



# ACHIEVEKIDS

## NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 2023

### MAKING A DIFFERENCE

As we approach the midpoint of our school year, I wanted to take a moment to thank everyone for your continued partnership and support. A special shout out to our parents for their support in their student's educational journey. We are incredibly proud of our students and the steps they take each day to further their independence, grow their skills, and find their way in the classroom. We are fortunate to have such a dedicated team and their hard work deserves to be recognized. AchieveKids is a special place where so many of us, staff and students alike, find our way through new challenges, learning opportunities, and experiences that expand our perspective.

Looking ahead, we have exciting plans to further enhance the educational journey of our students, both in and out of the classroom. We are currently designing Learning Centers at each school campus which will include study pods, computers, books, comfortable seating, and other learning materials. The Learning Centers are dedicated in memory of Michael Pliner, a long-time supporter of AchieveKids. Our goal for these spaces is to enhance student learning, provide a comfortable space for students to read and work, and promote a safe space for exploring and sharing. Watch for information on a ribbon cutting ceremony for these centers in early 2024.

Have a wonderful holiday season,  
Stephen R. Crook, M.A.  
Executive Director

# DONATE TODAY!

Donate today to help us continue to offer the highest quality education to our community's most complex learners.  
Please help us reach our annual campaign goal!

**FROM ALL OF US AT ACHIEVEKIDS WE WISH YOU AND  
YOUR FAMILIES A HAPPY HOLIDAY SEASON AND A  
HEALTHY 2024.**

**DONATE NOW**

### SPOTLIGHT ON A VERY SPECIAL DONATION

Earlier this year, AchieveKids received an email from Aneesha Janbandhu, a Leigh High School student from San Jose, working to make a difference in her community. Aneesha is the founder and president of a non-profit organization, The Sunshine and Hope Foundation. Their mission is "to help underprivileged special needs kids by providing them with essential things they need to live a happy life or even just a smile." She raised funds by working various jobs during her summer break and chose to use those funds to purchase new PE equipment for both our Palo Alto and San Jose campuses. As part of her non-profit, Aneesha and her team also host science workshops in San Jose libraries, called Science Academy, for elementary and middle school kids to promote interest in learning and STEM endeavors. AchieveKids is truly grateful to be one of the beneficiaries of Aneesha's generosity. Please reach out to Aneesha on [janbcommunity@gmail.com](mailto:janbcommunity@gmail.com) if you want to learn more about her non-profit, to contribute to their mission or to even just say hi!



### IMPORTANT DATES:

#### School closure:

December 25th-January 5th

**No School:** Monday, January 15th