

ARCHWAY NORTH PHOENIX

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

March 20, 2026



Dear Archway North Phoenix Families,

We hope you all had a relaxing Spring Break. **On Monday, March 23rd, 5th grade students will begin taking the AZSCI test**, so please continue to encourage your child(ren) to take their time, read each question carefully, and answer each question thoroughly. As a reminder, please make sure that your child is present and on time to school on testing days. Students will need to bring their own set of headphones as ANP will not provide them this year. Additionally, please make sure that your child is able to be in attendance the entire testing day, as they will not be able to make up a test that is started but not finished due to leaving early. If your child is absent on one of their testing days, there will be makeup days, but we find that students do their best work on the designated testing days. In order to feel their best, children should get a good night's sleep the night before each test, as well as a hearty breakfast each morning. Please send them with a protein packed snack, and a bottle of water. Students should have a book or two during the month of March and April as reading is the only activity students can partake in once they have finished during the testing session. If you'd like to work with your student on some of the material, please see the "Partnering with Parents" section below.

Sincerely, Ms. Kelli Sneed

AASA (Arizona's Academic Standards Assessment) is the statewide achievement test for Arizona students. All Arizona public school students (3rd, 4th, 5th grade), which includes charter school students, will take the AASA assessments in English Language Arts and Mathematics. AZSCI (Arizona Science Test) is the statewide assessment, for 5th grade, that measures student proficiency of the Arizona Academic Content Standards in Science.

Testing will begin on Monday, March 23rd, 2026, for 5th grade students. Testing for all grades will begin Monday, March 30th, 2026.

Important Dates

April 3rd
No School

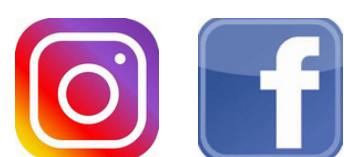
April 10th
Spirit Shirt Day -
5 days till Tax Day

April 15th
Tax Credit Deadline

May 1st
Fine Arts Night &
Book Fair

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

Join us on Social Media!



As we look ahead to this testing, please discuss with your child the importance of doing their very best on these tests and take some time each week to review some commonly asked concepts with your student using the resources listed here:

3rd Grade: Time differences Compare and contrast two texts

4th Grade: Division with place values Understanding theme from details in a text

5th Grade: Algebraic thinking Making inferences

We recommend that students log into the [Sample Tests](#) to familiarize themselves with the types of questions and their formats on the AASA test:

Additional grade level resource links:

3rd Grade: Relating division to multiplication Comparing unit fractions

4th Grade: Quotients that are multiples of 10 Multi-digit number word problems

5th Grade: Estimate to divide decimals Measuring volume area times length

Archway North Phoenix Testing Schedule:

Third Grade AASA Dates

3/30- 1-2:30 ORF-3D

3/31- 8-1 pm Writing

1-2:30 ORF-3C

4/6- 8:15-10:15 Reading 1

1-2:30 ORF- 3A

4/7- 1-2:30 ORF- 3B

4/9- 8- 10am Reading 2

4/14- 8-10 am Math 1

4/17- 8-10 am Math 2

Fifth Grade AASA Dates

3/23- 8-10 am AZSCI-1

3/24- 8-10 am AZSCI-2

3/26- 8-10 am AZSCI-3

4/2- 8-1pm Writing

4/6- 10:30-12:30 pm Reading-1

4/10- 8-10 am Reading-2

4/16- 8-10am Math-1

4/20- 8-10 am Math-2

Fourth Grade AASA Dates

3/30- 8-1pm Writing

4/7- 8-10 am Reading 1

4/13- 8-10 am Reading 2

4/16- 10-1 pm Math 1

4/21- 8-10 am Math 2





Community Investment: 76% of goal with 34% family participation.

Tax Credit: 62% of goal with 22% family participation.

Thank you for the generous support that has brought us this far. Your commitment to our students and teachers makes a meaningful difference every day. With just under five months remaining, we're close, but not there yet. **Every family's participation matters.** Each gift, no matter the size, directly supports this year's school budget and the programs our students rely on.



Together, we can finish strong. Thank you for being part of what makes our community so special.

Take action today:

Learn more and make your family's gift



Argonaut Families, it's Tax Credit Season and we need YOU!

