am
<i>Class Fee:</i> \$180	<i>Text Fee:</i> \$80	<i>Equipment and Supply Fee:</i> \$5
<i>Start Date:</i> September 13 th , 2006		<i>End Date:</i> January 24 th , 2007
<i>Location:</i> Dublin Learning Center		
<i>Class Description:</i> This course will cover the basics of solving equations and all major topics, (e.g. slope, simultaneous equations, factoring) found in the Basis @ Fame high school course description for Algebra I. Emphasis will be placed not just on using formulas but on understanding the concepts behind them. Geometric concepts will be integrated into this course when appropriate.		
<i>Supplies Needed:</i> Please bring a three ring binder, notebook paper and pencils.		
<i>Pre-Requisites and Special Notes:</i> Students enrolling in this course must first pass the math assessment test.		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school students taking this class will receive 5 credits each semester provided they pass with a D or better. • This class can easily be modified to meet the a-g requirements for UC/CSU admissions. We will confer with all enrollees ISTs for confirmation on college prep status. Please see the course instructor if you have any questions. 		

Creative Writing		Teacher: Sandy Hsaio-Frates
<i>Who:</i> grades 9-12		<i>When:</i> Wednesdays, 11:45am-1:15pm
<i>Class Fee:</i> \$180	<i>Text Fee:</i> \$5	<i>Equipment and Supply Fee:</i> \$5
<i>Start Date:</i> September 13 th , 2006		<i>End Date:</i> January, 24 th , 2007
<i>Location:</i> Dublin Learning Center		
<i>Class Description:</i> Take a break from “academic” writing. Experiment with different types of communication by reviewing various writers’ styles and practicing strategies that manipulate words into what you really want to say. Get experience with short stories, poetic techniques, and skits creation while dabbling in various art mediums to accentuate your presentation. This class is fun and deep – be ready for lots of class participation.		
<i>Supplies Needed:</i> Please bring a notebook, lined paper, pen and/or pencils.		
<i>Special Notes:</i> This class is considered supplemental and is therefore part of a 5 credit English course plan put together with the student’s IST. Your IST will be notified as to the course content and how much work is being assigned outside of class.		

Talking About Literature		Teacher: Leigh Anne Jones
<i>Who:</i> grades 9-12		<i>When:</i> Fridays, 12:15-2:15
<i>Class Fee:</i> \$180	<i>Text Fee:</i> \$35	<i>Equipment and Supply Fee:</i> \$20
<i>Start Date:</i> September 15 th , 2006		<i>End Date:</i> January 26 th , 2007
<i>Location:</i> Dublin Learning Center		
<i>Class Description:</i> When asked to respond to a work of literature, many of us think, “But I don’t know what to say!” This course will equip students with skills and strategies they can use to perform the hard and genuinely satisfying work of literary analysis. We will explore many literary genres, including poetry, short stories, plays, novels, and graphic novels. We’ll do plenty of close reading and be exposed to literary criticism, history, and biography along the way. Expect roundtable discussion at every class meeting, along with occasional small-group activities and projects, in-class writing assignments, in-class movies, and maybe a field trip or two.		
<i>Special Notes:</i>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almost all of the assigned reading must be done on your own time. A useful rule of thumb when budgeting study time is to set aside three hours for every hour you spend in the classroom. (Yes, really!) Two formal three-to-five page essays will be required during the semester. • This class is considered supplemental and is therefore part of a 5 credit English course plan put together with the student’s IST. Your IST will be notified as to the course content and how much work is being assigned outside of class. 		

College and Career Exploration		Teacher: Sandy Hsaio-Frates
<i>Who:</i> grades 10-12		<i>When:</i> Wednesdays, 1:30pm-3:00pm
<i>Class Fee:</i> \$180	<i>Text Fee:</i> No Text	<i>Equipment and Supply Fee:</i> \$20
<i>Start Date:</i> September 13 th , 2006		<i>End Date:</i> January 24 th , 2007
<i>Class Description:</i> Has anyone ever asked you, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” or “What are you going to do after high school?” Explore the many options that lay before you. You don’t have to settle for the “regular, ‘ol” jobs that you’ve always heard of. Through a variety of personality, skills, interests, and values self-assessments, narrow down college and/or career pathways that best match who you are. Workshops also include opportunities to study various colleges and careers, as well as researching opportunities to build upon your present experience.		
<i>Supplies Needed:</i> Please bring a binder, notebook paper and pens/pencils.		
<i>Special Notes:</i> This class is considered supplemental and is therefore part of a 5 credit elective course plan put together with the student’s IST. Your IST will be notified as to the course content and how much work is being assigned outside of class.		

