

ARCHWAY NORTH PHOENIX

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

September 20, 2024

Important Dates

September 25th

Headmaster Chat
4th-5th Grade Families

September 26th

Picture Day

October 3rd

Headmaster Chat
2nd-3rd Grade Families

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



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

Dear Great Hearts Families,

I will be presenting multiple articles and worksheets on Executive Functioning Skills, and how these skills assist scholars with their academic progress as well as their social-emotional skills. These will be lessons and activities you can discuss with your children at home to promote their communication skills, organizational skills, emotional intelligence, cognitive skills, etc. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you,

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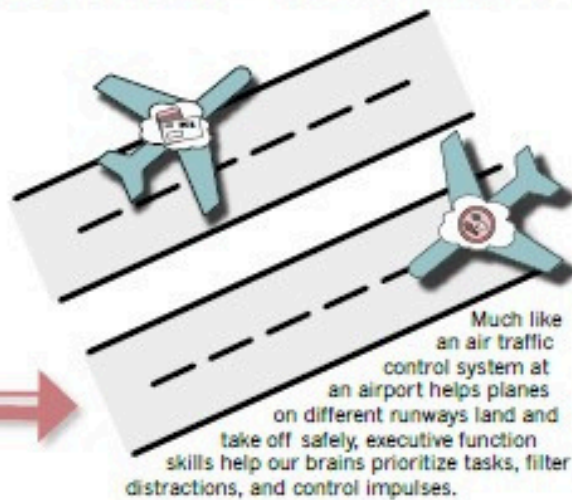
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WHAT IS EXECUTIVE FUNCTION?

AND HOW DOES IT RELATE TO CHILD DEVELOPMENT?

The phrase "executive function" refers to a set of skills. These skills underlie the capacity to plan ahead and meet goals, display self-control, follow multiple-step directions even when interrupted, and stay focused despite distractions, among others.



Much like an air traffic control system at an airport helps planes on different runways land and take off safely, executive function skills help our brains prioritize tasks, filter distractions, and control impulses.

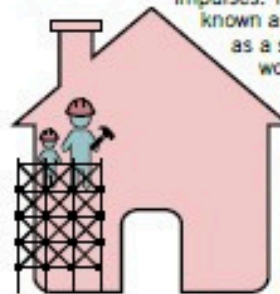
NO ONE IS BORN WITH EXECUTIVE FUNCTION SKILLS, BUT NEARLY EVERYONE CAN LEARN THEM.

Our genes provide the blueprint for learning these skills, but they develop through experiences and practice. The foundation is laid in infancy, when babies first learn to pay attention. Relationships with responsive caregivers are particularly important at this stage. Something as simple as playing a game of peekaboo can help build the early foundations of working memory and self-control as a baby anticipates the surprise.



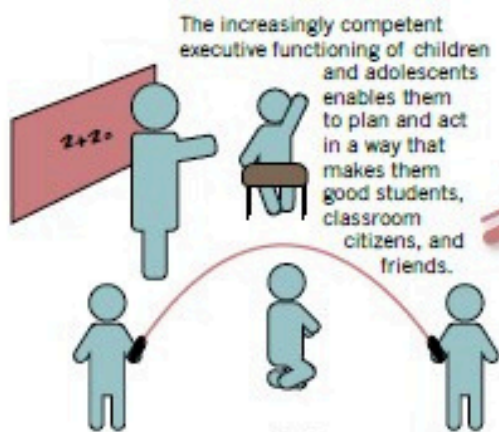
Adults set up the framework for children to learn and practice these skills over time by establishing routines, breaking big tasks into smaller chunks, and encouraging games that promote imagination, role-playing, following rules, and controlling impulses.

These techniques are known as "scaffolding." Just as a scaffold supports workers while a building is being constructed, adults can use these activities to support the emergence of children's executive function skills until they can perform them on their own.



These skills typically develop most rapidly between ages 3-5, followed by another spike in development during the adolescent and early adult years. It takes a long time and a lot of practice to develop them, but, as children's executive function skills grow, adults can gradually allow children to manage more and more aspects of their environment.

BUILDING CHILDREN'S EXECUTIVE FUNCTION SKILLS BENEFITS EVERYONE.



The increasingly competent executive functioning of children and adolescents enables them to plan and act in a way that makes them good students, classroom citizens, and friends.

In turn, this helps them grow into adults capable of juggling a multitude of commitments, such as parenting, employment, continuing education, and civic involvement. Even health is affected, as strong executive function helps people stick to healthy habits and reduce stress. The more a society invests in building the executive functioning of its children, the greater dividends it will see in the future.



SAVE THE DATE



4th-5th Grade Families Headmaster Chat
Wednesday, September 25th
8:05-9AM in the library with Mr. Taylor



Picture Day is coming September 26th.

If you use the order form that was sent home, please send the envelope back to your students teacher to hold until picture day, or order online using the directions on the order form, and visit:

mydorian.com/order



Our Annual Winter Concert will be on December 6th!

*More Information will be included in future newsletters.



Title I Annual Parent Meeting Thursday, Nov. 7, 2024

9:30 am - [Zoom Meeting Link](#)

1:00 pm- [Zoom Meeting Link](#)

These sessions will answer the questions: What is Title I? What is the Title I Grant Program? What resources are available for students who qualify for this assistance? The meeting will conclude with an open Q & A. Following the meeting, a brief survey will be distributed to collect feedback from attendees.

Questions about this event or Title I: Please email Missy Penniman at
melissa.penniman@greathearts.org

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



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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 our Family Giving & Community Engagement Officer, will be happy to answer any questions.



