

Weekly Family Newsletter



Headmaster letter:



Dear Archway Family and Friends,

This week I hosted the first of many tours for the year that we offer to prospective families. During our time in the library I communicate the mission of our school: to cultivate the hearts and minds of students through the pursuit of Truth, Goodness, and Beauty. I also share with them how we accomplish that mission – our rich curriculum, Socratic instruction, an emphasis on habit-training, etc. I want them to know that we are partnering with them to develop healthy souls, to shape Great Hearts.

How does one measure soul growth? Size and stature are measured by pounds and inches. Metrics exist for measuring oral reading fluency and knowledge of math facts. But how do we know whether we are meeting our goal of strengthening character? Charlotte Mason suggests in [A Philosophy](#)

[of Education](#) that “the slow, imperceptible, sinking-in of high ideals is the gain that a good school should yield its pupils.”

There are some telling adjectives that Mason uses in her description of successful schools. It is slow. Character development takes time and requires the patience of teacher, parent, and pupil alike. It is imperceptible. There is no standardized test that spits out a percentile rank. Yet, moral fiber is routinely tested with temptations day in, day out to be dishonest on the playground or at the dining room table, and one day on a sales call or in the boardroom. Sinking-in is gradual. We do not shove virtues down the throats of our scholars. We expose them to virtues by modeling and through the tales of men and women found in great literature. The high ideals of Discipline, Character, and Wholeheartedness eventually find a home in the hearts of your children, and that is the earmark of an excellent education.

Truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Curtis Fee".

Curtis Fee, Headmaster

IMPORTANT PARENT INFORMATION & DATES

DATES

September 10 - **Chipotle Dine-out** 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

September 14 - Dad's Cornhole T**ournament**

September 16 - Great Hearts Teacher In-Service (No School)

September 16 - **Skyzone** 1 p.m.-4 p.m.

September 18 - First teacher appreciation lunch given by 5th & 6th grades, please **sign up!**

September 18 - K-1st Grade **Coffee with the Headmaster**

September 25 - **Fingerprinting**

September 29 - **Diamondbacks Game**

October 21 - Musical Performances start

ATTENDANCE

When your student has an appointment prior to the end of the school day or an absence, please email your student's teacher and **attendance@archwaynorthphoenix.org**. Students must be signed out at the Administrative Office 30 minutes prior to dismissal. Please bring in your blue card. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

ARCHWAY WEBSITE

Archway website: **www.archwaynorthphoenix.org** is constantly updated with news, events, and school information. All the teachers and staff's email are under the **ABOUT US** tab.

PSO WEB SITE: events and information **www.anppso.org**

LATE PICK-UP

Please read through The Archway North Phoenix **Late Pick-up Policy**.

PARENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Are you new to Archway North Phoenix? We have created a Parent Ambassador Program for new families like you! We hope to connect you with a returning family who can answer your questions and help guide your transition to Archway North Phoenix. If you would like to be matched with a returning family, please click **ANP Ambassador Program** and answer a few simple questions. We will match you with a family who will be a great resource for you and your scholars. If you have any questions about the program, please email **ambassador@anppso.org**.

FINGERPRINTING

If you were unable to attend the fingerprinting time earlier this month, we are offering additional sessions on **September 25th** and **October 15th**. Please click the date to sign up. We do not expect results from the fingerprinting that was completed on Aug. 6 until the end of September.

MOM'S MEETUP

We now have our Mom's Meetups listed on the **website**.

DAD'S CLUB

Cornhole tournament is scheduled for Sept 16th. Check out the **flyer** and RSVP!

DIAMONDBACK GAME Join your Archway North Phoenix friends for the last Diamondbacks home game of the season on September 29th at 12:10 p.m.! We have a block of tickets reserved – invite your friends and family. Discounted tickets are available here: **https://fevo.me/archwaynorth**

LUNCH PROGRAM INFO

Have you checked out our amazing lunch program? Place your order the Friday before at 12 p.m.

Lunch Program information

Lunch Volunteers



FALL SOCCER

The Thunderbird FC plays at the ANP back field and offers a special 20% off discount to Great Hearts families. **Soccer Flyer**

GREAT HEARTS LACROSSE TEAM

If your student is interested in joining the lacrosse team please take a look at this [flyer](#).

FALL BREAK CAMP

October 7 - 11. Need a camp for your student during fall break? Consider [Seth Kory's Tennis Camp](#). Seth Kory coaches our middle school tennis team in the spring.

PREP GLADIATOR SPORTS Come out to cheer on North Phoenix Prep sports teams.

