

Dear Students, Parents, Families, and Community Members,

Welcome to Ahfachkee School! It is an honor to serve as Principal of a school with such a strong connection to our students, families, community, and the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

At Ahfachkee School, our mission extends beyond academic achievement. We are committed to providing a safe, supportive, and engaging learning environment where every student is encouraged to reach their full potential. Our dedicated teachers and staff work together each day to ensure that students are challenged academically, supported socially and emotionally, and prepared for success beyond the classroom.

An important part of the Ahfachkee experience is our commitment to preserving and celebrating Seminole culture, traditions, and heritage. We believe our students should take pride in who they are and the community they represent. By incorporating cultural learning and maintaining strong connections with our Tribal community, we strive to ensure that our students develop both a strong sense of identity and the skills necessary to succeed in an ever-changing world.

We are proud to continue expanding opportunities for our students through rigorous academic programs, honors courses, dual enrollment opportunities, athletics, extracurricular activities, cultural programs, and college and career preparation. These opportunities allow students to discover their interests, develop their talents, and prepare for their futures.

Student achievement remains one of our highest priorities. We continue to strengthen instruction, provide additional academic support, and use student performance data to guide our decisions. We recognize that every student has unique strengths and needs, and we are committed to providing the resources and encouragement necessary for each student to be successful.

The safety and well-being of our students and staff are equally important. We continually review our procedures, facilities, and practices to maintain a secure and welcoming school environment. Students learn best when they feel safe, respected, supported, and valued.

Our success would not be possible without the partnership of our parents, families, Tribal leaders, Education Department, community organizations, and the many individuals who support Ahfachkee School. Education is a shared responsibility, and strong relationships between school, home, and community are essential to helping our students succeed.

As we continue through the school year, I encourage our students to work hard, attend school every day, become involved in school activities, and take pride in representing Ahfachkee School and the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

We are proud of our students, proud of our staff, and excited about the opportunities ahead. Together, we will continue building a school community that honors our Seminole heritage while preparing our students for successful futures.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to Ahfachkee School.

Sincerely,

Philip Baer

Principal

Ahfachkee School