



Dear Elementary Principals and Teachers,

Welcome to the 2010-2011 school year! We are excited to announce that Chabot is partnering with the District to enable as many students and teachers as possible to experience the wonders of our planet Earth and the Universe at Chabot this year. Chabot offers intensive, hands-on laboratory classes in earth, life, and physical sciences, as well as simulated space missions, all aligned to CA State Standards.

Thanks to a contractual agreement between our institutions, school classes and field trips to Chabot will be **free of charge**; however, schools will be responsible for providing their own transportation. Challenger Learning Center® missions are not part of this agreement, but we have limited grant funds available to offset the cost of this remarkable experience. All reservations are scheduled on a first come, first served basis. Spaces fill quickly so please encourage your teachers to register early. We are also very excited to announce the opening of our new, highly interactive exhibition, *Bill Nye's Climate Laboratory (BNCL)*, an exhibit designed to engage and empower students about climate science and environmental stewardship. BNCL opens November 20.

In order to insure a smooth and timely registration process, please insure that teachers adhere to the following procedures:

- Teacher submits a request form to Chabot via our website, fax, or by phone.
- Chabot e-mails a quick confirmation to the lead teacher for the trip.
- 4-8 weeks before the trip date a full confirmation packet is e-mailed, including an invoice, a map, and a schedule. There is a 5:1 Student to Chaperone ratio when visiting Chabot.
- If it becomes necessary for the teacher to cancel the trip and Chabot is notified:
  - 30+ days prior to the field trip: there will be no charge.
  - **1-29 days prior to the field trip: the School Site is responsible for the full tuition fee paid directly to Chabot per the arrangement with OUSD Fiscal Services.**
- Please be sure that all district paper work required for field trips are processed in a timely fashion.

In addition to our field trip offerings, Chabot will again be hosting the District K-12 Science Fair. The evening celebration will take place on May 25, and on May 24 the Center will be open exclusively to OUSD students and teachers to visit and view the projects. Stay tuned for further details.

We look forward to welcoming you, your teachers, students and their families to Chabot Space & Science Center this academic year. Together we can significantly increase students understanding and exploration of science and open new horizons to academic and career opportunities.

Very truly yours,

Alexander Zwissler  
Executive Director/CEO

