

ARCHWAY NORTH PHOENIX

A GREAT HEARTS ACADEMY



NEWSLETTER

October 16, 2026

Important Dates

Family Calendar
2026-27 School Year

October 23rd

Half-Day
Noon Dismissal

October 23rd

Literature Day

November 3rd

Picture Re-Takes

November 11th

No School -
Veterans' Day

November 23rd

Grandparent's Day

November 25th - 27th

No School -
Thanksgiving Holiday

Office Hours

M/T/TH/F

7:30AM - 3:30PM

Wednesday

7:30AM - 2:00PM

Join us on Social Media!



Trunk or Treat/Movie Night Saturday, October 17th!

Movie Night gets an upgrade this year! Please join us this Saturday, October 17th on the ANP field. **We will be doing a Trunk or Treat at 5:00pm and our movie, "Migration," will start around 6:00pm.** The event is free for the whole family! School appropriate costumes are encouraged! Bring a blanket, chairs, food and drinks to enjoy the movie on the lawn. PSO will be selling concessions during the movie.



Trunk or Treat Volunteer

Help us plan by letting us know if you will be attending: **Interest Form**



Literature Day Friday, October 23rd

Our 11th Annual Literature Day is coming up on October 23rd, 2026 and is dedicated to inspire the love of reading for each one of our students! The students will have the opportunity to dress up as their favorite literary character for the school day while enjoying guest readers and classroom activities. Keep reading for details below:



Literary Figure Dress-Up Guidelines

Scholars are encouraged to come dressed as their favorite literary character on Friday, October 23rd, 2026.

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1. The costume must be of a literary figure that is part of the Archway North Phoenix curriculum. You can access the literature reading list [here](#).
 2. The costume should cover at least the same areas as the uniform polo shirt and shorts/skirts (just above the knee). No skinny jeans or leggings alone should be worn.
 3. Items in your costume should not have any logos or pop-culture references on them.
 4. Shoes must remain in uniform.
 5. Costume masks are NOT permitted. Face paint is only permitted if it is an integral part of the costume and should be minimal (whiskers are acceptable, but a green face is not.)
 6. Small props may be asked to be put away during class time.

It is not required to dress up, but it is highly encouraged!



Book Fair

To celebrate Literature Week students will be visiting the book fair with their classes. Families will be able to shop the book fair in person each day after school.

Book Fair Hours of Operation:

Monday	10/19: 3:30 – 4:30 PM
Tuesday	10/20: 3:30 – 4:30 PM
Wednesday	10/21: 2:00 – 3:00 PM
Thursday	10/22: 3:30 – 4:30 PM
Friday	10/23: 12:30 – 1:30 PM



Private Tutor Teacher List

These Archway teachers are available to contact if you are interested in hiring a private tutor for your scholar:



Ms. Villatoro: K-3rd grade (all subjects)
Ms. Jones: K-5th grade (all subjects)
Ms. Daab: K-5th grade (all subjects)

*Please reach out to individual teacher for more information/details.

[Link to Faculty and Staff List & Email Address](#)

SAVE THE DATE

Title I Annual Parent Meeting

Tuesday, October 27th and Wednesday, October 28th

Two sessions will be available. 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.

- Session 1: October 27th at 9:00 AM: [Link Here](#)
- Session 2: October 28th at 1:00 PM: [Link Here](#)

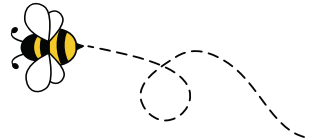
All parents and guardians are welcome to attend to learn more and ask questions.

[Kindly RSVP if you plan to attend](#)

Questions about this event or Title I: Please email Missy Penniman at

melissa.penniman@greathearts.org

Classroom Spelling Bees week of 11/2 Grade-level Spelling Bees week of 11/9 Archway North Phoenix Spelling Bee 12/17



Information: This year's Archway North Phoenix Spelling Bee will take place on Thursday, December 17th. In November, scholars will have the opportunity to participate in their classroom spelling bees. The top two spellers from each class will advance to their grade-level bee, and the top two spellers from each grade will advance to the school-wide bee. Study lists should have come home this week in preparation for the grade-level bees. New this year, parents can also access the study lists directly here.

