

Archway Weekly Update | February 29, 2024

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Archway Scottsdale



THE ARCHER'S SCROLL NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 29, 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming key dates to remember:

- February 29 Spirit Wear Sales** Open via Boonli
- March 4** Re-enrollment Begins for Grades K-4
- March 4 Athenaeum Registration** Opens | 8 am
- March 5 Great Hearts Annual Survey** due
- March 7** Last Day to **Order Spirit Wear** via Boonli
- March 8 Field Day** & Spirit Day
- March 11-15** Spring Break
- March 28** Spirit Day
- March 29** No School
- April 6** PSO Boys Field Night | *More details to come!*
- April 12** Spring Music Concert & Spirit Day



2023-24
SCHOOL CALENDAR

2024-25
SCHOOL CALENDAR
DRAFT
**pending approval*

IMPORTANT UPDATES FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

The Great Hearts

ANNUAL FAMILY SURVEY IS HERE!

IT'S EASY!



THE GRADE LEVEL WITH THE MOST PARTICIPATION WILL WIN A DONUT PARTY!

HELP US REACH OUR GOAL!

SIMPLY SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE TO COMPLETE THE SURVEY

If we reach our goal of **60% family participation**,
the entire school will earn a

SPIRIT WEEK

(including crazy hair, crazy socks, "Future is Bright" and "Dress for Success/Future Career" days)

**PLUS...OUR 1ST-EVER
ACS PEP ASSEMBLY!**

OR ACCESS THE SURVEY HERE

We encourage you to participate in this year's survey. Your input is invaluable to us, as it provides insight into your experiences and perspectives at Archway Scottsdale. Your feedback helps us understand our strengths and areas for improvement. The survey should only take a few minutes of your time, and we sincerely appreciate your contribution.

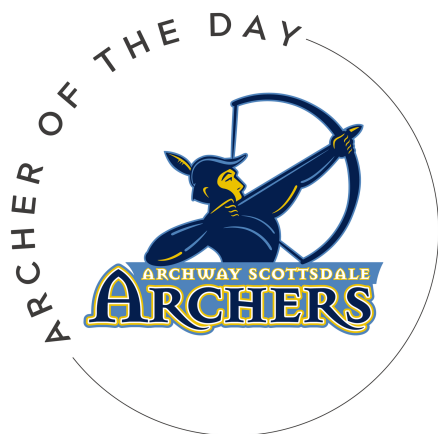
UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS!



Families are invited to participate in celebrating the birthdays of our fantastic Archway Scottsdale faculty & staff members. Feel free to encourage your students to create heartfelt handmade cards or extend your thoughtfulness by selecting a gift of your preference to deliver.

FACULTY &
STAFF
FAVORITE
THINGS

No birthdays for the upcoming week



Congratulations to our Archers of the Day!

These students were nominated by their teachers because they are extraordinary students in the classroom and embody what it means to be an Archer. These students consistently demonstrate outstanding qualities that make a positive impact not only in the classroom but also in our greater school community. We are proud of you!

Harper Humphreys | 4D
Alexandra Richardson | 3A
Ellie McGinty | 1D



RE-ENROLL FOR THE 2024-25 SCHOOL YEAR



SECURE YOUR SPOT STARTING MONDAY, MARCH 4!

Every individual re-enrollment that is completed by the parent including uploading current Proof of AZ residency and e-signature by **Friday, March 8th** will be entered into a raffle for prizes including:



**SCAN QR CODE ABOVE
TO RE-ENROLL**

- A free set of consumable books for 2 students for the 2024-2025 school year.
- Four \$100 vouchers for uniforms. Thanks to Anton Uniform and Dennis Uniform for their generous donations!
- Lunch with our Headmaster, Dr. Sciubba, for 1 student.
- VIP front row parking and front office pick up for 1 family for a week. You get to skip the car line!