Your **Arizona Public School Tax Credit** is an easy way to support our students at **no cost to you.** . Your contribution helps create fun school after school clubs and memories. When you redirect your Tax Credit to ANP, it helps us fund fun Enrichment Programs like when Jungle Jill brought her animals to campus to give our students a hands on experience with various creatures like these giant snakes.

Help us reach our goal by April 15th and enjoy these fun incentives:



- **PE Coach for the Day** drawing for every family who contributes. **Two winners total** one from Grades K–2 and one from Grades 3–5
- **Free Dress Day** for the grade level with the highest participation
- **All School Popsicle Party** if we hit our overall Tax Credit goal

LeaderBoard: Grade Level Standings as of this week: 1st place-5th grade with 35%, 2nd place-3rd grade with 28%, 3rd place-2nd grade with 24%

This is a **dollar -for- dollar win- win** for our school and our families. **Before you file and before April 15, take the credit with ANP.** Please share with your Arizona family and friends so we can reach our goal together.

Thank you for helping our Argonauts learn, grow, and have fun.

Bard Competition

We are excited to announce the results of this year's ANP Bard competition:

- 1st Place: Nora Neihart
- 2nd Place: Avyansh
- 3rd Place: Mila
- 4th Place: Jaida

Congratulations to all our participants - everyone did an amazing job! We are incredibly proud of every one of you. **A special congratulations to our 2025 winner, Nora Neihart**, who is now a two-time ANP champion! She will go on to represent ANP at the Great Hearts District Bard competition on April 10th.

We wish Nora the best of luck as she represents ANP at the district level!



Our Teachers!

Our teachers work hard - and they definitely play hard, too! On Wednesday, our ANP staff came together for some friendly competition during our 4th annual Coup de Poulet. With teamwork and spirit on full display, 5th grade took home the coveted Covenant Chicken Trophy for the win! A huge shoutout to our amazing PE team for organizing this fun and memorable event each year. Wednesday Staff Development isn't just about learning and growing—it's also about building strong relationships and celebrating the incredible team we have.



2026 - 2027 Family Calendar



The 2026-27 school year family calendar has been approved. It is located on our ANP website, note this is subject to change as events get added (throughout the year, we add events once we know when they are happening like field days, concerts, Art Exhibit).

[Link Here](#)

ANP Annual Art Contest

2025 - 2026 Guidelines

All ANP students are welcome to show off their skills and creativity by entering our annual art contest!

Each student may enter one piece of art, including drawing, painting, sculpture, or mixed-media.

Contest entries may be turned in just inside the doors at dropoff from Monday, April 20th - Friday, April 24th.

Please Note NEW Eligibility Guidelines:

- Art must be 16" x 24" or smaller.
- Art must be an original idea, inspired and created entirely by the student.
 - Art done from a video or book tutorial is not eligible. Students may learn from videos, but should use those skills for their own creation. (i.e.: If they want to draw a panda in a jungle, they can learn how to draw a panda from a video and practice, but should put it in its own setting, pose, etc.)
 - Art done in outside camps, classes or lessons is not eligible.
 - The artwork must be done in this school year.
 - Siblings and family members may not help, except if hot glue or anything considered dangerous for a child is needed in small amounts.
- Student must have first and last name and class written neatly on the back or card
- No photography, digital art, or anything with glitter.
- Nothing with weapons, blood, superheroes or pop culture will be accepted.
- Work must arrive dry, assembled, and completely finished.
- Art should be presented nicely without bends or crinkles. Art on school lined paper will not be accepted. Mounting work neatly on a poster board or card stock is strongly encouraged; picture frames with glass will not be accepted due to safety..
- The art department may reject any submitted work that they deem inappropriate.

Work will be judged on technical skill, creativity, and neatness.

This year, we will be giving awards for Top Honors instead of ranking the winners.

The Top Honors per grade will be shown in the MPR on the ANP Fine Arts night on May 1st.

Remaining entries will be shown in the art rooms.

Go Create!

EVENTS



All science entries are being looked through, and all participants should be notified of approval by the end of next week.

For any questions parents can reach out to cdaab@archwaynorthphoenix.org.