Q2 Club Offerings

After-school clubs benefit everyone— kids, teachers, parents, and the school. They're fun, engaging ways for students to dive deeper into activities they only get a taste of during the school day. Plus, they offer affordable childcare for later pickups. To register and see what is still available click on: [Link Here](#)

Mondays: Best PE Games (K-5); Lacemaking (3-5)

Tuesdays: Flag Football (2-5); Detective Club (3-5); Music and Movement (K-2); Typing (2-5); Slime Lab (3rd-5th);

Tuesday Sketch and Draw (K-2)

Wednesdays: Basketball (K-5); Lego Club (2-5)

Thursdays: Dodgeball (K-5); Study Club (K-5); Art Adventures (1-2); Basics of Cooking (2-4)

Fridays: Kickball and Wiffleball (1-5); Food Discovery (K-1); Board Games (K-5); Friday Sketch and Draw (K-2); Travel Club (K-1)

Questions? dwaugh@archwaynorthphoenix.org

Don't miss Argonauts School Break Camps: Winter, Spring and Summer break camps are open for registration now!

***Please note: Q2 Clubs begin the week of October 19**

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Saturday,
November 07

Scottsdale Hangar One
15220 North 78th Way, Scottsdale



Tumble down the rabbit hole and join us for our largest fundraiser of the year, supporting our extraordinary teachers. Tickets and sponsorship opportunities available now!

Parent **PSO** Service Organization

Thank you

The PSO would like to give a shoutout to our awesome community! You have been so generous in your support of PSO endeavors by attending dine-outs and sending your scholars to school with their fun shoes/socks and dollars. Because of YOU we are able to cater a lunch for the teachers next week (no potluck donations necessary!). Thank you for your continued support!

ANP Spirit Store



ANP uniform-compliant sweatshirts are on sale now for \$35! Adult spirit shirts and pullovers are also available!

Any questions please reach out to PSO at info@anppso.org.

[ANP Spirit Store](#)

Yearbooks

Order your yearbook now to get the best price - \$37.26 for hardcover or \$30 for softcover! Get 10% off your purchase between now and October 31st.

-Go to **[Treering](#)** & enter the school's passcode: 1016219217202491

Volunteer Opportunities On AND Off Campus

- **Urgent:** Do you have midweek flexibility and want to be on campus? **[Lunch Volunteer](#)**
- **Urgent:** Consider donating food items to our forgotten lunch program. **[Sign Up Here](#)**

ANP Linktree!

Check out Linktree to find signups and event information! Bookmark it for easy access: **[ANP Linktree](#)**

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](#)

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 QR Code 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.**

Dismissal Times

M, T, TH, F

Archway 3:00PM

Prep 3:30PM

■ Archway

Wednesday

Archway 1:30PM

Prep 1:15PM

■ Prep



SEE MAP BELOW



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

If you are bringing furry friends with you at drop off and pick-up, please have your pets secured in the car to prevent from jumping out and keeping our staff, scholars, and volunteers safe.

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!



Drop Off / Pick Up 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: 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.



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 with QR Code are required every day for every pick up. Parents are responsible to print this from their parent portal 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

KB Ms. Prieto & Ms. Salman

KC Ms. Valenzuela & Ms. Mikesell

KD Ms. Sneed & Ms. Dugger

First Grade Newsletter

1A Ms. Mikesell & Ms. Ester

1B Ms. Layton & Ms. Mayhew

1C Ms. Leahy & Ms. Lund

1D Ms. Refermat & Ms. Derheim

Second Grade Newsletter

2A Ms. Herrier & Ms. Ostash

2B Ms. Alexander & Ms. Molina

2C Ms. Gianforte & Mr. Colucci

2D Ms. Gregg & Ms. Pavlik

Third Grade Newsletter

3A Ms. O'Neal & Mr. Ohre

3B Nash & Ms. Forsyth

3C Ms. Daab & Mr. Messana

3D Ms. Robbins & Mr. MacDonald

Fourth Grade Newsletter

4A Ms. Jones & Ms. Tibke

4B Mr. Mayhew & Ms. Villatoro

4C Ms. Johnson & Ms. Gardner

4D Ms. Nelson & Ms. GiGi

Fifth Grade Newsletter

5A Ms. Robb & Ms. Mills

5B Mr. Seeliger & Ms. Allan

5C Ms. Fayyad & Ms. Hall

5D Ms. Knopf & Ms. Higgins