Dublin Parent Workshops

Homeschooling 101		Teacher: Cheryl Townsend
<i>Who:</i> Parents		<i>When:</i> Wednesday, September 6 th 6pm-8pm
<i>Location:</i> Dublin Learning Center		
<i>Class Description:</i> Are you new to homeschooling your child/ren? Have you been homeschooling for a while but want some new ideas for a fresh start? This workshop is designed to assist parents in defining and implementing a solid home study program. We’ll talk about planning coursework, project based learning and integrated curriculum. We’ll also share our stories and be given an opportunity for problem solving some of the challenges we face. This is a great opportunity to learn and ask questions about documentation and other program requirements.		
<i>Special Notes:</i> Please make child care arrangements for your children. We truly love them but the content of this workshop is geared towards adults. Thanks for your understanding.		

Learning Styles and Multiple Intelligences: What Does it all Mean?		Teacher: Cheryl Townsend
<i>Who:</i> Parents		<i>When:</i> Thursday October 5 th , 2006 6pm-8pm
<i>Location:</i> Dublin Learning Center		
<i>Class Description:</i> There is so much buzz about learning styles and Gardener’s Theory of Multiple Intelligences but what does it really mean and why is it important? Come learn about these theories and how they apply to your children. We will take our own multiple intelligence assessments, discuss what we know about our children’s learning styles and practice strategies for using what we learn. The goal is leave this workshop with some tools to help you be a better home study teacher.		
<i>Special Notes:</i> Please make child care arrangements for your children. We truly love them but the content of this workshop is geared towards adults. Thanks for your understanding.		

Basis @ Fame Community Forum		Teacher: Cheryl Townsend
<i>Who:</i> Parent and All Students Welcome		<i>When:</i> Thursday, November 9 th 6pm-8pm
<i>Location:</i> Dublin Learning Center		
<i>Class Description:</i> As we begin to plan our courses for next semester we need feedback from the Basis @ Fame community about what you need and want to see in the Learning Center classes we’ll offer. This is an opportunity to have a real say in the direction we take our Learning Centers. Please plan to join us for an evening of lively discussion and snacks as we continue to grow our Center with your full participation.		

Antioch/Brentwood Learning Center

Antioch/Brentwood Elementary Classes – Grades K-5th

Play and Learn Enrichment Class		Teacher: Tacy Howell
<i>Who:</i> grades K-2		<i>When:</i> Tuesdays, 1:00pm-2:30pm
<i>Class Fee:</i> \$180	<i>Text Fee:</i> No Text	<i>Equipment and Supply Fee:</i> \$40
<i>Start Date:</i> September 12 th , 2006		<i>End Date:</i> January 23 rd , 2007
<i>Location:</i> To Be Announced – We will call you with the location using the phone number on your registration form.		
<i>Class Description:</i> This is a project based enrichment class where a central theme or children’s work of literature is explored through		

a variety of discussions and hands-on activities. We will work on arts and crafts projects and prepare and share snack each week. This class provides an excellent opportunity for our youngest students to learn how to work cooperatively in small groups as well as make new friends within a community of learners.

Discovering Art		Teacher: Nancy Roberts	
<i>Who:</i> grades K-2		<i>When:</i> Tuesdays, 11:00am-12:00pm	
<i>Class Fee:</i> \$180	<i>Text Fee:</i> No Text	<i>Equipment and Supply Fee:</i> \$40	
<i>Start Date:</i> September 12 th , 2006		<i>End Date:</i> January 23 rd , 2007	
<i>Location:</i> To Be Announced – We will call you with the location using the phone number on your registration form.			
<i>Class Description:</i> Art is fun! In this class students create beautiful, colorful original artwork while exploring a wide variety of materials, themes and techniques. Basic art skills and concepts are introduced in a playful, encouraging setting.			

