

ARCHWAY NORTH PHOENIX

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

February 16, 2024

Important Dates

February 17th -19th

R & R Weekend -
No homework!

February 19th

School Closed

February 23rd

Spirit Day

February 24th

Daddy Daughter Dance

February 29th

Headmaster Seminar

March 5th

Class Picture Day

March 8th

Third Grade Field Trip

March 8th

Field Day -K-2nd Grade



Dear ANP Families,

Next week, you will receive the **Annual Great Hearts Family Survey**. We eagerly await your valuable insights on our strengths and areas for improvement as we strive to uphold our vision. **Last year, ANP achieved a 74% response rate, and this year, our goal is 90%.** The grade level with the highest participation will be rewarded with an extra recess and popsicles.

Your feedback holds great significance to us, and we carefully consider every comment received. Last year's survey prompted positive changes, such as an additional parent-teacher conference and progress reports with category breakdowns. In response to concerns about math homework, we enhanced our teachers' Singapore training and incorporated a dedicated math practice block in the schedule. To promote more family time on weekends, we no longer assign homework on Fridays, encouraging scholars to enjoy leisurely reading with a book of their choice.

I encourage you to specifically acknowledge our faculty's commendable efforts in the parent surveys. Your words of affirmation are shared with the faculty during our end-of-year one-on-one meetings, serving as motivation for their continued dedication to our shared mission.

We appreciate your time and thoughtful responses in completing these surveys, and we thank you for your ongoing partnership in making ANP an even better place for your scholar.

In partnership,

Geri Kirby | Headmaster

Join us on Social Media!



Academy Giving

As we continue through the 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.



Did you know that you can double, or even triple your Community Investment and Tax Credit donations to Archway North Phoenix?

Many companies will match their employees' donations to our school through their Corporate Gift Matching Programs, and that is an easy way to increase the impact of your donations!

Search our directory to see if your company is listed. If they are not there, please take the extra step to inquire with your Human Resources department to find out if your company offers a matching gifts program. Thank you and shout out to all the families that already have taken advantage of this opportunity to support our school.

The first step? Making your Community Investment or Tax Credit gift!

Give to ANP Community Investment | Contribute your Tax Credit to ANP

Please contact Ms. Curtis, Family Giving Officer at (602) 404-7414 with any questions. Thank you!



ANP Family Tax Credit Contest 2024- Help us reach our Tax Credit Goal!



Share this with all your friends, family, neighbors and co-workers that you know pay AZ State Taxes!!

***The grade level with the highest percent of participation in Tax Credits Received by April 15th - Will Earn A FREE Dress Day!**
(school dress guidelines will apply, more details to come.)

Questions: Contact Jackie Curtis, Family Giving Officer jcurtis@archwaynorthphoenix.org

At NO Cost To You...

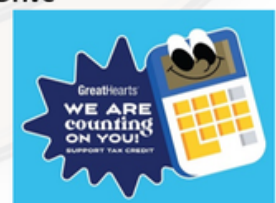
Support our School's Extra Curricular Programs!

Scan the QR code to make your contribution today (be sure to fill in student referral)

OR visit archwaynorthphoenix.org/support to learn more about our Tax Credit Drive

#ItsAWIN-WIN #DOLLAR-FOR-DOLLAR

#AZPUBLICSCHOOLTAXCREDIT #FREEMONEYFOROURSCHOOL





**Class Picture Day is coming
March 5th!**

**Argonauts you are
AMAZING!!!**

**Everyone has been working
so hard on making sure our
ANP scholars are getting
to school on time, ready to
learn and take on the day!**

**This week we have had a
drastic improvement in
tardiness, and we just
want to say THANK YOU!!**



Spring Break Camp: March 11-13th

**Looking for something fun to do this over
Spring Break?**

We'd love to have you come join us!

**We'll have a blast playing all your favorite
sports and PE games!**

**Sign up fast because when they're gone,
they're gone!**

When: 8am-4pm (lunch provided) | \$150

Who: Calling all K-6th grade students
(yes, 6th grade prep students may come)

What: Activities include PE games, sports, board games, movies, snacks, lunch, group games, Slip 'n' Slide, Otter Pops, free time and more! Dress in comfortable athletic attire, bring a change of swim clothes for Friday. Lunch will be provided for Spring Camp. Bring your own snack. Otter Pops given at the end of the camp.

Where: Archway North Phoenix

[Sign Up Here](#)

**Any questions contact Coach Waugh:
dwaugh@archwaynorthphoenix.org**



Headmaster News

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.

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](#)



Great Hearts is seeking families to represent our academy on the 2024 Great Hearts Gala Committee. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Keara Katayama at keara.katayama@greathearts.org. Please view the invitation for more information.

[View Invite Here](#)

Note from ESS Department

Special Education records are destroyed 5 years after a student has withdrawn, transferred, or been exited from enrollment at Archway Classical Academy North Phoenix (ANP). This year, we will be destroying the records of students who withdrew from ANP, transferred, or exited from special education services in the 2017-2018 school year or earlier. If your student withdrew, transferred, or exited special education at ANP during or prior to the 2017-2018 school year, files will be destroyed on 02/01/2024, and this serves as notice. If you are a parent or student and need a copy of your student's special education records for any reason before they are destroyed (e.g., social security benefits), please contact Kerry Souza or Jean Page in the Special Education department at 602-996-4355 or ksouza@archwaynorthphoenix.org ; jpage@archwaynorthphoenix.org before the destruction date.

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.

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](#)



Grade Level Sponsored Potluck

Can you believe this is next week? The Grade Level Sponsored Potluck is scheduled for Wednesday, February 21st. We are inviting all 2nd & 3rd Grade Families to help our teachers and staff! They are amazing, so let's share some great food with them to show them how much we appreciate them. You can signup to donate a food/beverage item or donate and the PSO will do the shopping.

[Signup Here](#)



5th Grade Dedication Page Info

Attention 5th grade parents! Today is the last day to get these in!

Each year we dedicate yearbook pages to the graduating class. Scholars who have attended ANP since Kindergarten will have their 5th grade and kindergarten photos included. Scholars who started at ANP after Kindergarten are able to submit their favorite ANP memory. The favorite memory can be from any year they attended ANP (not just 5th grade). **Please have scholars fill out the attached google form by Friday, February 16th** to ensure they'll be acknowledged in the yearbook. Please reach out to yearbook@anppso.org with any questions.

[5th Grade Google Form](#)



Get ready for our Annual Daddy Daughter Dance!

You can still order your tickets online! Don't forget that we are counting on your support for refreshment donations, setup, and chaperoning. Let's make this event unforgettable!

Dads and Daughters signup [HERE](#)

Volunteers will be needed to help with setup, decorating, and food. Sign up [HERE](#) to help.



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](#)

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. **If you arrive past the time the North lobby doors are closed, 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 by letter home. If the student continues to accumulate tardies, Headmaster Kirby will be in touch to discuss possible concerns. If problem persists parents will be required to come in person for a meeting with the leadership team to discuss a solution.

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.

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.

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.**

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Because teachers need 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 are times when a staff member is absent, or may have missed an email in their spam folder. If you do not hear back from your scholar's teacher within 24 hours, please contact Ms. Kirby or the front office so we can expedite your concern.

HOMEWORK POLICY

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 re visit with the class or give your scholar individualized attention for mastery.

Grade Level Newsletters



Kindergarten Newsletter

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

First Grade Newsletter

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. Contreras

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. Kistler
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