ARGONAUTS WEEKLY UPDATE

Virtue of the month: Friendship

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Upcoming Events

3/25 - <u>ANP Spring Family</u> <u>Mixer</u>

3/28 - Second Grade Field Trip, Wildlife World Zoo

3/30 - Bard Competition Round 2

3/31 - Spirit Day

4/6 - Sixth Grade Field Trip, Grand Canyon

4/6 - Kindergarten Field Trip, Wildlife World Zoo

4/7 - School Closed

4/13 - ANP PSO Board Election

4/14 - Fifth Grade Field Trip, Science Center

4/14 - ANP Art Show

4/15 - Tax Credit Deadline

4/28 - ANP Spring Concert

Report An Absence

Please send an email with your student(s) name, grade/teacher and reason for the absence by 9:00 am Email: attendance@archwaynorthphoenix. org Dear ANP Families,

First, I wanted to take a moment to thank you for completing the family surveys! ANP had the 2nd largest participation in the network, with a response rate of 74%! Fourth-grade parents had the largest participation of a whopping 92%. As promised, the entire Fourth-grade class will receive an extra recess and popsicle party.

We are always eager to hear how we can better execute our vision with fidelity. Our ideals are high, and we will be ever striving, year by year, to rise to the ideals that we esteem. With that said, I am happy to report that we made significant growth in every category over the last school year. Overall, you expressed 91% satisfaction with the school leadership, 90% with teachers, 92% with academics, 91% with school culture, and 81% with Parent/Academy Relationships.

To our already established Singapore Night, Spalding Night, parentteacher conferences, and other PSO community events, this year we added Parent Learning Nights, a Love and Logic class for parents, monthly virtue readings in the newsletter, graded homework folders going home on a consistent day of the week and other events to provide unity. Still, we must improve in the area of Parent/Academy Relationships to achieve excellence in this category. My leadership team and faculty will discuss how we can provide more opportunities to strengthen the relationship between the school and families in our upcoming meetings and take action.

We pay careful attention to the feedback we receive, and there are certainly bits of feedback and pockets of information that may not be widely shared, but nonetheless, warrant thoughtful consideration and attention. Every single family matters, and every single comment matters. There were two subjects within our ANP community and one subject network wide, which I believe warrants a communitylevel response.

There was a shared concern that parents were not receiving responses to their emails in a timely manner. Because we want teachers to have their attention on scholars during the school day, it is our policy to give our staff members 24 business hours to respond to parent emails/concerns (e.g.: If you email a teacher on Friday afternoon they would have until Monday afternoon to respond). There have been times when a staff member is out ill, for bereavement, or may have missed an email in their spam folder. If you do not hear back from your scholar's teacher within 24 hours,



Academy Giving

Did you know? Community Investment is the best way to support Archway North Phoenix! Community

Investment Funds help keep our curriculum rigorous while supporting our teachers and administration. Does your family want to support our school through Community Investment? Email Jackie Curtis, Family Giving Officer, with any questions or click <u>here</u> for more information.

PSO Corner

PSO Officer Elections

4/13/2023 at 6:30p: Join us at 6:30pm in the ANP MPR for the 2023-2024 school year Board Officers. <u>Click here</u> to complete the Volunteer Interest Survey.

Board nominations for elections: President: Julie Church

VP: Alysia Smalling VP: Summer Bagley Secretary: Dawn Ferguson Treasurer: Ashley Beaudette & Cynthia Kuxhausen

Deadline to Customize Yearbook is March 31st!

TreeRing makes it easy to customize your free 2 pages with your scholar's photos right from your smartphone or laptop. please contact me or the front office so we can expedite your concern.

Another concern was frustration around nightly homework, particularly in math. Parents largely expressed their students were becoming frustrated with different concepts, leading to homework taking much longer than expected. While we believe in the practice of homework at ANP, we want our students to have balance in their home and family life. If it takes your scholar longer than the allotted time (see homework policy for times) to complete their work, contact the teacher via email or written note on the assignment. This will help guide the teacher in planning a lesson to reteach the class or give your scholar individualized attention for mastery.

