

VOLUNTEER

ACHIEVE

PROJECT



(A COLLABORATION BETWEEN AMPHITHEATER PUBLIC SCHOOLS
AND THE VOLUNTEER CENTER OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA)

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Project ACHIEVE Program News

August 2007

Welcome to a New School Year!

We would like to welcome back all ACHIEVE mentors and tutors who will be returning from last school year. Welcome also to all the new volunteers who will be joining the ACHIEVE team. These before and after school programs - outside of the regular school hours - would not be the same without you! You make a difference each and every time you come to work (and play!) with your matched students.

DATES TO REMEMBER

- *First day of school for students – August 9
- *Labor Day (No School) – September 3
- ***ACHIEVE Welcome Back Volunteer Social – September 6 (see pg. 4 for details)**
- ***Most after school programs will start mid- to late September**
- *Fall Break (No School) – October 8 – 12
- *October OASIS Tutor Training
(Date to be announced: Watch for details via email or mail)



**Exciting Changes for an Even
"Bigger and Better" ACHIEVE**

ACHIEVE is expanding! Nine of Amphitheater's highest need schools will be providing more after school programs for their students who need extra help. These schools are:

Nash Elementary
Holaway Elementary
Keeling Elementary
Prince Elementary
Rio Vista Elementary
Walker Elementary
Coronado K-8
Amphitheater Middle School
La Cima Middle School

NOW – More options for volunteers:
Breakfast shared reading (at some schools)
After school mentoring
Homework help
Reading (and other subjects) help

NOW – Volunteer may choose to:
Work one-on-one with an individual student
Work with a small group of students
Provide assistance to a whole classroom

Our students are most helped by volunteers who can commit to providing consistent help once a week. However, if a volunteer is not able to make a weekly commitment, ACHIEVE can find a way to place volunteers at most any level of commitment that person can make.

Of course, more happening for students after school means an even bigger need for volunteer mentors and tutors for these programs. We will be helping even more students to succeed in school! Project ACHIEVE is a partnership program with the Volunteer Center of Southern Arizona. We need everyone's help in getting the word out....send all those referrals for volunteers to Linda Walker, ACHIEVE Volunteer Coordinator with the Volunteer Center, and she will assist them with the paperwork, fingerprinting, and placement in the Project ACHIEVE program that best fits their interests and talents. Tell all your friends, family, faith-based groups and neighbors about our need for volunteers and tell them to call Linda at 881-3300, extension 109, so they too can join our ACHIEVE volunteers and start making a difference in the life of a child!

Keeping in Touch

Don't forget you can keep in touch with your student(s) during school breaks and your own vacations. Students love to receive letters and postcards. Send your correspondence to the following address:

Name of Volunteer/Student
c/o Catherine Land, ACHIEVE
435 E. Glenn Street
Tucson, AZ 85705



“Welcome Back” Social

A volunteer “welcome back” social will be held on Thursday, September 6, at the Volunteer Center of Southern Arizona (924 N. Alvernon) with two time options to attend.....9:00 – 10:30 or 2:30 – 4:00. Returning mentors and tutors will have a chance to meet some of the Amphitheater staff who will be working with ACHIEVE programs this new school year, hear about some exciting changes to the program, preview a new recruiting slide show, and, of course, socialize with fellow mentors and tutors! Please RSVP to Linda Walker at 881-3300 x 109 or lwalker@volunteersoaz.org by Tues., September 4.



What did our volunteers have to say about their experiences with ACHIEVE last school year?

“When I first started mentoring her, she was very shy, but now she is much more confident and we always have a great time.”

“A pleasant and rewarding two hours and I have made a friend.”

“This is a wonderful, satisfying experience.”

“I really enjoyed being a mentor. As the year progressed, I noticed her excitement to see me every week.”

“It's been so much fun getting to know the girls, helping them with school work and being their friend.”

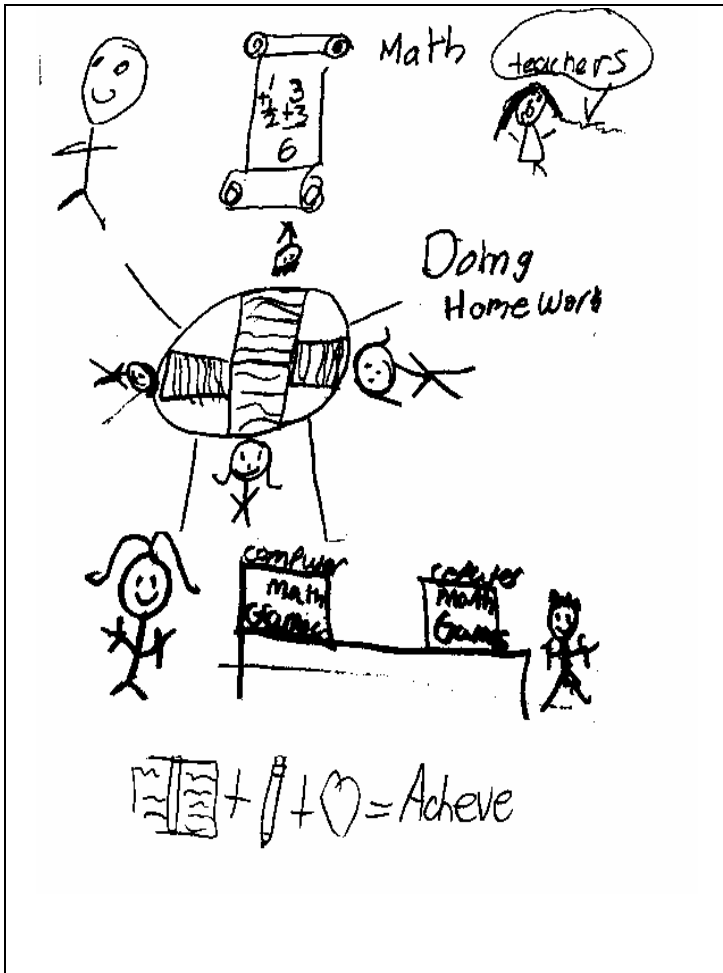
“A feeling of time well spent and much joy”

“Everyone was so nice and helpful.”

“I've enjoyed getting involved in a child's life.”

“I had the best experience with ACHIEVE! Thanks for everything!”

And what did our *students* like best about participating in ACHIEVE after school.....



Thank You

to all our community volunteers representing the following schools, businesses, and organizations for helping our students ACHIEVE success.

Reading Seed OASIS
 University of Arizona
 College of Medicine Med Mentors
 Arizona Blue Chip Program
 Amphitheater High School
 Pima Community College
 Interfaith Coalition for the Homeless
 Jewish Community Center
 Learning A – Z (ProQuest)

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
 St. Mark's United Methodist Church
 ACES DriveTime
 The Shyann Kindness Project

Thank you also to the many, many other volunteers from throughout the community who find the time to make a difference in the life of a child.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns please contact:

Linda Walker, Volunteer Coordinator
 (520) 881-3300 ext. 109
lwalker@volunteersoaz.org



Project ACHIEVE

“Welcome Back”

Volunteer Social



When: Thursday, September 6

9:00 to 10:30

or

2:30 to 4:00

(choose the time that best fits your schedule)

Where: Volunteer Center Community Room

924 N. Alvernon Way

(east side of Alvernon between Speedway Blvd. and 5th St.)

Why Attend?

- Be the first to preview a new recruitment slide show