Secret Formulas		Teacher: Sherri Prater	
<i>Who:</i> grades 1-3		<i>When:</i> Wednesdays, 9:45am-11:15am	
<i>Class Fee:</i> \$90	<i>Text Fee:</i> No Text	<i>Equipment and Supply Fee:</i> \$25	
<i>Start Date:</i> November 29 th 2006		<i>End Date:</i> January 24 th , 2006	
<i>Location:</i> To Be Announced – We will call you with the location using the phone number on your registration form.			
<i>Class Description:</i> Students will eagerly investigate the properties of substances as they make their own personal brands of paste, toothpaste, cola, and ice cream. The activities have been carefully designed to convey key science/mathematics skills and concepts, provide highly motivating real-life experiences with chemistry, and build their understanding of cause and effect. This class is 8 weeks in duration and will run the second ½ of the semester.			
<i>Special Notes:</i> This class begins mid semester. Please check the start and end dates carefully.			

Creative Writing		Teacher: Sherri Prater	
<i>Who:</i> grades 2-5		<i>When:</i> Wednesdays, 9:45am-11:15am	
<i>Class Fee:</i> \$90	<i>Text Fee:</i> No Text	<i>Equipment and Supply Fee:</i> \$5	
<i>Start Date:</i> September 13 th , 2006		<i>End Date:</i> November 15 th , 2006	
<i>Location:</i> To Be Announced – We will call you with the location using the phone number on your registration form.			
<i>Class Description:</i> Come and join the fun, be creative and learn how to write some fantastic stories. The goal of the class will be to learn to write with passion and ease as well as see writing as an everyday, useful and even enjoyable tool. Topics will include: writing for a specific purpose, determining topics, presenting ideas clearly, elaborating on ideas, embracing language, creating engaging leads, composing satisfying endings, using an author’s voice, editing, applying correct conventions and learning how to take responsibility for producing writing. This class is 10 weeks in duration and will run the first ½ of the semester.			
<i>Special Notes:</i> Each student will be provided a journal in class.			

Exploring Art		Teacher: Nancy Roberts	
<i>Who:</i> grades 3-5		<i>When:</i> Wednesdays, 11:30am-12:30pm	
<i>Class Fee:</i> \$180	<i>Text Fee:</i> No Text	<i>Equipment and Supply Fee:</i> \$40	
<i>Start Date:</i> September 13 th , 2006		<i>End Date:</i> January 24 th , 2007	
<i>Location:</i> To Be Announced – We will call you with the location using the phone number on your registration form.			
<i>Class Description:</i> Express your creativity with a wide variety of fun materials and themes. Projects introduce fine art techniques, art history and multi-cultural inspirations.			

Calling All Einsteins!		Teacher: Claudia Thiel	
<i>Who:</i> grades 4-6		<i>When:</i> Tuesdays, 2:00pm-3:30pm	
<i>Class Fee:</i> \$180	<i>Text Fee:</i> See Below	<i>Equipment and Supply Fee:</i> \$50	
<i>Start Date:</i> September 12 th , 2006		<i>End Date:</i> January 23 rd , 2007	
<i>Location:</i> To Be Announced – We will call you with the location using the phone number on your registration form.			
<i>Class Description:</i> This is a hands-on lab science class. The class will consist of weekly science experiments and observations in the areas of life science, physical science, earth science and chemistry. Be ready to get your hands dirty and your brain thinking as you observe and learn about how our world works.			
<i>Special Notes:</i> There is no text required for this class. However, we are using the REAL Science text series as the main source for our lab experiments. If you want to use this text series as well you may order them through your IST.			

