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Headmaster Letter

Dear Archway Family and Friends,

As I spend time in the classroom each week, I am continually reminded of the richness of our curriculum at Archway North Phoenix. In science scholars are studying our solar system and earth's unique position with its life-sustaining orbit. Your young artists are learning about some of the earliest paintings of man, discovered in Lascaux Cave and are rendering their own depictions based on the shapes and forms of those created millennia ago. Throughout the day scholars are listening to the Beautiful music of Vivaldi, Wagner, and Saint-Saens. They are hearing the transcendent Truth woven into the works of Lewis and Tolkien as teachers read aloud in the afternoon's waning minutes. No doubt our curriculum is providing ample benefit to your child, but something else Good is also transpiring each and every day - the formation of habits.

The routines of an Archway classroom are vital to the success of transmitting our robust curriculum. That is true, but the routines established are also valuable for habit's sake. Each day our teachers greet your child at the door of the classroom with a handshake, developing the habit of formal greeting with a firm right hand and meaningful eye contact. Each morning we recite the Expectations of an Argonaut, developing the habit of connecting our own personal choices to that of a greater community. In the afternoon the exercise of practice and review are strengthened through the habit of homework. Throughout the day the habit of attention is fostered, the habit which Charlotte Mason in her "Philosophy of Education" states is the most valuable intellectual habit and the hallmark of an

educated person.

Mason proceeds to claim,

More, habit is inevitable. If we fail to ease life by laying down habits of right thinking and right acting, habits of wrong thinking and wrong acting fix themselves of their own accord. We avoid decision, and indecision brings its own delays, "and days are lost lamenting o'er lost days." Almost every child is brought up by his parents in certain habits of decency and order without which he would be a social outcast. Think from another point of view how the labour of life would be increased if every act of the bath, toilet, table, every lifting of the fork and use of spoon were a matter of consideration and required an effort of decision! No; habit is like fire, a bad master but an indispensable servant; and probably one reason for the nervous scrupulosity, hesitation, and indecision of our day, is that life was not duly eased for us in the first place by those whose business it was to lay down lines of habit upon which our behavior might run easily.

Honestly, acquiring habit is hard. The habit of punctuality requires great effort and proper prioritization. The habit of homework requires diligence and perseverance, and, for the parents, a dose of patience. The habit of self-control works contrary to almost every basic impulse within us. However, at Archway North Phoenix we believe that it is our business to do the hard work of laying down lines of habit, so that life for the person your child is becoming will be easy (or at least easier). Because no matter how hard good habits are to acquire, a rich life without them is nigh unto impossible.

Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Curtis Fee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "C" and "F".

Curtis Fee | Headmaster

Drop-off and Dismissal

Hello! My name is Seth Rutt, and I am a teacher and administrator at Archway North Phoenix. I am also in charge of the drop off and dismissal process for this year. I would like to share with you some information about this year's process compared to last year. The two main changes that were made were that we start the drop off process ten minutes later (but still allow the same 30 minute drop off window) and during the dismissal process we have one common dismissal time for all of K-6 (instead of staggered for 5th-6th grade).

Last year our drop off process was taking right around 30-32 minutes. This year we have actually been faster, and now we are getting the main flow of cars through the line in 25-27 minutes! So we have shaved 3-5 minutes off the drop off process over all. I have

also done various timing for cars from the time they enter the campus until they drop off their car, and we are at about the same amount of time as we were last year or slightly faster, depending on when the car arrives on campus. (Usually 5-10 minutes is normal.)

As far as the dismissal process, last year we were getting all the cars through the pick-up line in about 35 minutes total, but this year we are averaging between 25-27 minutes. We have shaved almost 10 minutes off our total dismissal process compared to last year. Once we begin moving cars at 3:00, the wait time is about 5-15 minutes during dismissal as well.

I hope this information is helpful. Thank you for your consideration of our policies and for the kindness you demonstrate to our staff and volunteers.

Classroom Newsletters

Specials Department Newsletter - Quarter 1

Kindergarten Newsletter

KA Ms. Borchers

KB Ms. Leahy

KC Ms. Baines

KD Ms. Distler

Grade 1

[1A Mrs. Bebow](#)

[1B Mrs. Sugiyama](#)

[1C Mrs. Flitcroft](#)

[1D Mrs. Page](#)

Grade 2

[2A Mrs. Williams](#)

[2B Ms. Alexander](#)

[2C Ms. Bixler](#)

[2D Ms. Marshall](#)

Grade 3

[3A Ms. Diesing](#)

[3B Ms. Schippers](#)

[3C Mrs. Stoller](#)

[3D Ms. Kellogg](#)

Grade 4

[4A Ms. Hunter](#)

[4B Ms. Lefaive](#)

[4C Mr. Taylor](#)
[4D Ms. Raper](#)

Grade 5 Newsletter

5A Mr. Milton
5B Mr. E. Cain
5C Ms. Mueller
5D Ms. Torres

Grade 6 Newsletter

6A Ms Dovel
6B Mr. Martin and Ms. Brennan
6C Mr. L. Cain
6D Ms. Marrufo

News from the ANP PSO

Upcoming Events: September 2018

Check here for ongoing opportunities to [meet up with Archway moms!](#)

Service Event: Sack Lunch Assembly

Saturday, September 15

10 AM @ Elk's Lodge 335

Join the Dad's Club for a service event benefiting Phoenix Rescue Mission; all ages are welcome! **RSVP and donation** requested.

