

ARCHWAY NORTH PHOENIX

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

May 3, 2024

Important Dates

May 3rd
Spring Concert

May 6th-10th
Staff Appreciation Week

May 7th
Giving Day

May 9th
Fifth Grade Rise-Up

May 22nd
Kinder Velveteen Rabbit
Tea Party



Our Annual Spring Concert is Tonight!

North Phoenix Baptist Church
5757 N. Central Avenue
Phoenix, AZ 85012

Please check your emails for information from your students music teachers regarding arrival instructions and call times. Please bring your **blue card** with you for dismissing students at the end of the concert.

If you have any questions please reach out to your students music teacher: Julie Hale (K-2) at jhale@archwaynorthphoenix.org or Eternity Hamilton (3-5) at ehamilton@archwaynorthphoenix.org.

Dress Code for the students:

Gentlemen: White or black dress shirt (must be button down, long sleeve plain shirt) with black dress pants (must be long) with black/white 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 refer to the updated document of spring concert dress code ([2024 Concert Dress Code](#)) for further details.



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Offer ends May 12th 11:59PM.
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Headmaster News

ANP Community,

As we approach National Teacher Appreciation Week, I am filled with immense gratitude for our exceptional educators who wholeheartedly devote themselves to nurturing the growth of our scholars. Their dedication and passion are the cornerstone of our school's success.

Our 2nd Annual Great Hearts Giving Day on Tuesday, May 7th, is a perfect opportunity to honor and support these amazing teachers. Their hard work, coupled with the exceptional education they provide, deserve our recognition and support.

To ensure we finish this school year on a strong note and maintain our budget, we need your help. We are currently at 89% of our goal, with \$30,000 left to raise. Every contribution, no matter the size, brings us closer to achieving our objective.

We kindly ask each family who has not yet contributed to Community Investment to consider doing so this week. Whether it's a one-time gift of \$1,500 from 20 families or a contribution of \$55 from every enrolled family, your support is invaluable.

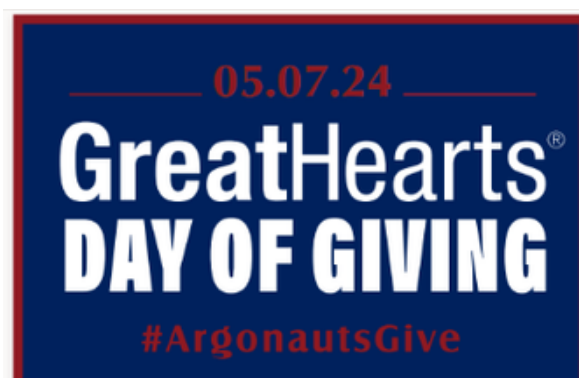
You can make your early bird gift today [here](#).

Your generosity enables us to continue offering a premium classical education that prepares our students for success in the future. On behalf of the ANP faculty, I extend my heartfelt thanks for your ongoing support and generosity.

***As an incentive to help us reach our goal – If we reach 100%, we will have a SCHOOL WIDE FREE DRESS DAY!**

Let's GO Argonauts, together we can do great things!

Watch Day of Giving success live on our [Crowd Funding Page](#) and Social Media!



Academy Giving

In celebration on our great school- Let's come together and show our Argonaut Spirit on **Great Hearts Giving Day, Tuesday May 7th.**

Students are encouraged to wear their favorite spirit shirt on this Special Spirit Day!

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 Day of Giving

Tuesday, May 7th

We invite you to join us in celebrating our teachers & all the wonderful work that is being done at ANP, by making a family gift to **Community Investment.** Every gift, no matter the size, is needed and greatly appreciated. Help us finish this school year strong and on budget!

#ArgonautsGive

GOAL: \$255,000
CURRENT: \$225,000
ONLY \$30K MORE TO GO!!

INCENTIVE
to help us reach 100%
If we reach 100% of our Community Investment goal-
We will have a School Wide Free Dress Day!



Looking for something fun to do over Summer Break? We'd love to have you come join us! Current K-6th grade students welcome! We'll have a blast playing all your favorite sports and PE games! 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

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

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

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



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 & lraiper@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.

Counseling Corner

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



Summer routines help keep kids thinking and moving while school's out

Summer schedule may sound like an oxymoron, but kids need direction and routine, says Grow. Some children can experience a loss of cognitive ability during summer break, according to some studies. By encouraging mental stimulation throughout summer, parents can help children maintain math, reading and spelling skills. Research suggests a significant positive effect when children are enrolled in summer learning programs, compared to children who are not. Promote daily reading or math problems, select educational television programs and games and plan educational “field trips” with the family, like nature walks or trips to museums.

A lack of routine can also have physical effects on children. “Some kids become more susceptible to weight gain during summer. More likely than not, these effects are due to changes in a child’s routine,” says Grow. “With less structure, children may snack more and become more sedentary, which can lead to weight gain.”

Many parents worry about over-scheduling their families, but Grow says there’s a risk to “under-scheduling” as well. “Kids tend to thrive and do best on routines. While it’s important to have breaks, fun and unstructured play time, routines let kids have something to rely on,” says Grow. This can be particularly important during summer, when kids have more free time and less supervision.