Antioch/Brentwood Middle School Classes – Grades 6th - 8th

Before Shrek		Teacher: Leigh Anne Jones	
<i>Who:</i> grades 6-8		<i>When:</i> Thursdays, 10:00am-11:30am	
<i>Class Fee:</i> \$180	<i>Text Fee:</i> \$30	<i>Equipment and Supply Fee:</i> \$30	
<i>Start Date:</i> September 14 th , 2006		<i>End Date:</i> January 25 th , 2007	
<i>Location:</i> To Be Announced – We will call you with the location using the phone number on your registration form.			
<i>Class Description:</i> Students in this class will strengthen their ability to analyze and interpret literature by studying folk tales, fairy tales, adventure stories, legends, myths, fables, and other (often surprisingly and impressively weird) lore from around the world. Expect roundtable discussion at every class meeting, along with occasional small-group activities and projects, in-class writing assignments, in-class movies, and maybe a field trip or two. One formal two-four page essay will be required toward the end of the semester. Not worry! There will be lots of instruction given on how to write an essay			
<i>Special Notes:</i> Most of the assigned reading must be done on your own time. A useful rule of thumb when budgeting study time is to set aside three hours at home for every hour spent in the classroom. (Yes, really!)			

Young Artist's Studio		Teacher: Nancy Roberts	
<i>Who:</i> grades 6-8		<i>When:</i> Thursdays, 11:45-1:45	
<i>Class Fee:</i> \$180	<i>Text Fee:</i> No Text	<i>Equipment and Supply Fee:</i> \$45	
<i>Start Date:</i> September 14 th , 2006		<i>End Date:</i> January 25 th , 2007	
<i>Location:</i> To Be Announced – We will call you with the location using the phone number on your registration form.			
<i>Class Description:</i> Expand your skills and build confidence as you explore a wide variety of media and themes. Projects combine traditional fine art techniques, historical and cultural tie-ins with fun and creative experimentation.			

Antioch/Brentwood High School Classes – Grades 9th-12th

Talking About Literature		Teacher: Leigh Anne Jones	
<i>Who:</i> grades 9-12		<i>When:</i> Thursdays, 12:15-2:15	
<i>Class Fee:</i> \$180	<i>Text Fee:</i> \$35	<i>Equipment and Supply Fee:</i> \$20	
<i>Start Date:</i> September 14 th , 2006		<i>End Date:</i> January 25 th , 2007	
<i>Location:</i> To Be Announced – We will call you with the location using the phone number on your registration form.			
<i>Class Description:</i> When asked to respond to a work of literature, many of us think, “But I don’t know what to say!” This course will equip students with skills and strategies they can use to perform the hard and genuinely satisfying work of literary analysis. We will explore many literary genres, including poetry, short stories, plays, novels, and graphic novels. We’ll do plenty of close reading and be exposed to literary criticism, history, and biography along the way. Expect roundtable discussion at every class meeting, along with occasional small-group activities and projects, in-class writing assignments, in-class movies, and maybe a field trip or two.			
<i>Special Notes:</i>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Almost all of the assigned reading must be done on your own time. A useful rule of thumb when budgeting study time is to set aside three hours for every hour you spend in the classroom. (Yes, really!) Two formal three-to-five page essays will be required during the semester. • This class is considered supplemental and is therefore part of a 5 credit English course plan put together with the student’s IST. Your IST will be notified as to the course content and how much work is being assigned outside of class. 			

Algebra 1		Teacher: Margie McKenzie	
<i>Who:</i> grades 8-12		<i>When:</i> Wednesdays, 3:45pm-5:15pm	
<i>Class Fee:</i> \$180	<i>Text Fee:</i> \$75	<i>Equipment and Supply Fee:</i> \$5	
<i>Start Date:</i> September 13 th , 2006		<i>End Date:</i> January 24 th , 2007	
<i>Location:</i> To Be Announced – We will call you with the location using the phone number on your registration form.			
<i>Class Description:</i> This course will cover the basics of solving equations and all major topics, (e.g. slope, simultaneous equations, factoring) found in the Basis @ Fame high school course description for Algebra I. Emphasis will be placed not just on using formulas but on understanding the concepts behind them. Geometric concepts will be integrated into this course when appropriate.			
<i>Supplies Needed:</i> Please bring a three ring binder, paper and pencils to class each week.			
<i>Pre-Requisites and Special Notes:</i> Students enrolling in this course must first pass the math assessment test.			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High school students taking this class will receive 5 credits each semester provided they pass with a D or better. • This class can easily be modified to meet the a-g requirements for UC/CSU admissions. We will confer with all enrollees ISTs for confirmation on college prep status. Please see the course instructor if you have any questions. 			

