

ARCHWAY NORTH PHOENIX

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

February, 2, 2024

Important Dates

February 3rd
Hiring Event at ANP

February 13th
Fifth Grade Field Trip

February 19th
School Closed

February 24th
Daddy Daughter Dance

February 29th
Headmaster Seminar



Great Hearts Hiring Event



If you or someone you know may be interested in these upcoming Great Hearts Hiring Events, please share this [link](#) to register for an event near you. Learn more about teaching, coaching, and leadership opportunities by registering today!

[Click here for Hiring Flyer](#)

Join us on Social Media!



A HUGE shout out to the parents of 5th Grade! The last two weeks they have showed up every day to help cover lunch, recess and even help instruct in classes during teacher absences.

Thank you so much!

Dear ANP Families,

I am writing to emphasize the critical importance of ensuring that scholars arrive at school on time each day. Punctuality is a key factor in a student's academic success, as it sets the tone for the day and ensures a smooth transition into the learning environment.

While we understand that unforeseen circumstances may arise, consistent tardiness has a detrimental impact on your child's education. We have observed a concerning number of late arrivals, and it is affecting the overall learning experience for both the tardy scholars and their peers.

It is crucial to address this issue collaboratively as a community. While some schools employ punitive measures for tardiness, I believe that it is not fair to penalize students for circumstances beyond their control, especially when it comes to parents' planning.

In an effort to address this concern, I will be personally calling parents of students with excessive tardies to discuss any challenges they may be facing and explore possible solutions. We want to work together to ensure that your child can start their day with ample time for preparation and focus.

Should tardiness persist, we may need to reconsider our late drop-off system. While convenience for parents is important, maintaining a punctual and efficient learning environment for our scholars takes precedence. Any potential changes to the late drop-off system will be communicated well in advance, and we hope for your understanding and support in this matter.

Thank you for your cooperation and commitment to your child's education. Together, we can create an environment that fosters academic success and growth.

In partnership,

Geri Kirby | Headmaster

Wide Open Lanes at 7:48 AM! Come on in!

If you arrive after doors close you **MUST** bring your student in person to the front office. **Do not drop them off alone.**



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](#)



Chloe Cotoc & Victoria Solorio in 3B showing a great example of citizenship. They chose to help clean the playground during their recess and pick up all the trash and food wrappers. Thank you Chloe & Victoria!



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.



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](#)



Join us in
Congratulating our
own Nathan
Kirchheimer on
taking 3rd Place in
the Great Hearts
Spelling Bee!

Amazing Work
Nathan!

Art from a different
perspective.

Our Scholars from
3A trying to
experience how it
felt for
Michelangelo to
paint the Sistine
Chapel.



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

Forgotten Lunch Donations

The PSO is requesting donations for forgotten lunches. Every day there are students who forget their lunch and we are running low on snacks. Please consider signing up and bring your donation to the front office.

Thank you!

[Sign Up Here](#)

5TH GRADE FAMILIES

If you have a 5th Grade Scholar you may participate in North Phoenix Prep sports.

Follow the [link](#) for information on Spring Sport Information.

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.



5th Grade Dedication Page Info

Attention 5th grade parents! 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



Daddy-Daughter Dance

Get ready for our Annual Daddy Daughter Dance! Secure your discounted ticket (1 per family) before February 12th! We're 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.



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](#)



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.

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.

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. **If you arrive past the time the 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.

****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. 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