In all transparency, the new Singapore curriculum has been challenging for our scholars and staff. Change is hard, but we believe the rigor of the new edition will better prepare our scholars, so we are determined to conquer its challenges. We are committed to continue training our staff to differentiate instruction in the classroom. In addition, we will add more Singapore learning nights during the school year to help us all grasp the understanding of the new edition. Network-wide, a desire for more transparent grade portals and communication was also expressed by several parents. Our philosophy at Great Hearts is to focus on the whole child, which at times will take the emphasis off actual letter grades. Having said that, the network will discuss ways to provide parents with more frequent grade reports with category breakdowns throughout the year.

I thoroughly enjoyed reading the shout-outs you gave our staff members. I share these with the faculty at our end of the year, one on one meetings. It is apparent that our teachers care about their scholars and are striving to be better human beings. They beam when they hear your words of affirmation! Thank you for providing this encouragement.

While we are always looking to improve, the overall tenor of the recent surveys was very positive. Once again, we appreciate your time and thoughtfulness in completing these surveys, and we thank you for your partnership as we set about making ANP an even better place for your scholar.

In Partnership,

Geri Kirby, Headmaster

2023-24 Incoming 6th and 7th Grade



Parents/Guardians of Incoming Gladiators (Class of 2029 & 2030)

You are invited to a Headmaster Chat with Ms. Jacobson, & a few of our staff members. In the library, March 30th at 8:30am.

We will have a Q&A & then take you on a tour of Prep!

We hope to see you there!

Please join us on March 30th at 8:30am for a tour of campus and a brief Q&A about 6th and 7th grade at North Phoenix Prep. **If you are unable** to attend, there is an open tour on April 4th at 8:30am.

In addition to tours, we will have our annual Rise Up Day for current 5th and 6th students (May 11th and 12th) to tour campus during the day, Camp Gladiator this summer, and Greet the Gladiators before school starts in August. We can't wait to welcome you to North Phoenix Prep!



Other upcoming events:

- **May 12**, the 5th-grade scholars will participate in Rise-Up day during a couple of hours of the regular school day. They will tour the NPX campus and take part in some fun activities.
- May 11, the 6th grade rise up day
- May 23, 5th-grade awards ceremony in the MPR. More information forthcoming
- May 22, 6th grade award ceremony in MPR. More information

AASATESTING for 3rd Grade -6th Grade

In April, third-sixth grade students will be taking the AASA (Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment) ELA and Math tests. Please begin to discuss with your child the importance of doing their very best on these tests. We recommend that students log into the Sample Tests to familiarize themselves and get extra practice with the types of questions and their formats on the AASA test. More information about how to prepare your scholar for standardized testing and test schedules are forthcoming.

AASA Testing Schedule here!

<u>https://az.testnav.com/client/index.html</u> (Make sure to click on the bottom link that says "Mic Check & Sample Tests.)

ANP Spring Concert

The music department is thrilled announce the annual Spring Concert! Below are the details:

Attendance:

Attendance is **mandatory.** Any absences that have not been communicated to their grade-level music teacher will result in a letter-grade down in student's final grade. Please reach out to your child's grade-level music teacher if you have any conflict.

Date/Location: Friday, April 28th, 2023

North Phoenix Baptist Church 5757 N Central Ave Phoenix, AZ 85012

Call Times:

Grades K-3: 5pm call (concert starts at 5:30pm) Grades 4-6: 6:30pm call (concert starts at 7pm) *students must check in with their homeroom teachers by the call time. Any late arrivals will be marked tardy.

Dress Code:

Gentlemen: White dress shirt (must be button down, long sleeve plain white shirt) with black dress pants (must be long) with black shoes. Please see the document for more detail.

Ladies: White dress shirts with black bottom, or black dress. Skirts and dresses must be no shorter than 2-inches above the knee and shirts and dresses must cover shoulder or to be worn with black/white cardigans. Please see the document for more detail. *Please refer to the updated document of <u>spring</u> <u>concert dress code</u> for further detail.