Advanced Art		Teacher: Nancy Roberts
<i>Who:</i> grades 9-12		<i>When:</i> Fridays, 10:30am-12:30pm
<i>Class Fee:</i> \$180	<i>Text Fee:</i> No Text	<i>Equipment and Supply Fee:</i> \$45
<i>Start Date:</i> September 15 th , 2006		<i>End Date:</i> January 26 th , 2007
<i>Location:</i> To Be Announced – We will call you with the location using the phone number on your registration form.		
<i>Class Description:</i> Expand your skills and build confidence as you explore a wide variety of media and themes. Projects combine traditional fine art techniques, historical and cultural tie-ins with fun and creative experimentation.		
<i>Special Notes:</i> This class is considered supplemental and is therefore part of a 5 credit elective or fine arts course plan put together with the student's IST. Your IST will be notified as to the course content and how much work is being assigned outside of class.		

Antioch/Brentwood Parent Workshops

Homeschooling 101		Teacher: Cheryl Townsend
<i>Who:</i> Parents		<i>When:</i> Thursday, September 7 th 6pm-8pm
<i>Location:</i> To Be Announced – We will call you with the location using the phone number on your registration form.		
<i>Class Description:</i> Are you new to homeschooling your child/ren? Have you been homeschooling for a while but want some new ideas for a fresh start? This workshop is designed to assist parents in defining and implementing a solid home study program. We'll talk about planning coursework, project based learning and integrated curriculum. We'll also share our stories and be given an opportunity for problem solving some of the challenges we face. This is a great opportunity to learn and ask questions about documentation and other program requirements.		
<i>Special Notes:</i> Please make child care arrangements for your children. We truly love them but the content of this workshop is geared towards adults. Thanks for your understanding.		

Learning Styles and Multiple Intelligences: What Does it all Mean?		Teacher: Cheryl Townsend
<i>Who:</i> Parents		<i>When:</i> Wednesday October 4 th , 2006 6pm-8pm
<i>Location:</i> To Be Announced – We will call you with the location using the number on your registration form.		
<i>Class Description:</i> There is so much buzz about learning styles and Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences but what does it really mean and why is it important? Come learn about these theories and how they apply to your children. We will take our own multiple intelligence assessments, discuss what we know about our children's learning styles and practice strategies for using what we learn. The goal is leave this workshop with some tools to help you be a better home study teacher.		
<i>Special Notes:</i> Please make child care arrangements for your children. We truly love them but the content of this workshop is geared towards adults. Thanks for your understanding.		

Basis @ Fame Community Forum		Teacher: Cheryl Townsend
<i>Who:</i> Parent and All Students Welcome		<i>When:</i> Wednesday, November 8 th 6pm-8pm
<i>Location:</i> To Be Announced – We will call you with the location using the number on your registration form.		
<i>Class Description:</i> As we begin to plan our courses for next semester we need feedback from the Basis @ Fame community about what you need and want to see in the Learning Center classes we'll offer. This is an opportunity to have a real say in the direction we take our Learning Centers. Please plan to join us for an evening of lively discussion and snacks as we continue to grow our Center with your full participation.		

How to Register for Classes

Enrollment in classes must be discussed with your IST as part of the student's overall learning plan. We will be checking registration requests with ISTs during the registration process. We understand the window of opportunity for discussion is short this particular semester but please make sure you discuss class enrollments and cost with your IST to avoid any confusion regarding your student's budget and courses of study.

Open registration begins Wednesday, August 30th and ends Wednesday, September 6th. Registration forms will be not be processed before then. Please complete and return one registration form to the Dublin Office for **each student** requesting classes. You will need to make copies if you are registering more than one student. Anyone turning in a registration form during open enrollment will be enrolled in classes on a first come first served basis. Enrollment forms can be turned in after the open enrollment period but spaces fill quickly so it is in your best interest to get your enrollment forms in the first day of open enrollment. You may turn in your registration form in one of the following ways:

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If a class is full or closed we will let you know, otherwise attend the first day of class with the supplies listed in the class description. Some classes will fill up quickly. You will be notified if a class you registered for is full. The cost of the classes will be deducted from the student's account upon registration so please choose your student's classes carefully.