September 7th

Varsity Cross Country 7 a.m. Tumbleweed Park

Middle School Cross Country 7 a.m. Freestone Park

MS B Volleyball (White) 8:30 a.m. Veritas Prep

MS B Volleyball (Maroon) 9:30 a.m. Anthem Prep

MS A Volleyball 11 a.m. Anthem Prep

FALL MUSICAL PERFORMANCES

Your scholars are already starting to prepare for their 1st semester musical performances, which will all take place in the Archway MPR from 3:45 to 4:10 on almost every Monday and Tuesday afternoon next quarter. Two class sections will join forces at each performance to sing various autumnal and wintry tunes for you! Students will **not** need to bring concert attire with them on their appointed day. All family and friends are welcome to attend; you will be able to pick siblings up as usual and then walk right into the MPR when the doors open at 3:30. Please check the schedule below to see when your scholars will be performing, and do not hesitate to email their music teacher with any questions.

Ms. Park (K-2) – jpark@archwaynorthphoenix.org

Mrs. Hamilton (3-4) – estallings@archwaynorthphoenix.org

Mr. Lang (5-6) – jlang@archwaynorthphoenix.org

Date	Sections	Date	Sections	Date	Sections
10/21	KB & KD	11/04	3B & 3D	12/02	1A & 1C
10/22	KA & KC	11/05	3A & 3C	12/03	1B & 1D
10/28	4A & 4C	11/12	5A & 5C	12/09	2B & 2D
10/29	4B & 4D	11/18	5B & 5D	12/10	2A & 2C
		11/19	6A & 6B	12/17	Choir Club
		11/25	6C & 6D		

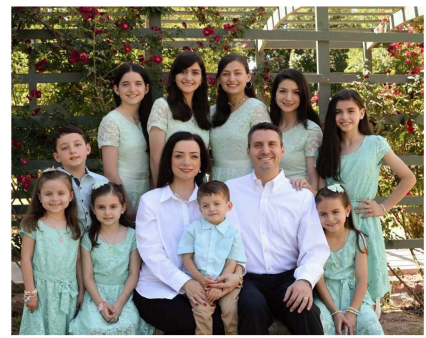
TEACHER SPOTLIGHT:

Ms. Nelson grew up on the east side of Tucson playing sports and volunteering any chance she got. Throughout high school she gained a real appreciation for giving back and found herself very active in her community through the local food bank, senior living kitchen, and neighboring elementary schools. However, her true passion for teaching really sprouted as she was working as a swim instructor her junior year of high school. It was in this role she saw the impact compassion and encouragement could have on someone else's life and knew she needed to live a life of purpose. Instead of following this passion however, Ms. Nelson pursued a career in marketing at Northern Arizona University but felt unfulfilled in this decision. Quickly after graduation she took a great risk to follow her dream of working with children again. She enrolled in classes with Grand Canyon University and took a teaching job shortly after leaving her first job fresh out of college. Now she is beyond excited to be wrapping up classes in December and graduating in May with her Masters in Education. Along with classes and work, Ms. Nelson is finishing up the last bit of wedding planning and trying to keep up with her energetic pup! Louie is a rescue dog and most definitely her pride and joy. He was adopted the weekend of her graduation from NAU, which is how he got his name after the school mascot, Louie the Lumberjack. Nervous with all the new changes going on in her life, she could not feel more blessed to have found a community like Great Hearts to continue her growth.



ACADEMY GIVING FAMILY

We are the Arkawis and currently have nine of our children enrolled at ANP/NPX (six at ANP and three at NPX). I still have a three-year-old at home with me, and he will be joining the ANP family in a couple years. Our journey at Great Hearts started back in 2012, the inaugural year for the North Phoenix Great Hearts location. At that time I had six kids and was attempting to homeschool using the classical method. I was having a very hard time keeping up with homeschooling, house chores, and running after little ones. As I was hitting the peak of being overwhelmed and feeling as if I was just not able to keep up with all the demands



of a homeschooling mom, I received a flyer in the mail which would change all our lives forever. It was a Great Hearts flyer. I had never heard of Great Hearts schools and really didn't know much about Charter schools. This flyer was talking of a new campus opening in North Phoenix. The description on that flyer had me in tears, because what I read was exactly the education that I was trying to (unsuccessfully) replicate at home. The goals and visions of this school were exactly what I wanted in a school. That night I went to my husband and showed him the flyer and said how amazing the curriculum looked and I felt we should give it a try. It just felt "right", and my heart was at ease with the decision to let my children enroll. Honestly, it was as if God had answered my prayers, I was not willing to put my children in any random school, yet I felt I was not able to provide them the education that they needed. My kids at first were apprehensive, scared, nervous, and didn't want to give it a try. They felt safe and comfortable at home; it was all they knew. I told them that we needed to give this a try, that I felt it would be very good for them. I have always had great experiences with all the teachers and administration. If I ever had concerns or if any problems ever arose, the staff was very prompt in not only replying to me but going out of their way to help find a resolution to the issue. I have always felt that my children were very much cared for and loved. The level of education is incredible at Great Hearts and has truly given my children a love for learning and increased their sense of wonder in ways I could have never imagined. Great Hearts challenges my children in ways they didn't know were possible, and year after year, I am amazed at the growth I see in them. I hear the way they speak to each other at the dinner table - my high schoolers discussing novels that they are reading and asking us philosophical questions and turning dinner into a mini Humane Letters discussion. They learn to dialogue with each other, express their opinions, and learn to listen to others, agree or respectfully disagree with a differing opinion. They are learning beneficial interpersonal skills that will be very useful long after they leave high school. My Archway students share with me an interesting piece of information they learned in history or are so excited to share what science experiment they completed in class. Seeing their faces light up as they are telling me about their school day is very rewarding. Great Hearts education is very much a rigorous curriculum and does require student, parent and teacher to come together for the best interests of the child. We have never looked back or regretted our decision of enrolling at Great Hearts, it was truly the best move that we could have made. Seven years behind us, and approximately fourteen years left to go before our last one graduates high school, we plan to be around for many years to come. My hope is that each one of our



