

ARCHWAY NORTH PHOENIX

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

April 10, 2026



Tax Credit Season is in FULL SWING, Argonauts!

We have just **5 days left** to HIT our goal and we are already at 73% . . . so close! 70 Family Tax Credits still needed! Be the reason we hit 100%! Your **Arizona Public School Tax Credit** is an easy way to support our students at **no cost to you**. - it's truly a dollar-for-dollar win-win!



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 39%,
2nd place-3rd grade with 33%,
3rd place-2nd grade with 28%

All Families: Spread the word! Tell your Arizona family & friends, they too can take advantage of this great opportunity to support our school on behalf of your student!

Let's rally together and cross that finish line!

Donate Today!



Important Dates

April 11th
Spring Festival



April 15th

Last Day for Tax Credit



May 1st

Art Exhibit & Spring
Concert & Book Fair -
NOON DISMISSAL



May 18th - 21st

Last Day of School -
Noon Dismissal



Office Hours

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

Join us on Social Media!



EVENTS



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.****

Spring Event

Get ready for one of our favorite events of the year! Bring the whole family for an evening packed with fun, food, and unforgettable memories. **April 11th on the ANP Field from 4-7PM.** Activities include Dunk Tank, Bounce Houses, Mini Golf, Reptile Experience, Face Painting, Raffles & Giveaways.

Dunk a Staff Member:

Ms. O'Neal, Mr. Mayhew, Mr. Maloney, Ms. Daab, Mr. Taylor, and Mr. MacDonald!

Fun Run starts at 3:15PM, cost is \$3 to participate. 1-mile through campus

Wristbands & Tickets: \$20 - 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](#)





The bases were loaded,
 the score 4 to 4,
 Everyone was tired and happy, yet sore,
 And, the batter, with the bat held high,
 was sure he was going to break the tie.
 The pitcher brought back,
 And let loose a throw,
 And the batter returned it
 with a magnificent blow!
 The ball went flying, and
 yet with shout, the ball
 was caught, and the batter
 was out.



-David Avery 5th Grader
 Winning poetry entry from
 5th Grade Kickball Tournament



2026 - 2027 Family Calendar



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

[Link Here](#)



Gala News!

I'm thrilled to introduce our campus gala committee: Katie Severson and Marybeth Burt. We're honored to represent North Phoenix and help make this year's event incredible! The Great Hearts Gala proudly supports the Teacher Excellence Fund, which provides additional compensation to our highest-performing teachers in recognition of their impact and dedication.

We are currently seeking silent auction items and in-kind donations to support the gala. If you or someone you know would like to contribute, you can reach out to Katie directly at: katieseverson.slp@gmail.com or Marybeth at: embee05@sbcglobal.net. You can also contact Tahlia Miller, Event Manager, at tahlia.miller@greathearts.org.

We are so excited for this year's gala coming up in November 2026! Be on the lookout for more updates via mail and email, and stay up to date by following us on Instagram at [@greatheartsgala](https://www.instagram.com/greatheartsgala).

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.

Dear Archway North Phoenix Families,

AZSCI testing continues, 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 testing 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 continues through April 21st

As we continue 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

4/14- 8-10 am Math 1

4/17- 8-10 am Math 2

Fifth Grade AASA Dates

4/16- 8-10am Math-1

4/20- 8-10 am Math-2

Fourth Grade AASA Dates

4/13- 8-10 am Reading 2

4/16- 10-1 pm Math 1

4/21- 8-10 am Math 2

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!

Parent **PSO** Service Organization

Meet your 2026-2027 PSO Board

President: Caroline Marshall
Vice President: Ashley Beaudette & Katie Severson
Treasurer: Erica Oliphant
Secretary: Tiffany Harding

Interested in getting involved or learning more about open chair roles? Email: info@anppso.org

ANP Yearbook - Order ASAP

Don't miss your chance to capture this year's memories-limited time left to order! Yearbooks are printed through TreeRing, which plants a tree for every book sold-great for your family and the planet. Custom pages have closed, but orders are still open. **Final days to order for delivery to the school!**

Soft Cover: \$41.25 (before tax)
Hard Cover: \$48.23 (before tax)

[Order Here](#)

Kindergarten & 1st Grade Sponsored Potluck

We're celebrating our amazing teachers with a bright and cheerful "April Sunshine & Garden Greens" gathering on April 15th! Think fresh, colorful, and easy-fruits, veggies, light bites, and sweet treats to create a beautiful grazing table our staff will love.

[Sign Up Here](#)

Thank you for helping us bring a little sunshine to our teachers' day!

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](#)

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](#)



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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