Simple ways to keep structure during summer

Grow says simple things, like waking kids up at the same time every day, can help provide some structure during the carefree summer months. She offers six ideas parents can use this summer:

- Daily routines – regular wake up, eating and bed times – even if shifted later for the long days
- Summer school
- Summer competitions – summer reading programs at the local library or summer sports leagues
- Camps – educational, sports or overnight
- Scheduled family trips
- Volunteering in the community or finding a neighborhood job, for older children

Keep kids active and away from the TV

Parents can start by setting specific guidelines for their kids and creating an environment that promotes healthy habits, says Grow.

Start by setting expectations and realistic goals and boundaries. For instance, how much screen time is too much? When should your daughter wake up each morning? How much time should your son spend outside? These are important questions for parents to ask, says Grow. “Children need guidelines and expectations. If they don’t have them, they tend to become easily restless or complain of boredom,” says Grow.

As a baseline, Grow suggests limiting screen time to less than two hours each day and encouraging kids to get at least one hour of physical activity each day.

That's why helping kids find a regular activity they enjoy, whether it's summer camp, a weekly play date at the park, or helping a neighbor, is so important, says Grow. "If a child is in a stimulating environment, getting to play and be active, and do things that promote motor and cognitive skills, then even kids who tend to be more sedentary will be more likely to be engaged and active," says Grow.

Remember, not all kids are the same. "If kids aren't as self-motivated to be active during the summer, that's when structure and planning can be most helpful. By default, if children are left to their own devices they will more likely choose the path of least resistance with sedentary activities like watching TV, playing video games or surfing the web," says Grow.

For parents who work outside the home, Grow encourages open dialogue with caregivers and regular check-ins throughout the summer. She says caregivers need to know what goals and expectations you have set for your child. Many parents work during summer, which can make maintaining a child's summertime routine more difficult. Parents should start by having an open conversation with their child's babysitter, child care center or family member about their child's routine while under their supervision.

Way to promote physical activity in summer

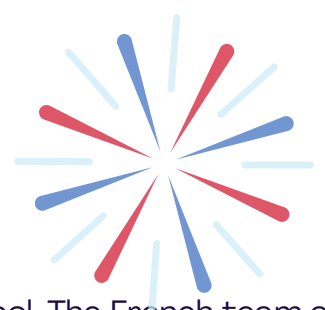
Plan family outings together. Go on bike rides, hikes or plan a family party or barbecue. Or think big and plan a camping trip. Parents should model healthy behavior and involve kids in making decisions about family activities, says Grow. For younger kids, parents can offer simple choices, such as, "Would you rather go to the playground or park? By giving a child an option, they feel more involved in the decision, making them more likely to enjoy the activity. Encourage kids to try new things, says Grow.

Promote self-regulatory skills. For kids, being outside and participating in activities builds self-regulatory skills. "For my daughter right now, she's gaining confidence riding a bike and practicing on the monkey bars. When we go to the park she builds strength and confidence for doing these things."

Spend time as a family. Family time can be wonderful for a child's development, physically and mentally. "Kids can benefit from spending time with parents. Family time can improve a child's cognitive development, vocabulary and understanding of the world," says Grow. Enjoy the long days of summer and plan outings as a family. One of Grow's favorite activities is family bike rides after dinner. Take advantage of places you can walk together, like the local park or library. Keeping up the bedtime routine of reading is also important.

Remember to have fun this summer. Take a break, relax in the sun, but incorporate structure into a child's summertime schedule.

**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.

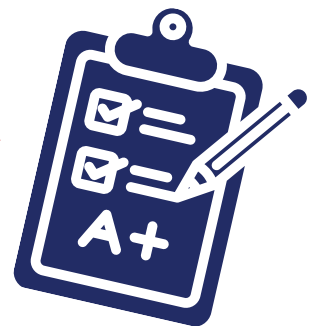
Best,

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

Madame V. VOlivieri@archwaynorthphoenix.org

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**

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.



Spring Concert Concessions

The spring concert is just around the corner! Consider stopping by the PSO table to grab rose keepsakes, stickers, or water before each concert begins.

Cash Only: Flowers - \$2, Stickers-\$2, Water-\$1



Staff/Teacher Appreciation Week

We will be celebrating all of the AMAZING staff at Archway during the week of May 6 - May 10th. Each day the PSO has something planned to spoil the staff and invite each of the scholars to join in on the fun. We will also be hosting the Annual SAW Luncheon on Wednesday, May 10th, so consider volunteering to help decorate and set up, donate food items, or make a monetary donation, and the PSO will do the shopping for you.

To volunteer or donate items for the Luncheon, click [here](#)

To purchase something off of a Staff Members Wishlist, click [here](#)

To view the Staff Favorites list, click their name on this [page](#)



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

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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](#)



Current On-Campus Volunteer Opportunities:

*School library sorting project

[Sign Up](#)

*On-Call Volunteer supporting school staff

[Sign Up](#)

*Forgotten Lunch Donations

[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. 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