Class Size, Waiting Lists and Class Cancellation

Classes need a minimum enrollment of 10 students. Maximum enrollment is 15. If we have less than 10 students enroll in a class we will most likely cancel that class. Classes are considered closed at the point at which 15 students enroll. At that time a waiting list will be established and students will be entered in the order their enrollment form was received. If we have enough interest we will do our best to offer another section of the course.

Class Fees and Student Budgets

Each student enrolled in BASIS @ FAME is given monetary units that may be used to purchase educational materials and classes from our school store. Your teacher helps you budget this allocation and requests the materials and classes needed for your student's program. The costs listed in the class description will be withdrawn from individual student accounts at the time of registration. Once we deduct those funds, we cannot put them back so please pay attention to this detail.

The IST and parents are responsible for ensuring that a student's core curriculum needs are met through independent study, using student funding as it is made available each semester. If a family wants their student to take classes at the Learning Center beyond the amount of funding in their budget or chooses to save available funding for other services, they may choose to pay out of pocket for class fees along with text and materials fees at the rate published in the schedule. Class registration must be approved by the student's IST whether paid for by the school or the family. See the instructions listed on the registration form if you are paying out of pocket for classes.

Dropping a Class

If your student chooses not to attend the class before the first scheduled class session you must fill out a drop form on behalf of your student and turn it in to the Dublin office. You may also call the office and we will fill one out with you over the phone. Please notify us as soon as possible so we can place students from the waiting list. Your student must also fill out a drop form if dropping a class at anytime throughout the semester. There will be no refunds for materials or class fees after registration

Events and Information

Dublin Learning Center Library and Office Hours

Dublin is the main office for BASIS @ FAME. Please contact this office for enrollment information or questions about our program. 6400 Village Parkway, Suites A and F, Dublin, CA 94568. Telephone: 925-875-9900, FAX: 925-875-9554

Office Hours: 9:00-4:00 Monday-Friday

Library Hours: 9:00-1:00 Monday-Thursday, and by appointment on Friday

Antioch/Brentwood Learning Center Library and Office Hours

Location to be announced: Classes will be offered in an alternative location until the center is opened.

WASC Accreditation Update

Many of you participated in the accreditation self-study process that we conducted last school year. We are pleased to announce that the Western Association of Schools and Colleges has awarded FAME Public Charter School a three year accreditation term. We appreciate all of your support and efforts on our behalf during the accreditation process. We will be updating you regularly regarding progress on our school-wide action plan and will continue to seek input from our students, parents, and community members as we move forward.

Academic Counselor

We are pleased to announce that we have hired a full-time Academic Counselor. Her name is Lexy Bethel. She is available to help develop high school plans; to provide career/college planning; to offer support in applying to community college, filling out college applications and filing for financial aid; and she will process work permits and community college concurrent application forms. Lexy will be working closely with Leslie Nilson, our high school program administrator, to continue to develop our high school program to insure students are receiving the best support possible. You may contact her at 925-875-9900 or at lexyb@basischarter.org.

NWEA Assessments

We are implementing a new assessment that we anticipate will help you and your teacher to personalize your student's learning plan based on feedback about what your student is ready to learn. The assessments were developed by an organization called NWEA. Their website is <http://www.nwea.org/>. We encourage you to go to the website and find out more about NWEA.

We will administer the NWEA assessments during the latter part of September. The assessment is computer based and most students should be able to complete it within three hours. Students in grades 4-10 will be required to take the assessment. It is optional for students in grades 3, 11 and 12. You will receive a letter in the mail in the near future that will provide you with detailed information on the NWEA assessment along with the location and time for your family.

California High School Exit Exam Math Tutoring Support

Our learning center math teachers are also available for private tutoring. They will give preference to BASIS @ FAME students wishing to work with them individually or in small groups in preparation for the Exit Exam. If you have concerns about your student's readiness for the 11th and 12th grade administration of the exam in November, please contact your Independent Study Teacher to arrange for tutoring. Tutoring can be ordered through our school store with student funds applied towards the tutoring fees.