More information, such as parking and check-in details will be sent out on the week of the concert. Please don't hesitate to reach out to your child's grade-level music teacher if you have any questions. We are very excited and thank you in advance for supporting our students to peruse the beauty of music!

Community Investment



give.archwaynorthphoenix.org/communityinvestment A gift at any level is still needed & will help us reach our budgeted goal for this school years operational needs!

As a thank you/incentive for investing in our school

Every Family that makes or has made a gift to Community Investment this school year:

- Will be entered in a drawing to WIN Reserved Seating at the Spring Concert (one winner for each grade level)

*Drawing for the winners will be held the week of the Spring concert

- Every family will also be entered to Win a Free Grade Level Consumable Package for the 23-24 school year

*Drawing for the winners will be held the last week of this school year

Please make a gift that best fits your family's budget, and let's reach our budgeted goal together, thank you!

Summer Tutoring

We will not be offering Summer School this year, but we are offering a list of qualified faculty available for tutoring on the ANP campus. Please get in touch with the tutor of choice for pricing and a schedule that best suits your summer family vacations and activities.

Rebekah Layton <u>rlayton@archwaynorthphoenix.org</u> Nithya Ramasubramanian <u>NRamasubramanian@archwaynorthphoenix.org</u> Britney Daglow <u>bdaglow@archwaynorthphoenix.org</u> Brittany Walchli <u>BWalchli@archwaynorthphoenix.org</u> Jessica Sprinkle <u>isprinkle@archwaynorthphoenix.org</u>

MOBYMAX MARCH MATH CHALLENGE

MobyMax is a standards-aligned learning platform available to 2^{nd-6th} grade ANP scholars. Please bookmark this page for your child, and find their login information on the sticker in their planner or homework folder.

https://www.mobymax.com/AZ2955

<u>Sign In | MobyMax</u>

We challenge scholars to complete 10 minutes of MobyMax math or reading activities a night or a total of 50 minutes a week during the month of March. The class with the most participation will receive a pizza party, and one scholar from each grade level with the most participation will receive lunch with the Headmaster. Please reach out to your teacher if your family does not have access to home internet or a computer.

ANP FAMILY DIRECTORY

Password protected: ANP!2022 Website School Directory Here!

The directory is organized by classrooms, and your information is only included if you agreed to the disclosure during enrollment.

ANP PSO Archway North Phoenix Parent Service Organization News

ANP Spring Family Mixer, Saturday 3/25/2023 at 3p-9p: Join us tomorrow for an amazing Spring event! Attendees will be able to purchase food items from a variety of food trucks and vendors, as well as some Glow Gear during the Movie event. **Be sure to check the map so you**

know where to park, as well as the PSO table to pick-up or purchase wristbands for the Mixer event.

Mixer Event: 3p-6p, \$10 each/\$20 max per family for wristbands. **Note that the family wristband discount pricing will not be available day of the event. Wristbands will include unlimited access to all bounce houses AND face painting. Save yourself the hassle of buying in person tomorrow and pre-purchase your tickets here: **Pre-purchase your wristbands here.**

Movie Event: 7p-9p, <u>Free for all Archway families</u>. Bring you chairs and blankets and join us on the field after the bounce houses have been cleared away. We will be playing Honey I Shrunk the Kids on the field and hope to see you all there!

We still need volunteers to help! **Signup here**: <u>https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/</u><u>904740027419098055/false#/invitation</u>

Buy Yearbooks by March 24th Price Increase!

Today is the last day to buy your yearbook before the price increases an additional \$5! Current pricing is \$40 (softcover)/\$47 hardcover. <u>www.treering.com/validate</u> ANP code: 1016219217202491

Annual Art Exhibit 4/14/2023. The Art Staff cordially invites all families to come out and explore all of the ART-TASTIC pieces submitted by our very own scholars. They are asking for a variety of volunteers, to help set up earlier in the day as well as to act as curators during the event. Sign up here: <u>https://signup.com/go/FLRTnSK</u>

Boonli, The Hot Lunch Program

Boonli is open through the 4th Quarter, so be sure to get your lunch orders in each Friday by 12:00pm, Noon for the following week!

