



June 2019

8th Annual Reach for the Stars BBQ a Huge Success!

The eighth annual Reach for the Stars BBQ was successful thanks to our crowd of 150 community supporters and staff. We raised over \$58,000! Your generosity will help fund wish lists for our classrooms as well as our speech and behavioral health departments.

Our guests enjoyed a delicious BBQ buffet prepared by Ric's Righteous Ribs. Everyone had an opportunity to visit some of our classrooms and learn about our programs and hear from three of our staff who spent time in Perth, Australia on our international learning exchange tour.

Our STAR award was presented in memory of Doug Barton for his longstanding commitment to AchieveKids. Several members of his family were in attendance for this.

One of the highlights of the evening was listening to Deepan, a twin brother of a current student, and his mother Claudia address our guests. They truly spoke from their hearts about what AchieveKids means to their family. "I will say this. What does a "good life" look like? I think it's one in which a person has both purpose and community. AchieveKids is that for my Darshan."

Thanks to everybody who helped make Reach for the Stars a success!



Sue Barton and Family



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Deepan, Claudia and Hitesh Shah

Summer Fun begins with Popsicle Day

At AchieveKids we try to incorporate learning into every activity. A great example of this is Popsicle Day:

Communication: Speak in a full sentence to request a specific type of popsicle. If the student is nonverbal, utilize a different type of visual communication to request a specific popsicle. For example, point to the photo on the box of the one you want, rather than using your iPad or picture communication system. Learn some new words for popsicle flavors.



- **Social Skills:** Manners such as please and thank you. We won't hand the student a popsicle until we hear both.
- **Behavior and Flexibility:** Wait in line for your turn to select your popsicle, taking cuts is not a way to get a popsicle. Have awareness that a line even exists.
 - Tolerate others perhaps taking longer than you'd wish to make their selections.
 - Learn to handle disappointment if the kind of popsicle you want is no longer available.
- **Problem Solving:** Figure out how to open your popsicle without destroying it. If your hands are sticky after eating your popsicle, figure out what to do about that.

SAVE THE DATE!

36th Annual Festival of Trees

Monday, December 9, 2019

University Club, Palo Alto

More information coming this fall.

For information on how you can sign up for a school tour or to learn about our program please contact:

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