ARCHWAY NORTH PHOENIX

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

August 30, 2024

Important Dates

September 2nd School Closed-Labor Day Holiday

September 9th-13th Vision/Hearing

Screening

September 19th
Parent Spalding Night

September 26th
Picture Day

October 7-11th

No School - Fall Break

October 14-15th

No School
Parent/Teacher

Conferences

Office Hours
M/T/TH/F
7:30AM - 3:30PM
Wednesday
7:30AM- 2:00PM

Join us on Social Media!







Note from Headmaster Taylor

Each year at Archway North Phoenix, we commit to a thematic goal. This year our goal is "Culture of Coaching." It provides our staff with a common area of focus and challenges everyone to step outside what is comfortable in an effort to develop new skills. In addition to our strong culture of coaching among our staff, we are dedicated to guiding our scholars in academics, virtuous habits, and cultural norms. David Hicks describes what classical educators believe to be the primary purpose of education in Norms and Nobility by saying, "The purpose of education is not assimilation of facts or retention of information, but the habituation of the mind and body to will and act in accordance with what one knows." Plato believed that moral virtue comes about as a result of habit. Both Hicks and Plato paint a vivid picture of growing into a virtuous and good life by creating sustainable habits.

Plato believed this work should begin as early as possible. "You know also that the beginning is the most important part of any work, especially in the case of a young and tender thing; for that is the time at which the character is being formed and the desired impression is more readily taken" (Plato). Knowledge of virtue will not create a virtuous person, it must arise from practicing virtuous actions. We wish to instill in our scholars habits that will drive them toward excellence in all things. While at first glance the pathway towards this disposition may appear legalistic and rigid, they are not intended to break the spirit of the scholar, but rather liberate and nurture their souls by developing habits that will best serve them in their pursuit of what is true, good, and beautiful.

This year we will begin introducing and coaching our scholars in two cultural norms each quarter. Throughout the first quarter we will be focusing our commitment to coaching on how to respectfully make a request and apologizing. We invite you to join us in this good and noble effort. Modeling polite requests and apologies at home and in the classroom can reinforce these important lessons for children. By demonstrating respectful behavior, you are partnering with us to create a positive and empathetic environment. Below is a document that our staff has been given to help guide scholars towards our first quarter norms.

- 1. Making a request:
- -Students will express themselves to their teachers in a respectful manner when making a request.
- -Be mindful of students who may demand something (I'm getting my book). Coach the student to use appropriate and respectful phrases.
- -Teachers will model appropriate phrases to coach students through making a request (these are separate from non-verbal requests).

Example:

- May I go to my cubby to get my workbook?
- May I please get a book from the classroom library.
- -I understand you need your book, a more polite way to ask for that would be _____.
- -Teachers will model respectful and polite responses when a request cannot be granted. Example:
- -You can go to your cubby after I give instructions.
- -"Now is not the appropriate time to ask, will you ask me again at recess?

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Students will express themselves to their peers in a respectful manner when apologizing.

- Teachers will model appropriate and sincere phrases to coach students through apologies. Example:
- I'm sorry for _____. Next time I will ____. Will you please forgive me?
- Teachers will allow students time to reflect and apologize when they are ready to do so. Students should never be forced into apologizing.
- Students will choose to apologize in person or by a handwritten letter
- Teachers will coach students in expressing their feelings when injured (emotional or physical). Statements will reflect actions, not people. Example:

- I didn't like it when you	
Please do/do not	

Best,

Thomas Taylor | Headmaster

GIVING is at the heart of NORTH PHOENIX

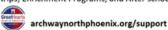
"Thank you for investing in your students education"

Community Investment =

School Security, Socratic learning environment, Two teachers in every class, Fine Arts Program.

Tax Credit =

Field trips, Enrichment Programs, and After school clubs







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.

SAVE THE DATE

Annual Giving Week!

At North Phoenix, giving truly comes from the heart!

Get ready for our Annual Campaign Kickoff Week from September 16th to

September 20th! This special week is all about celebrating our amazing community and learning how your support makes a big difference for our school.

Every family. Every gift. Makes a difference.

Join us as we celebrate the Truth, Goodness, and Beauty that your generosity brings to Archway North Phoenix! Through Community Investment and Public School Tax Credits, we create a brighter future for all our students!