ten children will be Great Hearts graduates.

The quality of education delivered at our school is only possible with our communities generous support of the Community Investment campaign. Partner with us in supporting our great school, please **make your gift today** or take a moment and **complete the pledge you've already made**. Together we can do great things.

GreatHearts' GALA

<https://gala.greatheartsamerica.org/>

Tickets to the Great Hearts Gala are now on sale! Join us on September 28th at Chateau Luxe for a magical evening in support of our teachers. Click **here** to purchase your ticket today. We are also seeking support in the form of table sponsorships and auction items. If you'd like to get involved or learn more about the Gala,

please contact our school's Gala Committee Chair by phone at 602.703.5263 or by email

LOVE AND LOGIC TRAINING

Respectful, logical consequences that maintain the dignity of the child are key components of Love & Logic. When a child makes a poor choice or causes a problem, consequences and reflection are part of the learning process. However, many believe that consequences need to be immediate to be effective; yet, when we delay our consequence, it allows us to take the time we need to calm down, think through possible options, and gives the child a chance to begin reflecting on the situation.

Additional information If you are interested in learning more as a parent and how to implement Love and Logic techniques at home, we (in conjunction with North Phoenix Prep) will be holding Parenting with Love and Logic sessions starting in a few weeks. The cost will be \$60 per family, which includes the cost of a workbook and six classes on techniques you can use at home with any age range of kids. Please email Sarah Schripsema at sschripsema@northphoenixprep.org if you are interested.

NO PARKING ON CAMPUS DURING DROP OFF & PICK UP

Visitor parking spaces are only for volunteers and visits to the front offices.

The numbered spaces in the northwest corner of campus are reserved for paid, Prep student parking.

Parking on the south and east sides of campus is reserved for Prep faculty only.

We would also like to remind our families that parking at the Elks Lodge and walking over to campus is prohibited unless you are a member.

Thank you for your attention and your partnership in making this process safe, efficient, and respectful.

TEACHER NEWSLETTERS:

Specials

P.E. Mr. Waugh, Mr. Rutt, Ms. Madsen, Ms. Sneed

Music: Mr. Lang, Ms. Park, Ms. Hamilton

Art: Ms. Bryant, Ms. Berger, Ms. Rojas, Ms. Taylor

French & Latin: Ms. Fee, Ms. Ajani, Ms. Layton

Kindergarten

K-A Ms. Clark & Cremeens

K-B Ms. Michael & Ms. Lapa

K-C Ms. Baines & Ms. Garcia

K-D Ms. Leahy & Ms. Huntley

First Grade

1-A Ms. Bebow & Ms. Dunn

1-B Ms. Wittmann & Ms. Ray

1-C Ms. Gianforte & Ms. Adame

1-D Ms. Page & Ms. Wingo

Second Grade

2-A Ms. Herr & Ms. Quinley/Ms Hamilton

2-B Ms. Alexander & Ms. Roadruch

2-C Ms. Nelson & Ms. Nahar

2-D Ms. Courchaine & Ms. Hanson

Third Grade

3-A Ms. Diesing & Ms. Allan

3-B Ms. Schippers & Ms.

Ramasubramanian

3-C Ms. Marshall & Ms. Byrnes

3-D Ms. Smith & Ms. Herman

Fourth Grade

4-A Ms. Hunter & Mr. Golich

4-B Ms. Lefaive & Sundaresan

4-C Mr. Rigas & Ms. Robb

4-D Ms. Raper & Ms. Knopf

Fifth Grade

5-A Ms. Kwan & Ms. Moore

5-B Mr. Cain & Mr. Buckley

5-C Ms. Mueller & Mr. Mashal

5-D Mr. Milton & Mr. Jefferson

Sixth Grade

6-A Mr. Martin & Mr. Barton

6-B Ms. Brennan & Mr. Sokolis

6-C Mr. Hamilton & Mr. Messana

6-D Ms. Marrufo & Ms. Siebneck

