

ARCHWAY NORTH PHOENIX

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

November 24, 2023

Important Dates

November 28th

Giving Tuesday

December 1st

Headmaster Tea

2nd & 3rd Grade Parents

December 1st

Fall Concert & Family
Picnic

December 7th

Parent Seminar

December 8th

Headmaster Tea
4th & 5th Grade Parents

December 20th-22nd

Half Days

**December 25th -
January 5th**

Winter Break-No School

Join us on Social Media!



I am profoundly grateful for our school, where students and teachers are allowed to return to the tried-and-true methods of teaching and learning, where parents' authority in their children's lives is recognized and honored, and where the True, the Good, and the Beautiful guide all that we do together. For me, Archway North Phoenix has been a great gift. It has given me the chance to work hard at something worth doing, and through this work I have met a group of teachers who pursue knowledge and virtue each day. Then there are the scholars we are educating together, who are some of the most inspiring people in my life. As we continue the pursuit of excellence, I am most grateful for the chance to be with these people each day—to work alongside them and learn from them.

- Love Fearlessly, Mrs. Kirby



Giving Tuesday



In 4 days
Argonauts
Together we give.
Nov. 28th, 2023
Invest in your students' education
#CommunityInvestment #AZPublicSchoolTaxCredit **GIVING TUESDAY**

One Day & One Goal of \$20,000
in support of your students' education and our daily operations budget. Together we can do great things.

The Grade Level with the Most Participation on Giving Tuesday Will Earn A Free Dress Day!



Fall Concert and Family Night

This year during the concert families are encouraged to join our community for a picnic on the football field while each class takes turns performing in the Gym.



You will need to bring your blue card to be able to pick up your student after the performance.

December 1st from 5 PM - 8 PM.

Attire will be school uniforms.

Concert is part of scholars grade and is mandatory to attend

Concert Times are as follows:

Kindergarten

5:20 PM -Drop off scholar at BasketBall Court, Families enter gym

5:30 PM - Performance starts

1st Grade

5:45 PM -Drop off scholar at BasketBall Court, Families enter gym

5:55 PM - Performance starts

2nd Grade

6:10 PM -Drop off scholar at BasketBall Court, Families enter gym

6:20 PM - Performance starts

3rd Grade

6:35 PM -Drop off scholar at BasketBall Court, Families enter gym

6:45 PM - Performance starts

4th Grade

7:00 PM -Drop off scholar at BasketBall Court, Families enter gym

7:10 PM - Performance starts

5th Grade

7:25 PM -Drop off scholar at BasketBall Court, Families enter gym

7:35 PM - Performance starts



Academy Giving

As we kick off a new school year we are honored to partner with our families through our annual campaigns:

Community Investment campaign
and
Arizona Public Tax Credit drive.

Jackie Curtis, Family Giving & Community Engagement Officer, will be happy to answer any questions.



Bring a picnic from home or enjoy food from one of the food trucks!





5th Grade Families (Future Gladiators)

Thank you to the families who have already completed their paperwork for open enrollment! We are excited to welcome you in the fall as an official Gladiator family.

If you have not completed your open enrollment paperwork, please remember to do so. **Your enrollment does not automatically transfer to North Phoenix Prep**, and you **must complete the open enrollment process to secure your seat in 6th grade**.

If you know for certain that your child is not attending North Phoenix Prep next year for 6th grade, please reach out to Ms. Hilley (mhilley@northphoenixprep.org) so that she can note your intentions in our system. Thank you!



Thank you to all our Grandparents and VIP's that came and celebrated with us this week. We love sharing our school with our scholars Very Important People!



Thank you to our Archway and Prep PSO for providing coffee and all the volunteers for the event!



Sweet Scholar Story



A scholar was being prompted to say "thank you" for me giving him a book. The parent said "Don't you want to say something to your teacher?" He looked confused and paused then said to me "I like to eat at Dave and Buster's!"

Great Hearts continues to nurture our great relationship with **Barça Residency Academy** in Casa Grande (FC Barcelona's exclusive National Residency Academy). Last year, we hosted the first ever Barça Soccer Camp at Scottsdale Prep. This year, we are happy to announce that we will be hosting it again on December 20-23 for boys and girls ages 6-14 years old! All Great Hearts students will have the opportunity to have a 10% reduced rate until December 3. Space is limited, so register today!

Camp rebate code: GH23BA

Information

Registration



Argonauts Winter Sports Camps

Looking for something fun to do this Winter Break? Come join us for one or all three Winter Camp sessions! We'll have a blast playing all your favorite sports and PE games! It's going to be a non-stop, action-packed good time! Spots are limited, sign up today!

Who: Calling all K-6th grade students
(if you have a prep student in 6th grade, they are welcome to join us)

What: Activities include PE games, sports, board games, movies, snacks, lunch, group games and more! Dress in comfortable athletic attire. Lunch will be provided during Session 2 but bring your own snack. Lunch and a change of clothes should be brought for session 1 and 3. Treats will be given at the end of each session!