ANP Summer Break Camps

Are you tired of hearing "I'm bored!"? Bring your **Kinder-6th grader** to our action-packed camp for non-stop fun! Six amazing weeks of adventure await this year. Find the dates that work for you, spots are filling fast!

Summer Camp Session 1: May 18-22 | M-Th 12-4pm, F 8am-3pm (bring your own lunch)

Summer Camp Session 2: May 25-29 | 8am-3pm (lunch provided Mondays and Fridays)

Summer Camp Session 3: June 29-July 3 | 8am-3pm (lunch provided Mondays and Fridays)


Summer Camp Session 4: July 6-10 | 8am-3pm (lunch provided Mondays and Fridays)

Summer Camp Session 5: July 13-17 | 8am-3pm (lunch provided Mondays and Fridays)

Summer Camp Session 6: July 20-24 | 8am-3pm (lunch provided Mondays and Fridays)

[Register Here](#)

Questions? Dwaugh@archwaynorthphoenix.org



****I am also looking for donations of video game consoles, video games, hdmi cords, and small tvs on stands/monitors. If you have any old systems lying around we'd probably love them to use at camp. Consoles I'm looking for include Wii, Game Cube, PlayStation, XBOX, and Switch. The kinds of games I'm looking for would be games rated E, and appropriate for everyone like Mario Kart, Smash Bros, Wii Sports, other sports related games, and racing games. Please email me if you have any of these items. Thank you in advance for considering.****

SAVE THE DATE

Spring Concert, Art Show and Bookfair is May 1st!

Located at Archway North Phoenix

For Dress Code Information Click Here

Concert



The music team is thrilled to announce the annual Spring Concert on Friday, May 1st! This will be a spectacular show coinciding with the ANP Art Exhibition on our very own campus. **Please check your emails for information from your students music teachers regarding arrival instructions and call times.** Please bring your QR code with you for dismissing students at the end of the concert.

Attendance:

Attendance is mandatory. Any absences must be communicated to their music teacher or it may affect their grade. Please reach out to your child's grade-level music teacher if you have a major conflict or illness.

Parking:

Feel free to park on both the Archway and Prep sides. If you need overflow parking you can park right next door at Paradise Valley Baptist Church. For one night only, any ANP family may park at the Elk's Lodge. Carpooling is highly encouraged.

Dismissal:

Please bring your QR card to pick up your student. They will be dismissed from the prep gym to the prep campus field. When the students have cleared out families may follow them to the prep campus field where they will show their homeroom teacher their QR card to be dismissed.



If you have any questions please reach out to your students music teacher:

Katie Jeong (K-2) at jkyeewoon@archwaynorthphoenix.org or

Eternity Hamilton (3-5) at ehamilton@archwaynorthphoenix.org

Art Show

The ANP Art Exhibit will be open from 4:30-8:00. The K-4 building will turn into a museum of students' artwork completed throughout the year. The winning artwork for the contest will be displayed in the MPR. All other art submissions will be in the art classrooms and ready to take home that evening. We look forward to seeing you then!

Book Fair

We will also be hosting a book fair during the concert and art show on Friday. The students will not be visiting the fair during the week, it will only be open on Friday night so come by and join us for a fun night with our Archway community. Book fair open 4:30pm - 7:30pm. We request that students please be accompanied by parent.

Thank you for your support and participation in ANP's pursuit of The Beautiful through The Fine Arts, we look forward to seeing you there.

Parent **PSO** Service Organization

Spring Event

Join us for a fun-filled evening of family, food, and excitement April 11th on the ANP Field from 4-7PM. Activities include Dunk Tank, Bounce Houses, Mini Golf, Reptile Experience, Face Painting, Raffles & Giveaways.

Fun Run starts at 3:15PM, cost is \$3 to participate. 1-mile through campus
Wristbands & Tickets: \$15 single / \$35 family (includes 3 tickets); extra tickets 3/\$5 or 9/\$10
Food & Drinks: Rita's, Coffee On the Run, Johnny's Dogs + PSO concessions

Volunteers get free concessions!

[Sign up to attend or volunteer](#)

Join the PSO Board - Nominations & Elections

We are looking for enthusiastic members to help shape our school community! Open roles: President, 2 Vice Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer, & Event Chair positions are also available.

