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Headmaster Letter

Dear Archway Family and Friends,

"On the farm we work together, and we play together" I often heard my father state. He could have easily added, "And we learn together." Not until later in life did I realize the lessons learned working in the field and playing in the barn. During humid summer Iowa days, my ten-year-old farm boy self would frequently walk beans. (For those urbanites, walking beans is really a euphemism for pulling weeds.) Dressed in my overalls and donned with a seed corn cap, I would walk half-mile row after half-mile row of soybeans pulling velvet leaf, milkweed, and hemp dogbane. The work was wearying, sweaty, and monotonous. I am not sure I fully grasped the agricultural benefit derived by pulling nuisance weeds out of the unforgiving soil. At times I imagined that this task was invented by my dad solely as a means to get me out of the house and away from my beloved baseball cards.

But I was learning. I became a student of perseverance and determination. Without the artificial aid of electronics, my constant companion in the field was creativity. In my mind the weeds were dangerous enemies, and I, the hero, vanquished the foes and rescued the field and my family from impending peril. I learned the lesson of satisfaction. While riding my bicycle along the gravel roads, I noticed neighboring fields littered with weeds so that one could scarcely determine what crops grew there. Then I observed rows free from weeds, clean and straight, and I knew that what I was beholding was directly a result of my effort.

On the south side of the barn hung a wooden backboard and an orange metal rim. The concrete was anything but smooth, and in the winter time I shoveled snow to clear enough space to dribble. It was there I learned to play basketball. My basketball companions consisted of an older brother, an older cousin, and my dad. All of them were taller than me, stronger than me, and more skilled than me. And did I mention competitive? They blocked my shots, so I had to develop a quick release to have any prayer of hoisting a shot. They stole my passes, so I had to develop pinpoint precision to hit my intended target. They knew I was right-handed, so they defended my right side, forcing me to develop my left hand to such a degree that I still dribble predominantly with my left hand. Most of the time whomever had me for a teammate lost.

But I was learning. I learned how to lose graciously. I also wanted to learn how to win. I spent hours by myself shooting and dribbling, dribbling and shooting. Naturally I grew taller and became stronger. The skills that I learned when I was short and weak remained with me as I grew into an adolescent and eventually an adult. I learned that the very thing that frustrated me as a boy aided my athletic development and deepened my love for the game. And occasionally I win. Good things are seldom easy. I'm reminded of a passage that I read recently in Charlotte Mason's "A Philosophy of Education."

School, perhaps, offers fewer opportunities for vitiating the atmosphere than does home life. But teaching may be so watered down and sweetened, teachers may be so suave and condescending, as to bring about a condition of intellectual feebleness and moral softness which it is not easy for a child to overcome. The bracing atmosphere of truth and sincerity should be perceived in every school; and here again the common pursuit of knowledge by teacher and class comes to our aid and creates a current of fresh air perceptible even to the chance visitor, who sees the glow of intellectual life and moral health on the faces of teachers and children alike.

That glow is what we aim to achieve at Archway North Phoenix. It is seldom easy, but it is always good.

Truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Curtis Fee". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Curtis" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Fee".

Curtis Fee | Headmaster

Tutoring

As we reach the halfway point of first quarter, you may be hearing from your scholar's teacher regarding the opportunity for tutoring. In an effort to make the tutoring sessions as effective as possible, we will be limiting the number of students involved in a given tutoring session. We believe that these smaller groups will allow for more

direct instruction and will provide a greater benefit to the students. Logistically, this may mean fewer tutoring sessions for a given student, but the sessions that are offered will hopefully have a greater impact.

Tutoring will be only by the teacher's invitation, and the day and time will be communicated by the teacher at least 72 hours in advance. Students will be escorted to the north side of the K-4 building where teachers will wait with students for parents to pick up their students following tutoring. If you accept the invitation for a tutoring session, please pick up your student at the stated conclusion time of the session. A late charge of \$1/minute will be assessed for late pick-up.

In some cases, a student may need more extensive help than what can adequately be provided by the homeroom teacher. A list of available tutors will be available on the website by the end of the week. You are welcome to reach out to one of our ANP teachers who offers tutoring during the course of the school year. Individual arrangements for tutoring frequency and rates can be made directly with that teacher.

Drop-off and Dismissal

During our drop-off and dismissal times, please be considerate to our neighbors at the Elks' Lodge. If a member is attempting to exit the Lodge parking lot onto 32nd Street, please allow them access. Do not block the Elks' Lodge exit when the line is stagnant. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

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

ANPPSO Quarterly Meeting

Tuesday, September 18

7:00 PM @ MPR

Learn about volunteer opportunities, campus events and more.
Questions? secretary@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.



**Tickets on Sale Now: Great Hearts Gala
September 29th, 5:30p.m. at Chateau Luxe
www.GreatHeartsGala.org**

**Hosted Cocktail Hour, Silent Auction, Dinner,
Program featuring Great Hearts Students, Live
Auction, Raffle, Music and Dancing
under the Stars**

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT

**Do you have a business or a business connection who
could donate items to the**

Silent or Live auction? If so, please:

Contact Denise Zabilski at dzabilski@greatheartsaz.org

Individual tickets [on sale now!!](#)

Sponsorships still [available](#)

\$250 per person

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.

NEW 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 Dates

Early Dismissal: Wednesday, September 12, 2:00pm Dismissal

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

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](#)

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.