**As a small token of our appreciation and to help us get that much closer to our goal: Ever family that has already given or makes a gift by this Sunday at midnight will be entered to WIN 2 FREE tickets to this years Great Hearts Gala, and one lucky student will get the opportunity to be Headmaster for the Day, including a VIP lunch with Mr. Taylor and a friend. Both Drawings will be held on Monday.

Our Annual Campaign Kickoff week has been so fun and a great success! Thank you to everyone that has participated this week with your Argonaut Spirit and with your financial support. We have made a great stride toward our Community Investment and Tax Credit goals, but we still have a long ways to go. **Every family, every gift makes a difference. Please use the links above to set up a monthly or annual onetime gift TODAY.**

TWO FREE TO THIS YEARS GREAT HEARTS GALA

ONE LUCKY STUDENT WILL GET THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEADMASTER FOR THE DAY, MAKE AN EXECUTIVE DECISION, & INVITE A FRIEND TO HAVE LUNCH WITH THEM AND MR. TAYLOR!

Join us for the 7th Annual Great Hearts Gala: Classical Roots and Modern Roots presented by Great Hearts. Held in the heart of Old Town Phoenix at the Old Town. The gala is held and open place on Friday, November 1st. Enjoy delicious food and beverage, live and silent auctions, a dance set, and live music. All net proceeds support our Teacher Excellence Fund which distributes bonus compensation every December to reward our most exceptional teachers.

Secure Your Tickets Today!

Featured Performances by Chapel Delicias

Thank You to our Sponsors and Partners for your generous support.



Argonauts Fall Break Sports and Fun Camp

Looking for something fun to do over school breaks? We'd love to have you come join us! Take a look at our upcoming camp schedule:



Fall Break Camp: Oct. 7th-9th (8am-3pm) - Activities include the best all-time favorite PE games, sports, board games, movies, music, snacks, lunch, group games, Slip 'n' Slip and more! Dress in comfortable athletic attire.

Lunch will be provided on Wednesday. Bring snack each day and lunch Monday and Tuesday. Fun, Fall-themed treats will be given on the last day of camp.

***There will be Winter, Spring and Summer Break Argonauts Sports and Fun Camps as well.**

Middle School Girls Cross Country took 3rd place in their meet last Saturday with a special shoutout to Eden Lindsay who took 7th place in the individual competition. Middle School Boys Cross Country took 6th place in their meet with many boys improving on their times from the previous meet!

Next meet is this Saturday at Vista Del Camino Park.



Fall Rec Soccer with TFC

**Starting on
Thursday October
10, 2024**



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 T-
shirt



GHA students get 10% off with code GHA10 at checkout.

Register Online at
www.thunderbirdfc.org or call **602-829-6861**



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SHOP NOW



We are excited to let you know that Anton Uniforms' Annual Outerwear Sale begins on 9/13! Additionally, all oxfords have been added to this sale to extend savings!

From 9/13/2024 to 9/29/2024 your families can save 10% off all outerwear and oxfords, instore or online! There is no code necessary, all discounts will be applied at checkout. Outerwear includes, jackets, sweaters, crewnecks and hoodies, sweatpants, and even long sleeve polos.



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

Thank you for your partnership! Let's make it a great year!

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 [HERE](#).

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



PSO Chair and Committee Opportunities

Get in the mix! Here are some awesome roles that need filling:

Daddy-Daughter Dance Committee (March 1st): Help plan, set up, and create magical memories!

Lost and Found: Help scholars find their missing items during lunchtime.

Email lostandfound@anppso.org to get involved!

Used Uniform Team: Help wash donations and assist with sales.

Email uniforms@anppso.org for more info!

Weekly Staff Appreciation (Every Wednesday): Spread cheer and appreciation to our amazing staff!

Dad's Club: Plan and organize fun events like poker night or bowling!

Interested in any of these? Email us at info@anppso.org! Your involvement makes our school community thrive!

Back to School Parent Mixer - Tomorrow Night!

We hope you join us tomorrow 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 fret if you haven't signed up yet, we will be taking cash the day of the event.

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

Where: Aunt Chilada's, [7330 N Dreamy Draw Dr, Phoenix, AZ 85020](https://www.google.com/maps/place/7330+N+Dreamy+Draw+Dr,+Phoenix,+AZ+85020); Pebble Beach Patio

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! The PSO will also be raffling off some goodies, including Argonaut SWAG, a yearbook, and reserved seats for 4 to the Winter Concert!

Need Childcare?

We've got you covered! Ms. O'neal and Ms. Gregg will facilitate childcare in the MPR on campus from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. It's just \$5 per child (cash only at drop-off), but make sure they're potty trained! The PSO will provide Pizza and bottled water for the Volunteers and scholars attending the childcare.

Field Day Shirt Sponsors Needed – Last Call

Want your business logo on the coolest shirts of the year? We're looking for sponsors to help with Field Day shirts and this year, we are offering two price tiers. Interested? Email us ASAP as they will be ordered at info@anppso.org. Be a part of the fun and get your logo in front of the whole school!

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 (before taxes)

Hardcover: \$37.91 (before taxes)

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

[Order Here](#)

Bonus: Every yearbook sold means a tree planted by TreeRing. How cool is that? Let's make this year green and great!

Current Volunteer Opportunities

Heart Cutters: Have a smart cutting machine? Help the PSO cut out hearts in preparation for the Holiday Appreciations Trees.

[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 [LINK](#).

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!



SCHOOL GUIDELINES



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 [Parent Handbook](#) 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



Kindergarten Newsletter

- 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