Board Nominations Meeting: March 26 in ANP MPR at 6:30PM

Elections: April 9th in ANP MPR at 6:30PM

Interested? Email: info@anppso.org

ANP Yearbook - Order by March 31st

Every yearbook includes 2 FREE custom pages that you can personalize. Yearbooks are printed through TreeRing, which plants a tree for every book sold-great for your family and the planet.

Soft Cover: \$36.66 (before tax)

Hard Cover: \$43.64 (before tax)

[Order Here](#)

Hot Lunch Reminder

Hot lunch is in full swing! Order online or via the app anytime. Make changes until noon the day before. Enjoy a variety of delicious daily options. Make lunch planning easy and stress-free - place your orders today!

[PSO Lunch Information](#)

Harkins Summer Movie Program

It's here! The Harkins Summer Movie list has been released and you do not want to miss it! For just \$8 per person, you can escape the heat and enjoy a Family Movie on the big screen. The cost is \$8/person for the entire season. Example: if I pay for 4 people my total will be \$32. Then submit this [google form](#) and payment by March 30th. This is first come, first serve so the sooner you get your form done, the more likely you will be to get your 1st preference for day and location. Once I have confirmation of tickets, I will email each parent to let them know

Any questions for our PSO team can go to: info@anppso.org

Remember for all volunteering, you must be Raptor verified. Every year if you plan on volunteering on campus for any reason you must complete a raptor application.

[Raptor Link](#)



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.



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.



Dismissal Times

M, T, TH, F

Archway 3:00PM

Prep 3:30PM

Wednesday

Archway 1:30PM

Prep 1:15PM



New Traffic Map

Archway: Must enter the school by heading south on 32nd street in order to turn right into the school. **NO LEFT TURNS** will be available.

Prep: Must proceed south on 32nd street past the school to Thunderbird. Make a right onto Thunderbird and then a right onto 31st street. Take 31st street to Hearn Rd. Make a right and enter the school on the left. No stopping on Hearn.

All traffic must make a right when exiting the school.

32ND STREET UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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.** 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 a letter home. If the student continues to accumulate tardies, our Dean of Students 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

Placards are required every day for every pick up. Parents are responsible to print and provide these to any individuals you have designated to pick up your scholar.

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.

FORGOTTEN ITEMS POLICY

For the security of our students and faculty, the office staff cannot continuously leave the front desk to deliver forgotten lunches, water bottles, or homework and interrupt the classroom learning environment. DoorDash, Uber Eats, Grubhub, and similar delivery services are not permitted to deliver for students. Students are not allowed to re-enter the school after they have been picked up to retrieve forgotten books, lunchboxes, homework, etc. **Both of these policies are being put into place for the safety of students and also to increase the virtue of responsibility in our students.**

Grade Level Newsletters



Kindergarten Newsletter

- KA Ms. Perez & Ms. Tibke
- KB Ms. Prieto & Ms. Schneckloth
- KC Ms. Watkins & Ms. Salman
- KD Ms. Sneed & Ms. Ostash

First Grade Newsletter

- 1A Ms. Mikesell & Ms. Spencer
- 1B Ms. Layton & Ms. Mayhew
- 1C Ms. Leahy & Ms. Lund
- 1D Ms. Refermat & Ms. Hernandez

Second Grade Newsletter

- 2A Ms. Herrier & Ms. Rainaldi
- 2B Ms. Alexander & Ms. Molina
- 2C Ms. Gianforte & Ms. Mikesell
- 2D Ms. Gregg & Ms. Pavlik

Third Grade Newsletter

- 3A Ms. Toscas & Ms. Forsyth
- 3B Ms. Nash & Mr. Messana
- 3C Ms. Daab & Ms. Allan
- 3D Ms. O'Neal & Mr. MacDonald

Fourth Grade Newsletter

- 4A Ms. Jones & Ms. Villatoro
- 4B Ms. Johnson & Ms. Gardner
- 4C Ms. Robb & Mr. Ohre
- 4D Ms. Nelson & Ms. GiGi

Fifth Grade Newsletter

- 5A Mr. Finnson & Ms. Madsen
- 5B Mr. Seeliger & Mr. Mayhew
- 5C Ms. Herman & Mr. Maloney
- 5D Ms. Knopf & Ms. Higgins