Where: Archway North Phoenix

When: Session 1 – Dec. 20th-22nd (half days);
Session 2 – Jan. 3rd-5th (full days 8-3pm);
Session 3 – Jan. 8th-12th (half days)

Times: Session 1 – from 12pm-4pm after the school day ends;
Session 2 – 8am-3pm;
Session 3 – from 12pm-4pm after the school day ends.

Price: Session 1 \$75 (3 half days), Session 2 \$150 (3 full days), Session 3 (5 half days) \$125

Sign up **[HERE](#)**



Volunteer and Get Your 10 In

We encourage and challenge each family to volunteer at least 10 hours each year! We look forward to volunteering alongside you!

All volunteers need to register [HERE](#).

After you have been approved, watch for sign up opportunities in class or at different events during the year.



Staff Holiday Luncheon

The Holiday luncheon is right around the corner! Our theme this year is “Candy Cane Lane.” I am looking to you, the PSO community for items and supplies that you may have around the house and looking to get rid of that can be repurposed and transformed into decor. I am confident I can make something on theme and coordinate out of the odds and ends we gather.

Cardboard boxes-all sizes, old wrapping paper, paper towel, wrapping paper rolls, holiday ribbon, left over tissue paper, old pool noodles-not so old they break when manipulated, faux cranberry vines, pine, ect, balloons, plastic globe ornaments-any color, crates, left over spray paint-any kind-any color, Old paint brushes/rollers, Old unused blow up beach balls, foam from packaging bigger items.

I am confident , together, we can make this holiday luncheon special and make sure our staff feels appreciated and loved! Have items you can donate or questions? Send an email to the Holiday Luncheon Chair at roxanajh55@gmail.com.



Holiday Appreciation - Tree Breakdown and Heart collection

Are you available to volunteer on the weekend? Then this is the volunteer opportunity for you. Additional details will be shared in the December edition of the Golden Fleece, going out to families next Wednesday.



Fall Concert Foodies

Be sure to grab some of your favorite food before or after your scholar's performance. Check out the options below:

Beardsley's Bad-AZ BBQ - Check Menu [HERE](#)

El Taco Loko - View their Instagram [HERE](#)

Leo's Ice Cream - Check Menu [HERE](#)



Lunch Program

Did you know that the PSO manages the lunch program? Any money profited goes back to the school staff in the form of Staff Appreciation, Family Events and more! So go ahead, take a break, you deserve it. Instead of making your scholar's lunch each day, consider ordering from the hot lunch options. Don't forget that lunch orders are due by noon each Friday. [Order here](#)



Forgotten Lunch Donations

Please consider donating to the forgotten lunch program. Healthy options like cheese sticks, fruit cups, hummus, crackers and veggie sticks are preferred. Donations can be labeled ANP forgotten lunches and dropped off in the front office. Thank you!



On-Call Volunteers - Volunteers would help on campus when a teacher is absent. With our funding being cut for substitutes, it would be beneficial for the school to have on-call parents available to lend a hand. Trust us, there is nothing better than seeing your scholar's face light up when they see you on campus. Yes, you can sign up for shifts, just add that info in the comments.

* Signup for On-Call: [Sign Up](#)



Remember for all volunteering, you must be Raptor verified

[Raptor Link](#)



Headmaster Kirby would like to invite you to join her for Quarterly Parent Seminars. This parent only event will be an opportunity to read and discuss virtues important to our school community. Purchase the books and sign up to join the discussion group. Join her for just one, or all sessions.

December 7th, 6pm - 7pm: The Read Aloud Family by Sarah Mackenzie

[Buy Book Here](#)

[Sign Up Here](#)

February 29th, 6pm - 7pm: Tending the Heart of Virtue by Vigen Guroian

Intro & Chapter 1 Only

[Buy Book Here](#)

[Sign Up Here](#)

April 25th, 6pm - 7pm: Mans Search for Meaning by Viktor E. Frankl

[Buy Book Here](#)

[Sign Up Here](#)



Headmaster Tea

Our next Headmaster Tea is on **December 1st**. It is for **2nd & 3rd Grade Parents**, and starts at 8:15am in the library. This is a great way to visit in a smaller setting with Headmaster Kirby!



thank you

Thank you to all our families who donated paper at the beginning of the year. It lasted us the whole first quarter! We use up a lot of paper for our young scholars individual readers. Paper donations are always appreciated.

Guidelines for Dismissal

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday: ARCHWAY use both lanes until 3:20pm, then must be in ARCHWAY only lanes so PREP traffic is not blocked.

