

ARCHWAY NORTH PHOENIX

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

May 10, 2024

Important Dates

May 20th

Kinder & Third Grade
French Day

May 20th

Second Grade
Civil Rights Day

May 21st

1st & 4th Grade
French Day

May 22nd

2nd & 5th Grade
French Day

May 22nd

Kinder Velveteen Rabbit
Tea Party

May 23rd

5th Grade Promotion



"The month of May is the gateway to summer." - Jean Hersey

When I was young, I really struggled as a student. I had no drive to pursue excellence and could have cared less about my grades. My dad made me spend time over the summer watching VHS tapes titled, "Where There is a Will There is an A" and learning to type using Mavis Beacon Teaches Typing. I must have muttered under my breath a hundred times how unfair it was to be stuck inside "doing schoolwork" when I wanted to be playing outside with my friends. Twenty years later, raising my own elementary aged children I vowed I would not put my kids through the same dismay that my dad did. Instead, I decided I could balance fun summer activities with reviewing skills learned throughout the year to ensure they would not regress. I went to Barnes and Noble, picked out the perfect workbooks, and enjoyed grand visions of working for twenty minutes each morning while eating breakfast together. By the end of the summer, the books had collected dust, everyone was sleeping in, and there were very few times when breakfast was being had together!

I share this with you to let you know that your children will not lose all the information they have gained over this past year, and there can be a balance between "summer homeschooling" as I had and holding your children hostage at the computer learning a skill like my dad did.

The best thing is for your students to read. They can read independently or with you, but reading books helps develop their vocabulary, spelling, and reading comprehension. Many places like Barnes and Noble and the public library have summer reading programs where students can earn prizes or coupons for books or pages read. I have included a link to some of them below. If you had students in first, second, or third grade this year, you are able to log in to Reading A-Z and have your children pick stories to read online. Papers with login information will be sent home in graded work folders next week. Additionally, your children would benefit from practicing math facts and phonograms. But, if none of those things happen, don't forget the value of family time, playing outside, and spending time with friends. The lessons students learn during those moments are invaluable and far surpass any academic knowledge they may acquire.

Please enjoy a restful, safe, and cool summer!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Raper
Dean of Academics

Join us on Social Media!



Summer Reading Programs:

[Camp Phoenix Summer Reading Program](#)

[Phoenix Public Libraries](#)

[Barnes and Noble Summer Reading Program](#)

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.



Thank You Argonauts!

\$13,020 / \$30K

43% Raised by 73 supporters

PIC • COLLEGE

The sheer abundance of gratitude and joy we experienced this week was truly remarkable. We cannot thank you enough for your unwavering generosity, kindness, and the precious gift of your time. Moments like these reaffirm what we already know - we have the most incredible school community.

Our 2nd annual Great Hearts Day of Giving surpassed all expectations, and it's all thanks to each and every one of you. Rallying our community to celebrate the tireless dedication evident across our campus, we called for support towards our Community Investment, and the response was overwhelming. **Together, we raised over \$13,000, propelling us closer to our budgeted goal for the school year.** Not only that, but we also saw a significant increase in total family participation, soaring from 33% to an impressive 40%! Bravo, Argonauts!

With such incredible momentum behind us, we're thrilled to share an exciting update: As a token of our gratitude to the entire community, we've introduced a revised incentive! Should we reach at least 50% of our target (\$15,000) by Monday, 5/13, we'll celebrate with an ALL-School Free Dress Day! (Stay tuned for further details regarding the free dress day, which will be announced next week.)

If you missed the opportunity to participate in the Great Hearts Giving Day, fear not - there's still time!

We kindly urge each family who hasn't yet contributed to our Community Investment to consider doing so this weekend. Your gift, regardless of its size, holds immeasurable value and is deeply appreciated.

To make your contribution, simply click [here](#).

Your boundless generosity ensures that we can continue delivering a premium classical education, equipping our students with the tools they need to thrive in the future. On behalf of the entire ANP faculty, please accept our heartfelt thanks for your unwavering support and generosity.



ARCHWAY NORTH PHOENIX IS HIRING!

We are on the lookout for a Kindergarten Lead Teacher. Each year, many of our new hires note word-of-mouth referral from current faculty and families as one of the most important factors in their pursuing work with our academy. So, please pass on this information to anyone you think would like to work for Archway North Phoenix!

Positions Available: Lead Kindergarten Teacher

Questions or to schedule an interview,
email: gkirby@archwaynorthphoenix.org & lraper@archwaynorthphoenix.org



NORTH PHOENIX PREP IS HIRING!

Interested in working at the front office? We are currently hiring for a part-time office assistant.

**During the summer: Hours are 8am – 1pm Monday through Thursday
(June 21 – July 7 office is closed)**

During the school year: Hours are Mondays and Fridays 7:30am – 4pm.

Please contact Ms. Nelson, anelson@northphoenixprep.org, for details.



Looking for something fun to do over Summer Break? We'd love to have you come join us! We'll have a blast playing sports, games, watching movies, eating catered lunch, doing slip 'n' slide, making friends, doing arts and crafts, and eating popsicles! Sign up fast because when they're gone, they're gone! Those who register before school lets out, get a cool Summer Camp t-shirt!