Questions? dadsclub@anppso.org

Swirl & Sip hosted by Mom's Club

Saturday, September 22

6 - 10:30 pm @ McBeath Family Home

Mom's Club presents Swirl & Sip, a blind wine and beer tasting.

RSVP and contribution requested. Questions?

momsclub@anppso.org

Family Dine-out

Tuesday, September 25

4 - 8 PM @ Chipotle, 4622 E. Cactus Rd.

Come on down to Chipotle for dinner with fellow Archway students and families! Present [this flyer](#) and 33% of sales will be donated to our school. Questions? rebates@anppso.org

Archway Meetup

Friday, September 28

1 - 3 PM @ Sky Zone Phoenix, 4857 E. Greenway Rd.

Meet up for a play date with Archway friends at Sky Zone (\$15-22 per student; [learn more here](#))! Questions? rebates@anppso.org

[Take a quick poll](#) to help us choose what movie to feature at Movie Night (Friday, October 19)!

Stay connected with our ANP Parent Service Organization (PSO) at www.anppso.org or follow us @NorthPhoenixParentAssociation on Facebook.



Program featuring Great Hearts Students and Teachers
Dr. Allan Friesen at the Piano - Arete Prep
Robert Heyde and The Scottsdale Prep Concert Choir
and Chamber Singers
Morgan James - Trivium Prep - Great Hearts BARD Competition Winner
Logan Johnson - Lincoln Prep
Kathryn LeTrent & The Glendale Prep Griffin Players Theater Company

September 29, 2018
Chateau Luxe
1175 East Lone Cactus Drive Phoenix, AZ 85024

Tickets on Sale Now- Great Hearts Gala.



- Enter to win an \$8,900 diamond!¹
- **\$100** limited entries available
NIGHT OF GALA ONLY!
- 1+ carat diamond generously donated
by Coffin & Trout Fine Jewellers.²
- Raffle limited to 300 entries.
- Winner must be present to claim prize.³

¹ Based on GIA Diamond Grading Report.

² Confirmed winner may claim diamond at Coffin & Trout Fine Jewellers at Casa Paloma Shopping Center 7131 W. Ray Rd. Suite 22, Chandler, Arizona, during business hours.

³ Winning entry will be selected by computerized random drawing.

Paradise Valley Girls Softball League - Fall 2018

PVGS� is a recreational league in Northeast Phoenix dedicated to girls fastpitch softball.

Age Divisions: 6-8U, 10U, 12-14U

[Click here for additional information](#)

Important Dates

Early Dismissal: Wednesday, September 19, 2:00pm Dismissal

Half Day Dismissal: Friday, September 28, 12noon Dismissal

Picture Day: Thursday, October 4

2018-2019 School Year Breaks and Parent Teacher Conferences

- Fall Break **October 8 - 16, 2018**
- *Parent Teacher Conferences* October 15 - 16, 2018
- Winter Break **December 21, 2018 - January 9, 2019**
- *Parent Teacher Conferences* January 7 - 9, 2019
- Spring Break **March 18 - 22, 2019**

2018-2019 School Year Calendar

PLEASE NOTE: the School Calendar that was included with earlier newsletters incorrectly states half days being dismissed at 12:30. **Half-Day dismissal is 12noon.**

- [2018 - 2019 School Calendar](#)

Reporting an Absence

If your student will be absent, please send an email to: attendance@archwaynorthphoenix.org. Please include student name, grade and reason for the absence.

If you email your student's teacher about an absence, please include attendance@archwaynorthphoenix.org on the email.

Thank you.

2018 Birthday Policy

The new school policy is that birthday treats, toys, goodies, or "thank you" notes may NOT be distributed at school by parents, students, or teachers. **Invitations may be distributed at school as long as the entire class is invited or if all the boys or all the girls of a class are invited. If invitations are not inclusive as indicated, then invitations will not be distributed.** Students may choose to purchase a book from the school's "wish list" (archwaynorthphoenix.greatheartsacademies.org - click on Academics tab, Literature Reading Lists, and the appropriate grade level) to donate to the school library in honor of their birthday. A parent may arrange to read the book with the birthday student in front of the class. We know that birthdays are special, so will we do our best to make your child feel special on his/her special day.

Dress Code

After a two-week grace period during which warnings were communicated and emails were sent home, on Monday, August 20, uniform infractions began being issued for students out of dress code. If a student receives a total of three infractions within a thirty-day period or five infractions within a quarter, they are required to serve a detention.

Please review ANP's Uniform and Dress Code policy located in the Family Handbook on page 49. It can also be viewed on our website at www.archwaynorthphoenix.org.

Signing students out prior to dismissal

When your student has an appointment, or needs to leave prior to the end of the school day, please contact your student's teacher. Let the teacher know what time you plan to arrive so they can have your student packed and ready. Students must be signed out at the Administrative Office. Please note that 2:30 is the latest that a student may be picked up early. After 2:30 staff and faculty are preparing for dismissal.

Thank you for your patience and understanding.

Important Links

2018-19 Textbook Consumables

If you have not had an opportunity to do so, please log onto the [payment portal](#) to make a contribution toward offsetting the expense of consumable workbooks.

2018-19 Literature Library

2018-19 ANP Uniform and Dress Code

2018-19 Classroom Supplies

Newsletter Email Addresses

Due to changes in email addresses and families, the weekly newsletter is currently emailed to the first contact email address in the enrollment system. If you would like other family or friends to receive the weekly newsletter, please send an email to menglish@archwaynorthphoenix.org with any additional contact email address.

The option to forward this email is always listed at the bottom on the newsletter.

Thank you for your assistance in keeping the email list current.