Field Trip Offerings

We are proud to continue offering monthly field trips for our families. Below is a list of confirmed trips and we are waiting for confirmation on several others. Please obtain a Field Trip Registration Form from your IST if you are interested in signing up for any of the trips listed below. For more information about these trips call Ellen Gave at the Dublin office at 925 875-9900.

Shakespeare's *As You Like It*

Friday October 6th – 10:30am-2:30pm

(most appropriate for grades 6 and above)

Bruns Amphitheater

100 Gateway Blvd. Orinda

Sutter's Fort and

California State Indian Museum Tours

Thursday October 26th – 10:30pm-2:00pm

Sutter's Fort - Self-guided Tour 11:10am

Indian Museum Tours – 1:00pm and 1:30pm

2701 L Street

Sacramento

The Tech Museum

www.thetech.org

Wednesday November 15th 9:15am-2:15pm **201 S. Market St.**

k-12th grades Museum Tour and IMAX Film **San Jose, Ca**

4th-6th grade Chemical Properties Lab Class at 9:30am

7th-8th grade Science of Electricity Lab Class at 9:30am

Learning Centers Open House and Picture Days

Come and see our Learning Centers in full swing. Get your picture taken, check out the library and visit with members of the BASIS @ FAME community. Photo packages range from \$25 to \$128. Payment can be made by cash, check or credit card. Small group photos of siblings/parents are available. Student, parent, and staff ID cards are available however they will not be laminated. (There may be a small charge for parent ID cards.) Look for more information in September!

Dublin Learning Center Open House/Picture Day: Monday, October 2: 10:00-2:00.

Antioch/Brentwood Learning Center Open House/Picture Day: Monday, October 23: 10:00-2:00, Location TBA: Call our Dublin Learning Center for information.

Stockton Picture Day Only: Monday, October 16th, Location and Time TBA: Call our Dublin Learning Center for information

Spelling and Geography Bees

BASIS @ FAME is proud to offer its students the opportunity to participate in the national geography and spelling bees. Please call our Dublin office for sign ups and preparation materials at 925-875-9900.

National Geographic Geography Bee - Tuesday and Wednesday, January 9th and 10th

Spelling Bee – Tuesday and Wednesday, January 23rd and 24th

Important Dates to Remember

Parent calendars are available through your teacher but this condensed version of important days are listed here for your convenience. Feel free to remove this page and place it on your refrigerator!

August 28 th	The First Day of School
September 4 th	Labor Day – No School
October 6 th	Field Trip – Cal Shakes <i>As You Like It</i>
October 18 th	PSAT Test Day
October 23 rd -24 th	School Holiday
November 7 th -8 th	California HS Exit Exam grade 11 th -12 th Grades Only
November 10 th	Veteran's Day – No School
November 22 nd -24 th	Thanksgiving Holiday – No School
December 18 th -January 2 nd	Winter Break – No School
January 9 th -10 th	Geography Bee Event
January 15 th	Martin Luther King Day – No School
January 23 rd -24 th	Spelling Bee Event
January 26 th	Last Day of the Fall Semester
January 29 th	First Day of the Spring Semester

Have a Wonderful and Productive Year!

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Date: _____ IST Name _____

Which Learning Center? Antioch/Brentwood Dublin (please circle)

Student Name: _____ Grade Level: _____

Home phone: _____ Alt. Phone: _____

Student Address: _____

Email address: _____

Does this student have any health problems that we should know about? Please give details.

I have discussed the classes requested with our teacher/facilitator.

Parent Initials _____

I am paying out of pocket for my child's classes and have attached a check for the class fees, text costs and supplies and equipment fees.

Parent has paid in full. Staff Initials _____

REQUESTED CLASSES

CLASS NAME	DAYS & TIMES	TEACHER
Class 1: _____	_____	_____
Class 2: _____	_____	_____
Class 3: _____	_____	_____
Class 4: _____	_____	_____

*** Please plan to accompany your student on the first day of class in order to fill out an emergency contact form. Your student will not be allowed to attend classes if we do not have this form on file.**

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