

ACHIEVEKIDS

NEWSLETTER

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A WELCOME FROM OUR NEW HEAD OF SCHOOLS, STEPHEN CROOK

Parents and Caregivers,

For those who don't know me, I was the School Director in San Jose for the past 4 years and had the pleasure of leading that campus and forming connections with the team, the students, and our families. As we enter this new school year, I am excited for the opportunity to serve as the Head of Schools, overseeing both our San Jose and Palo Alto campuses. I take great pride in being chosen for this role.



As the Head of Schools my overarching responsibility will be to lead AchieveKids schools and educational programs, providing oversight and guidance to our program design, content, our curricular offerings and structure, and our school program operational processes. I am a firm believer in the importance of connections amongst all of our stakeholders to ensure each and every student is afforded the best quality education possible. We all play an essential role to create opportunity in the lives of each student and to drive their growth and personal development forward. I very much look forward to all of the possibilities ahead and to supporting the ongoing success of AchieveKids!

Stephen R. Crook, M.A. Head of Schools

IMPORTANT DATES:

Join me for our next Parent Café on Thursday, September 29th at 9:00am Zoom link will be sent on Wednesday, Sept. 28th

SO MUCH TO CELEBRATE AT ACHIEVEKIDS!

Xavier has been at AchieveKids for a little over a year. We want to highlight the growth that Xavier has demonstrated since he started. A year ago, he would always tell us "I don't know how to read." Now, he picks up a book and prefers to read to staff. A year ago, he cried over spilling milk (literally). Just today, he spilled bubble solution on a scooter, called it a small problem, rubbed the solution all over the scooter and said "it's okay, now it's like a car wash." A year ago, he would walk away from friends when there was the slightest bit of disagreement. Now, he tells his friends why he is upset and gets a teacher involved when he can't solve the problem. A year ago, he never ate corn. Now, he always picks it as a side for lunch. He is trying new things, solving his own problems, asking for help, and doing his best. He continues to show us each day that he is trying hard and is proud of seeing his efforts and successes along the way. The San Jose staff are so excited by his progress after one year and are looking forward to seeing Xavier continue to grow and challenge himself.