Register Here

Summer Camp Session 1: May 20th-24th | M-Th 12-4pm, F 8am-3pm (bring your own lunch) | \$150

Only 8 spots left!

Summer Camp Session 2: May 27th-31st | 8am-4pm (lunch provided Monday and Friday) | \$250 **Only**

7 spots left!

Summer Camp Session 3: July 1st-5th (July 4th half day 8-12) | 8am-4pm (lunch provided Monday and Friday) | \$250

Summer Camp Session 4: July 8th-12th | 8am-4pm (lunch provided Monday and Friday) |

\$250 **Only 15 spots left!**

Summer Camp Session 5: July 15th-19th | 8am-4pm (lunch provided Monday and Friday) | \$250 **Only**

18 spots left!

Counseling Corner

By Ms. Sulzer, Great Hearts Archway North Phoenix School Counselor



Calming Anxiety Activities for Kids

Make relaxation stones

Making acrylic paint and large smooth stones, have them make relaxation stones. They can paint pictures or designs that are calming to them. After the paint dries, spray the stones with a clear gloss to protect their artwork. Encourage your child to take their relaxation stone with them. It can be a source of comfort, particularly for children who have social anxiety.

Use your imagination

Kids have a great imagination, so take advantage of it when they're having anxious thoughts or feelings. Ask your child to imagine themselves as a superhero and choose their favorite powers. Then, have them draw themselves as their superhero identity and write a newspaper story about what they've done to help the world. This can make a child feel more positive about themselves, and it can be considered a form of positive self-talk.

Build a "calm down" kit

An anti-anxiety or a "calm down" kit is a container that includes comforting objects that your child likes. You can decorate a shoebox or repurpose an old-school metal lunchbox for this. Add pictures of your family, their favorite toy, handwritten notes from you, your child's favorite snack, and even a stress ball.

Make a worry box

Children often feel as though they are being controlled by their anxious thoughts, making them feel helpless. By creating a worry box, parents, guardians, and teachers can help kids allot a space for their worries. This works by writing the worry on a piece of paper, placing it in the box, and committing to address it at a later time. Children can also do the same using a [worry jar worksheet](#). This helps them gain a sense of control over their anxiety, and they may feel braver talking about it later on.

Make a collage

Making a collage is a simple yet fun process that allows children to flex their creative muscles, all while maintaining a sense of calm. Have them cut out pieces from old magazines, newspapers, and other printed materials to create a collage that makes them feel happy and safe.

Exercise

Exercise is not only good for your physical health but it does wonders for your mental health as well. Kids can do any kind of exercise they want to relieve stress. Throwing and catching a frisbee, skipping rope, swimming, or just walking around the neighborhood are some activities for anxious kids that can help reduce anxiety symptoms.

Mindfulness activities

One of the most popular activities for children with anxiety is practicing mindfulness. This type of coping skill allows children to be focused on the present moment using their five senses without interpretation or judgment. As your child does this, guide their mindfulness activity by prompting them to breathe deeply. This helps with focus, slowing down rapid thoughts, and easing worries.

Journal

Journaling is a great way to express yourself without filtering your thoughts. The page of a journal can act as your child's safe space, where they can write about their worries, free of judgment. They can also write what makes them feel grateful. If your child isn't comfortable with expressing themselves using words, then encourage them to draw in their journal.

Coping statements for anxiety

Coping statements for anxiety are things you say to yourself to calm down. These statements can also encourage you to get through an anxious situation. Using a guided worksheet with coping statements listed can help your child navigate their anxiety. In the empty thought bubbles, your child can also write down more positive things they can say to themselves when they are anxious.

Draw a comic strip

Drawing a comic strip is a fun little activity because it puts your child's imagination to work. They are essentially creating a visual piece of storytelling. Have your child draw a comic strip about something funny that happened in their lives. This will help them think a little more positively and reduce their anxiety as they create their funny comic strip.

Squeeze a stress ball

If your child has separation anxiety at school, then having something physical to hold and put their anxious energy into can be helpful. Stress balls are perfect for this type of challenge. You can create your own by filling a balloon with flour, rice, or play dough using a small funnel. Tie the end tightly and be sure to wrap it inside another balloon for security. Any time your child feels anxious, especially at school, they can take it out on the stress ball.

Coloring

Coloring is one of the most relaxing activities for anybody with anxiety, especially children. It doesn't require any effort but also encourages a level of focus. It also gives younger kids an opportunity to practice their fine motor skills. It boosts creativity as well. When kids color, they decide how they want their artwork to look. Feeling in charge of yourself and what you are creating is the perfect antidote to anxiety.

Changing negative thoughts to positive ones

Another one of the activities to help with anxiety is changing negative thoughts to positive thoughts. This involves identifying negative thoughts and then coming up with positive thoughts one can have instead. Doing this helps kids overcome negative thinking that often accompanies anxiety. Children can express themselves more positively and overcome negative thought patterns that feed into their anxious state of mind.