Let's come together to make this year our best yet! Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more exciting details!



Our Annual Winter Concert will be on December 6th!

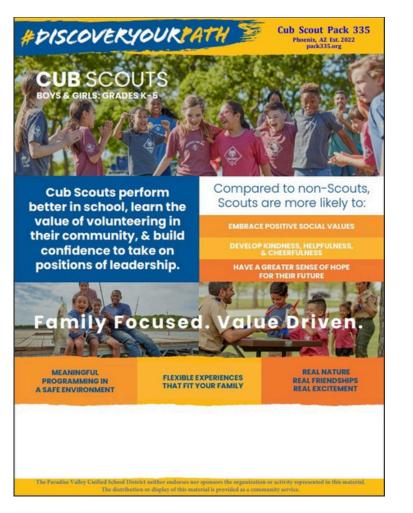


Great Hearts Day at Chase Field: Saturday, September. 14th

Great Hearts is partnering with the D-backs this fall to bring families and colleagues another Great Hearts Day at Chase Field! Get access to a discounted ticket package and arrive to the park early because the first 20,000 fans will receive a limited-edition teal Serpientes jersey replica, plus the opportunity to win game day experiences and prizes!



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







NEW POLICY Forgotten Items/Lunches

We are asking for your partnership in protecting your students learning environment. Please make sure that your student is sent to school with all items needed for the school day. Such as-(but not limited to):

- -Backpacks
- -Homework
- -Snacks
- -Lunches
- -Water bottles
- *For the security of our students and faculty, and to limit disruption to the classrooms, forgotten items will no longer be delivered throughout the school day.
- *Additionally, new this year, all outside deliveries are not permitted for delivery to students (DoorDash, Uber Eats, Grubhub).
- ** Please know that we are all in this together and fully understand that there will be one off emergency situations that we will be happy to assist you with. Should you have any questions or concerns, please reach out to our Front office team:

Ms. Dunn, Office Manager: kdunn@archwaynorthphoenix.org
Ms. Del Duca, Assistant Office Manager: kdelduca@archwaynorthphoenix.org



Register Now for SPRING SOCCER!



Rec Soccer League - Ages 7-14

6 week league

Thursday Night Practices Saturday Morning games

Fee: \$205 inc. Blue + Yellow Jerseys, Black shorts and socks

Little T-Birds - Ages 4-6

6 week league

Thursday Night Practices Saturday Morning games

Fee: \$165 inc. Program Tshirt







Great Hearts Academy Students use discount code "Spring10" to save 10% at checkout!

Register Online at www.<mark>thunderbirdfc.org</mark> or call 602-829-6861

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 be raptor approved Apply <u>HERE</u>.

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



Volunteer Opportunities

We've got some exciting Chair and Committee roles that need filling, and we'd love for you to be part of the action! Here are a few opportunities where you can get involved:

- Daddy Daughter Dance Committee March 1st. Our most beloved event needs lots of hands to make it unforgettable! Help plan, set up, work the event, and clean up.
- Weekly Staff Appreciation Every Wednesday. Join this flexible committee to shop, plan, set up, and clean up. Volunteers coordinate their own schedules to ensure no one is doing too much.
- Dad's Club Organize, plan, and promote 1 event per quarter (or more!) to bring dads together. Think poker night, bowling, and more! This can be a committee or just one dedicated dad ready to create some bonding time.

If any of these roles sound like a fit for you, please contact us at info@anppso.org. Your involvement makes our school community thrive!

Field Day Shirt Sponsors

Field Day Shirt Sponsors Needed! Want your business logo on the coolest shirts of the year? We're looking for sponsors to help with Field Day shirts. Interested? Email us at info@anppso.org. Be a part of the fun and get your logo in front of the whole school!

Back to School Parent Mixer!

Parents, it's our turn for a night out! Join us for the Back to School Parent Mixer - the perfect chance to relax, mingle, and connect with other ANP families while supporting our school! Don't miss out on the fun!

When: September 21st, 2024, 5 PM - 7 PM

Where: Aunt Chilada's, 7330 N Dreamy Draw Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85020

Sign up by September 16th to grab the Early Bird deal! 🐓

https://signup.com/go/PEEuyPy

Early Bird Special:

\$15 per person / \$25 per couple (sign up by 9/16/24)

Cash at the Door:

\$20 per person / \$35 per couple

What's Included?

