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AchieveKids Pilot Program

AchieveKids ran a pilot program from June 18th through July 23rd, bringing students back to our campuses. We want to extend a big thank you to our team members who volunteered to be part of this pilot. It not only enhanced the services we were able to provide to those specific students, but it offered opportunity for us to further develop our campus system for stronger safety measures. They deserve recognition and appreciation for the work they did this summer. Thank you!

Thank you for your support!

This marks our 60th school year, a milestone in our history. As school began we held a virtual 60-hour event to celebrate our 60 years of incredible schools and educational services. It is with a full heart that I thank everyone for their support in helping us reach and exceed our goal. We have currently raised over \$80,000. This is a year where the support of our larger community is needed more than ever, and I am in awe of the generosity displayed during this event, and in helping us launch our school year. I want to thank Dr. Korb, our wonderful parent panel featuring Claudia and Lisa, everyone that participated in one of our virtual activities, and to everyone who donated. We are proud of our history, we live our values, and we thank all of you for enriching our community.

Together we can Achieve,
Ryan C. Eisenberg
Executive Director



During these uncertain times we can all use some Shining Stars in our lives.
AchieveKids has many of these and is proud to present our latest

AchieveKids Shining Stars

Lisa Truong, Teacher Resident in San Jose

As the first teacher resident at AchieveKids, Lisa Truong, has been doing an exemplary job. She has only been with us for a year and is already making a huge impact on our students and staff. Besides managing her teacher residency she has been taking over her class and leading the remote learning efforts.

She created resources for other staff members, and made a home visit for a student that really needed support during these challenging times. Lisa would like to pair her skills in technology and connections with IOS designers to think of creative ways students with disabilities can engage in learning digitally.



She would also like to work with parents and organize opportunities for them to learn more about AchieveKids. In her words, "I now know what it really means to achieve at AchieveKids: when learning becomes fun." We are glad that Lisa is a member of our AchieveKids team

Sean Murphy, Teacher in Palo Alto



Sean Murphy has an extremely positive attitude regarding new challenges and is totally committed to helping our students be their best selves. During this time of remote learning his students are at 100% participation in their class projects. They are reading *The BFG* by Ronald Dahl, learning about stop-motion animation during art class and going on remote field trips.

Sean was one of the first to volunteer for our pilot program this summer and has accepted and integrated a new student in his classroom while only working remotely with him. He has made home visits and done social distanced walks with his students.

He has excellent collaboration skills with our professional team. His students and colleagues really enjoy working alongside him and we are very lucky to have Sean as part of our AchieveKids team.



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