

## Basic Assistance to Students in the Community



# REPORT CARD 2023

## 7<sup>th</sup> summer Learning Academy



**Program Timeline: July 6 - August 2, 2023**

Learning Academy is a community-embedded “school without walls” summer program held at the Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert Research Center in Borrego Springs CA. BASIC’s (C2G) program uniquely offers small class sizes, personalized attention, over 100 hours of instruction per student, all at no cost for students.

**Why BASIC holds Learning Academy** Most of Borrego's third graders do not read at grade level. Children spend their early school years learning to read. After grade 3 they use those literacy skills to read to learn. The same is true for math. English is not the first language for 89% of Borrego’s students. Many are long-term English Language Learners who need to increase vocabulary, gain fluency, understand composition structure, and improve writing. Classes target these 3 areas.

### Program Objectives

- ✓ **Academic Improvement:** 35 - 50% of students will achieve grade equivalent on standardized tests, bridging the academic gap.
  - Scores are based on pre and post-testing (results are on page 2) – **ACHIEVED!!!**
- ✓ **Fostering a Love for Learning:** Instill a passion for education, creating lifelong learners.
  - 100% of students as noted on post-survey – **ACHIEVED!!!**
- ✓ **Promoting Regular Attendance:** Prioritize over 95% attendance rates for continuous growth.
  - 40 of 41 students had a 95% attendance rate -- **ACHIEVED!!!**

### Other key features that define the Learning Academy include



- Door-to-Door bus
- Perfect attendance incentive of LAPTOP reward
- FREE:
  - Hot breakfast and lunch every day
  - Books for the students' personal home libraries
  - T-shirts and backpacks to build identity and pride



#### *From their parents and school teacher...*

*“My daughter needed help in reading and after attending BASIC's summer Learning Academy, she is bringing home chapter books and loves reading them! My daughter enjoyed every day and loved her teacher...”*

*“It was great to see the socialization and comradery exhibited during the Academy. It showed that it is not all about schoolwork and grades. There are other important pieces of education that were evident!”*

# 2023 OUTCOMES



## ELEMENTARY READING

(2nd and 3rd grade)

Teacher: Tania Fuerte, Teaching Aide: Joselynn Troncoso

\*Word Fluency: 100% - all students improved

\*Reading Comprehension: 66% growth

\*Passage Fluency: 100% growth

(passage fluency = reading accurately, smoothly, and with expression)

***75% of students completed Learning Academy at grade level!***



## ELEMENTARY MATH

(4th - 5th grade)

Teacher: Ken Collard, Teaching Aide: Ty White

\*Common Core State Standards assessment: 54% growth

\*Basic Division Facts: 90% growth

(1 student even got 14 more facts correct than when entering)

\*Basic Multiplication Facts: 81% growth

(1 student got 43 more facts correct than when entering)

***72% of students completed Learning Academy at grade level!***



## MIDDLE MATH

(6<sup>th</sup> - 7<sup>th</sup> grade)

Teacher: Joseph McGowen, Teaching Aide: Brody White

\*Common Core State Standards assessment: 50% growth

\*Basic Multiplication Facts: 100% growth

(1 student got 30 more facts correct than when entering)

***50% of students completed Learning Academy at grade level!***



## MIDDLE WRITING

(6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> grade)

Teacher: Heidi Schlotfeldt, Teaching Aide: Bryan Fuerte

\*Increased # of sentences written in a paragraph: 90%

\*Reduced # of punctuation errors or had 0: 81%

\*Decreased # of spelling errors or had 0: 73%

(On post-testing, most students started paragraphs with strong topic sentences and improvement in supporting details)

***90% of students completed Learning Academy with the same or improved score!***

# BASIC's Learning Academy 2023 Donor Honor Roll

BASIC thanks our many donors, especially these exceptional Learning Academy contributors

## Major Learning Academy Donors

Carol and Henry Hunte  
Curt and Janet Yaws  
Deborah Sperberg & John Strong  
Eric Mustonen and Amelia Wood  
Jenny Wright  
Jim and Anne Wermers  
Jim and Katherine Umpleby  
Jim and Kathy Dice  
Joann Stang  
Judy and Ward Thompson  
Richard and Joanne Ingwall  
Stuart McFarland  
Urmi Ray and Sanjiv Nanda

## Gifts-in-kind

Borrego Springs Unified School District,  
Mark Stevens, Victoria Baay  
Covington School, Kathleen Kearns  
FUMCOR, Barbara Jo  
SDGE, Pauline Ma  
UCI Steele/Burnand Anza-Borrego Desert  
Research Center, Jim Dice & Elaine  
Tulvig

## Special "Thank You" also goes to

Barbara Coates  
Carol Haller  
Desert Spirit, Cristina Serrentino  
Ed & Joan White  
Elaine Tulving  
Jim Dice  
Ken Collard  
Kendall's Café, Lorena Valdez  
Lorry Seagrim  
Martha Deichler  
Mary Watkins  
Mateo Mamea  
Neil Farber  
Martha Daniel  
Sughiet Fuentes

## Learning Academy Staff

Eddie Rivera, Program Assistant  
Nidia Meza, Program Assistant  
Victoria Baay, Testing Administrator

## BASIC's Learning Academy Committee

Tim White, Headmaster  
Curt Yaws, Headmaster Emeritus  
Joann Stang, Director  
Joanne Ingwall, Finance Director

## FOUNDATIONS, CORPORATIONS, and SUPPORTING AGENCIES

