

Dear CHIME Families,

It is with great pleasure that I write to deliver “double” good news about our school. A few weeks ago we were informed that CHIME had been selected as the Daily News 2011 Readers’ Choice Award ***Favorite Charter School***. We earned this award by receiving the most votes in this category by the readers of the Daily News and are honored that the San Fernando Valley community recognized CHIME for its excellent work in educating children.

This confidence expressed by the community was validated this week as the API (Academic Performance Index) scores were released for California public schools - CHIME had an increase in API in both grades 2-5 and 6-8. These scores are calculated using the testing results from the annual California Standards Tests. The purpose of the score is to measure the academic performance and growth in grades 2-8. Each year schools are required to meet a growth target of five points. This year students in grades 6-8 increased their API score by 29 points and students in grades 3-6 increased their API score by 34 points! This kind of progress is truly remarkable, and we congratulate both the CHIME teachers and the CHIME students and families on this success.

Both pieces of news have set an excellent tone for the start of the new school year. We know you join us in looking forward to a 2011-2012 school year filled with fun, learning, growth, and even more success.

Best,

Erin Studer
Director

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Principal