Wednesday: ARCHWAY Traffic please do not enter campus until 1:20. If you have PREP/ARCHWAY Sibling pick up, do not enter campus until 1:30. Prep sibling pick up will still take place on the PREP side. **If you are coming across the crosswalk on the Prep side please follow the directions of the Prep teachers guiding the foot traffic across the crosswalk. Please use the crosswalk with the crossing guard only.**



Dismissal Times

M, T, TH, F

Archway 3:00PM

Prep 3:30PM

Wednesday

Archway 1:30PM

Prep 1:15PM



Watch the Video
for more details.

Use the QR Code
above or click this
[LINK.](#)



■ Archway

■ Prep



Please Do Not Use the Elks Club Parking Lot unless you are an Elks member. Please Do Not Use the church parking lots. Please get in line and we will all get dismissed in a timely manner.



Argonaut Parent Community

Three things you can do to help us keep your students safe and our traffic flowing:

Please watch the traffic video - Link above

Read all communications coming home - from your students' teachers & the family newsletter

Please ensure that we have the correct contact information - If you are not getting the email communications please reach out to your teacher and our Assistant Office Manager, Ms. Del Duca at kdelduca@archwaynorthphoenix.org. Teacher emails are on our website under faculty and staff.

Should you have any questions or concerns please reach out.

We are all in this together.

Let's Make it a Great Year Argonauts!



SCHOOL GUIDELINES

ATTENDANCE

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to email the school before 8:00 a.m. to report an absence. Students will be recorded as having an unexcused absence if no email is sent. An unexcused absence of 10 consecutive days will automatically result in the withdrawal of the student. Please read the [Parent Handbook](#) for more detailed information, or call the office if you have any questions.

Please email:

attendance@archwaynorthphoenix.org
to report an absence.

TARDINESS

Students who arrive after 8am will be considered tardy and will check in at the north doors until 8:10 AM with Coach Norris. **After that, the parent/guardian must sign the student in at the front office on arrival.** Persistent tardiness is highly disruptive of instruction and undermines student morale. On the 5th occasion of an unexcused tardy in a quarter we notify the parents. If the student continues to accumulate tardies, Headmaster Kirby will be in touch to discuss possible concerns.

EARLY STUDENT PICK UP

Students that need to be picked up early for appointments must be picked up in the main office no later than 2:30pm on full days, 1:00pm on early release days, and 11:30 on half days. **We do not release students the last 1/2 hour of class.**

PLACARD FOR PICK UP

Blue Placards are required every day for every pick up. If lost or need a copy for any reason, please bring your ID to the front office and we can provide a new copy.

FAMILY DIRECTORY

The family directory is now posted on our website under Academy Life - [News & Events](#). This directory is solely and expressly intended for private use by the Archway North Phoenix community only. It is not intended for solicitation or commercial purposes. It is password protected. The password was sent separately on August 25th.

****Great Hearts and Archway North Phoenix continue to utilize the system School Messenger for emails, robo calls, and text messaging to inform families of campus related academy emergencies and other communications. SchoolMessenger has a new automatic opt-in for text feature. During the registration or your re-enrollment process families confirmed their participation in text communication. Great Hearts will now automatically opt in contact information given during the registration/re-enrollment process with the options you selected. You will notice at the beginning of July you will be opted in for text messaging. If you would like to opt out of text messages simply reply STOP to the text from 67585. You can also enter the code 67585 with the message STOP to block any text messaging. Please note, if opting out, you will not receive texts regarding emergencies on campus.****

Grade Level Newsletters



Kindergarten Newsletter

KA Ms. Rushing & Ms. Perez
KB Ms. Haines & Ms. Tibke
KC Ms. Walchli & Ms. Ernest
KD Ms. Christensen & Ms. Sayers

First Grade Newsletter

None included: Contact Home Room Teacher

1A Ms. Mikesell & Ms. Leahy
1B Ms. Layton & Ms. Manley
1C Ms. Gianforte & Ms. Moizo
1D Ms. Refermat & Ms. Hernandez

Second Grade Newsletter

2A Ms. Herrier & Ms. Lom
2B Ms. Alexander & Ms. Gregg
2C Ms. Markoos & Ms. Gardner
2D Ms. Schwanz & Ms. Rankin

Third Grade Newsletter

3A Ms. Toscas & Ms. Jones
3B Mr. Wright & Mr. Messana
3C Ms. Daab & Mr. Barrett
3D Ms. O'Neal & Mr. Terpin

Fourth Grade Newsletter

4A Ms. Noffz & Mr. Quick
4B Ms. Johnson & Ms. Martin
4C Ms. Robb & Mr. Lewis
4D Ms. Knopf & Ms. Randle

Fifth Grade Newsletter

5A Ms. Brennan & Ms. Nelson
5B Mr. Seeliger & Ms. Jackson
5C Ms. Herman & Ms. Golebiewski
5D Ms. Knopf & Mr. Friend