Forgotten Lunch Donations

<u>Click here</u> to view the list of items we try to keep on hand for scholars who forgot their lunch.

Tax Credit



ONLY 3 weeks left, and we still need 50 family Tax credits to reach our budgeted goal!

As a thank you/incentive for investing in our school

 Every Student that has 3 Tax Credits given in their name will earn a FREE Dress Day

- The top student that has the most Tax credits given in their name will earn a VIP lunch with a Teacher of their choice

- Every family that makes a Tax Credit will be entered to Win a Gift card & Argonaut Swag

*All Winner's will be announced after April 15th!

Argonauts, Let's Reach Our Goal Together!

Grade Level Newsletters

KINDERGARTEN Newsletter

KA Ms. Rushing & Ms. Perez KB Ms. Kruzel & Ms. Tibke KC Ms. Walchli & Ms. Sprinkle KD Ms. Christensen & Ms. Ernest

FIRST GRADE Newsletter

1A Ms. Mikesell & Ms. Leahy 1B Ms. Takash & Ms. Manley 1C Ms. Gianforte & Mr. Umbanhower 1D Ms. Refermat & Ms. Berenger

SECOND GRADE Newsletter

2A Ms. O'Neal & Ms. Kooiman 2B Ms. Alexander & Ms. Herrier 2C Ms. Silva & Ms. Nythia 2D Ms. Schwanz & Ms. Rankin

THIRD GRADE Newsletter

3A Ms. Toscas & Ms. Hernandez 3B Mr. Wright & Ms. Lom 3C Ms. Daab & Ms. Jones 3D Ms. Daglow & Mr. Messana

FOURTH GRADE Newsletter

4A Ms. Robb & Ms. Layton 4B Ms. Johnson & Ms. Gardner 4C Ms. Noffz & Ms. Clyde 4D Ms. Knopf & Ms. Randle

FIFTH GRADE Newsletter

5A Ms. Herman & Ms. Martin 5B Ms. Hunter & Ms. Allan 5C Ms. Knopf & Ms. Jackson 5D Mr. Jefferson & Ms. Stevenson

SIXTH GRADE Newsletter

6A Ms. Beach & Mr. Harrison 6B Ms. Brennan & Ms. Reichow 6C Mr. Sokolis & Mr. Jagoda 6D Mr. Barton & Mr. Lewis





31st Street Storm Drain, Pavement, and Pedestrian Improvements: Thunderbird Road to Hearn Road

Construction Notice

February 2023

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The City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department has contracted with Hunter Contracting Co. to construct sidewalk and driveway improvements, new storm drain pipe and associated catch basins, relocate an existing water line and install a new portion of water line and pavement replacement in 31st Street from Thunderbird Road to Hearn Road.

What to Expect:

- Construction will begin Tuesday, March 7, 2023.
- Contractor's work hours will generally be Monday -Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (winter hours) and 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (summer hours). Some night work may be required.
- ROAD CLOSURE: 31st Street will be closed from Thunderbird Road to south of Hearn Road for approximately 6 months. Local access will be maintained for access to Friess Road and the Century Link parking lot.
- Pedestrian access will be maintained with a 36-inch accessible path on all pedestrian walkways.
- Beginning in mid-May 2023, Village Square Apartments north side parking lot access and parking will be restricted in phases during the storm drain pipe and catch basin installation. Apartment management and residents will be notified prior to any restrictions.
- Water service interruptions will occur; however, residents and business will be notified prior to any scheduled water service interruptions.
- Anticipated project completion is December 31, 2023.

Road Closure Map



PROJECT PERSONNEL

Jeff Herzhaft, Project Manager City of Phoenix Street Transportation Department Jared Pittman, Project Manager Hunter Contracting Company Site Location Map

New curb, gutter, & sidewalk Existing curb, gutter, sidewalk New driveways Water line relocation & new waterline New storm drain & catch basins New pavement



PROJECT HOTLINE

If you have questions or concerns, please contact the project hotline at (480) 281-1506.

This publication can be made available in an alternate format upon request. Contact the Street Transportation Department at 602-262-6284 (TTY: Use 711).