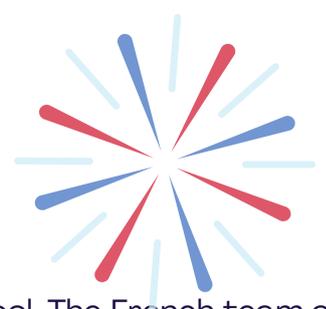
Butterflies in the belly

Parents, guardians, or teachers can help children with this activity. Cut up several paper butterflies in different sizes. Ask your child about the physical sensations they feel when they are anxious and worried, including the butterflies they feel in their belly. Have them write down their stressors on the butterflies, with the sizes corresponding to big or small worries. After this, talk to them about how to catch the butterflies in a net so that they don't have to worry about them.

Make slime

Slime is an excellent way for kids to create something super fun and just forget about their anxious thoughts and feelings. Find a slime recipe online, follow the instructions, and just have fun! You can add colors to the slime and even essential oils such as lavender to make it smell prettier. Just a few minutes of playing around with slime can bring down anxiety.

**For any questions contact school counselor, Colleen Sulzer at
csulzer@archwaynorthphoenix.org**



French Days are just around the corner!

The French team will be hosting French Days during the last week of school. The French team at ANP is happy to announce that our Kinder scholars will have a French Day on Monday May 20th, 2024 . Since France is hosting the Olympics this year, our theme for this year is Jeux Olympiques! It is a great way for our Argonauts to celebrate an event that speaks to our Great Heart virtues while still enjoying some French culture, fun, and foods.

All parent volunteers must be Raptor cleared.

Sign-up for K to 2 ANP French Teachers

Sign-up for 3 to 5 ANP French Teachers

The French team is excited for this celebration. We hope all our scholars will have a great time and end this year of French learning on a fun sportive note. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns.



Best,

Virginia Olivieri (K, 1st, 2nd) & Blandine Nothhelfer (3rd, 4th, 5th)

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Madame Nothhelfer BNothhelfer@archwaynorthphoenix.org

Grades for last quarter will go out to families via email on May 31st.



EduKit is Back!

Archway North Phoenix offers the **EduKit** program as a convenient option for busy families to order school supplies for the 2024-2025 year. EduKits include the supplies approved by our school. Your student's order will be in the classroom on the first day of school.

SAVE *money time stress* **NOW**

Do your school supply shopping in less time than it takes to get the kids in the car! School Supplies in a Kit— Now that's Smart! edukitinc.com

EduKit **ORDER NOW**

GREAT HEARTS NORTH PHOENIX DRAMA DEPARTMENT PRESENTS:

NPX YOUNG FILMMAKERS PROJECT

Create your own short film! Guided by our own Drama teacher Ms. Conner: you'll start with your own story idea, constructing a screenplay narrative. Then, you'll record your scenes with camera equipment, props and costumes. Lastly, you'll edit and produce your movie!

To conclude, we'll screen your movie in our SECOND ANNUAL NPX FILM FESTIVAL featuring your brilliant, original cinematic content!

JUNE 17-27
9AM-11AM, MONDAY-THURSDAY
NORTH PHOENIX PREP CAMPUS
COST: \$250

To Sign Up:
www.northphoenixprep.configio.com/
Look under "2024 NPX Summer School"

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.

Parent Service Organization

♥ Mahalo ♥

Thank you to everyone who took the time to volunteer, bake, donate, decorate or spoil the staff this week. We appreciate each and every one of you helping to make Staff Appreciation Week 2024, one to remember!

Shoutout to The following restaurants and coffee shops for donating treats throughout the week:

- Paradise Valley Chick-fil-A
- No Filter Coffee Shop
- Chompies



Yearbook

You can still order your yearbook via TreeRing (online/app) for \$45 (softcover) or \$48.73 (hardcopy) including tax before prices. You can also donate yearbooks to the teachers and school! TreeRing is an ethical and eco-conscious company; for every yearbook sold, they will plant a tree!

Visit: www.treering.com/validate
ANP code:1016219217202491

Yearbooks will be passed out through classrooms on Friday, May 17, so keep an eye out for those and check in with your scholars as a reminder.



Signatures and Slices – Yearbook Signing Event

Mark your calendar for the annual Signatures & Slices dine-out. Join us on Wednesday May 22nd anytime at Barro's Pizza on 40th St and Greenway. Don't forget to show this flyer to ensure Barro's will kick back some sales to the ANP PSO. Be sure to bring scholars' yearbooks for signing fun!



Raptor

Remember for all volunteering, you must be Raptor verified

[Raptor Link](#)

Every July starts a new year for getting Raptor certified. If you'd like to volunteer for the 24-25 school year, please do not fill out an application until July!

Join Us for
Signatures and Slices

Yearbook signing dineout will be held at



May 22nd | All Day
4030 E Greenway Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85032

Show this flyer or mention GREAT HEARTS and a percentage of sales goes back to the PSO.

Thank you for supporting Archway North Phoenix!

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. Senatore

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