Your ticket gets you delicious food, non-alcoholic drinks, and one Beer, Margarita, or Sangria! Yum!

• Need Childcare?

We've got you covered! Childcare is available on campus from 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM. Just \$5 per child (cash only at drop-off), but make sure they're potty trained!

≥ 2024-2025 Yearbook Sales Are Open!

New school year, new memories! Capture them all with a yearbook at the best price of the year.

→ Pre-Order by 10/31 to get 10% off:

Softcover: \$30 (tax included)

Hardcover: \$37.91 (tax included)

Plus, personalize two custom pages with your scholar's favorite moments! You can even donate a yearbook to a teacher or the school.

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Current Volunteer Opportunities

Vision and Hearing Screening: Help our nurses and keep our scholars ready to learn!

Sign-Up Here

Lunchroom Helpers: Sneak a peek into your scholar's day while helping out in the lunchroom!

Sign-Up Here

Forgotten Lunch Donations: Keep our pantry stocked for those unexpected days.

Sign-Up Here

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!



MORNING DROP-OFF Student drop-off is 7:40-8:00am



Please follow car line procedure for the safety of all staff and children. Pull into northern most campus entrance, off 32nd street. Traffic will flow all the way around the field and back to north side for drop off & pick-up. Please do not exit your car, faculty will assist those students who need help. Drop-off ends at 8am. **Students should be in their classrooms, seated, and ready to learn by 8am.** If arriving after 8am, parents will escort student into the front office to be signed in late.

DISMISSAL

Please be sure to have blue placard with students name clearly displayed

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.







Watch the Video for more details.

Use the QR Code above or click this <u>LINK</u>.

Dismissal Times

M, T, TH, F

Archway 3:00PM Prep 3:30PM

Wednesday

Archway 1:30PM Prep 1:15PM

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 follow the rules and be patient - Especially the first two weeks of school, drop-off and pick up will take a long time while everyone learns and before all the after school clubs start. Please do not try to cheat the system and drop off at random curbs and in the neighborhood. Trust the process and follow directions.

Should you have any questions or concerns please reach out.

We are all in this together.

Let's Make it a Great Year Argonauts!

ATTENDANCE

It is the responsibility of the parent/guardian to email the school before 8:00AM to report an absence. Students will be recorded as having an unexcused absence if no email is sent. Ten consecutive unexcused absence days will automatically result in the withdrawal of the student. Please read the <u>Parent Handbook</u> for more detailed information on our absence policy, or call the office if you have any questions.

To report an absence please email: attendance@archwaynorthphoenix.org

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 Taylor 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.

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.

LATE PICK-UP

Please be prompt when picking up your students at dismissal time. Parents are granted a 30-minute window after dismissal. After that, parents will be charged \$1 for every minute each scholar is pick up late.

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.

STAFF COMMUNICATION

Because teachers need to have their attention on scholars during the school day, it is our policy to give our staff 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 Mr. Taylor 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.

FAMILY DIRECTORY

The family directory will be posted on our website under Academy Life - News & Events by the end of August. It is password protected. The password will be sent separately at the end of August from your scholars home room teacher.

Grade Level Newsletters

<u>Kindergarten Newsletter</u>

KA Ms. Perez & Ms. Watkins

KB Ms. Thorne & Ms. Bauman

KC Ms. Walchli & Ms. Davarzan

KD Ms. Ehli & Ms. Ernest

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. Eberhard

2C Ms. Jones & Ms. Tibke

2D Ms. Gregg & Mr. Terpin

Third Grade Newsletter

3A Ms. Toscas & Ms. Contreras

3B Mr. Wright & Ms. Scaggs

3C Ms. Daab & Mr. Messana

3D Ms. O'Neal & Ms. Clouser

Fourth Grade Newsletter

4A Ms. Noffz & Ms. Molina

4B Ms. Johnson & Ms. Gardner

4C Ms. Robb & Mr. Ohre

4D Ms. Nelson & Ms. Nash

Fifth Grade Newsletter

5A Ms. Brennan & Mr. Mayhew

5B Mr. Seeliger & Ms. Randle

5C Ms. Herman & Ms. Golebiewski

5D Ms. Knopf & Mr. Friend