You can also re-enroll here: <https://greathearts.schoolaxis.com/?action=register>

Registration for the 2024-25 Athenaeum After-School Program Opens

March 4, 2024 at 8:00 am MST

Athenaeum is Great Hearts' After-School Program designed to align with the culture and curriculum of the classroom in a fun, hands-on environment. Each day includes time for homework, socializing with friends, and just plain fun!

Grades Served: K-5th

Program Hours: Dismissal-6:00pm on all days school is in session



Registration is accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. **Programs fill QUICKLY! Set your alarm to register on March 4th to ensure your child does not miss out!**

Register by June 15th and save \$75 off the annual registration fee.

For more information and to register on March 4, 2024 at 8:00 am
[CLICK HERE](#)

**Gear Up for Fun and Friendly Competition
at Our Upcoming Field Day Event!**

[CLICK HERE FOR ALL THE FIELD DAY DETAILS!](#)

Are you interested in volunteering for field day? Please check the volunteer sign-up for available slots. Schedules may change, and there could be last-minute openings, so remember to check back if you're interested.

[FIELD DAY VOLUNTEER SIGN UP](#)

VOLUNTEER



Become a PSO Volunteer

CLICK HERE to see all of our current volunteer opportunities in one convenient place! This includes traffic volunteers, faculty snack donations, and lunch volunteers. Thank you for your interest in supporting our ACS community. To ensure a harmonious and effective collaboration with our dedicated parent volunteers, please remember:

- The importance of professional dress and comportment as we enter the doors of Archway Scottsdale to volunteer our time in a professional space
- Our commitment to professional confidentiality in matters of student services and discipline (If any volunteer ever has a concern while serving our school, they are encouraged to connect with the front desk or a member of administration rather than communicate prematurely with other parents.)

We have outlined the volunteer policies and expectations in the **family handbook**.



ARCHWAY SCOTTSDALE PARENT SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Click here to find out more about the PSO!

PSO Opportunities for 2024-2025

Are you interested in joining the PSO Board? We look forward to welcoming new parents to the board in several positions for next year: President, Vice President, Lunch Program Vendor Relations, Passive Revenue, Family Outreach, Spirit Wear, and Used Uniforms.

As outlined in the Great Hearts PSO bylaws, the existing Board elects the new Board during the 4th quarter of the school year. The newly-elected Board members will take over their Board seat at the conclusion of the fiscal year (June 30) and have the opportunity to learn from the exiting Board members for the remainder of this school year. In accordance with the bylaws, a nomination for a Board position can come from any other parent at the school and can be submitted in writing via email prior to the Board meeting or orally at the meeting. Please email psopresident@archwayscottsdale.org with nominations in addition to any questions on the open positions.



RaiseRight™

Looking for birthday gift ideas for your teachers? Raise Right is a wonderful program that saves you money, time and helps our school! You can buy gift cards in bulk, send e-gift cards or even re-load a coffee card whenever you'd like for your favorite teacher! Raise Right is an easy-to-use program, click **this link** or scan the QR code below to get started! Email PSOrevgen@archwayscottsdale.org with questions!





Staff Birthday Treats

Each month, the PSO arranges a special treat for the entire faculty & staff to celebrate the birthdays of all the staff members born in that particular month. If you would like to contribute to providing the monthly birthday celebration for the faculty and staff, please contact **PSO Faculty Appreciation** for details and further information.

Follow us on social media to stay up to date and connected with our community



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Please answer all of the questions or we cannot add you!



Registration for Summer Programs is Open!

Summer Programs include Summer Camp for any student in rising grades 1st-5th, and Kinder Readiness for new, incoming kindergarten students (including those on the Great Hearts waitlist). Whether you register for one week, or all four, it is bound to be an experience to remember! Visit the **Summer Programs Website** to learn more.



REGISTER FOR SUMMER PROGRAMS HERE!



#GOSPARTANS

SPA Athletic News

Do you have a 5th grader playing middle school sports at Scottsdale Prep? If so, we want to ensure that you're kept up-to-date with all the latest news and important information. Please take a moment to check all of your inboxes, including your junk or spam folders, for the SPA Athletic Newsletter. This newsletter is your go-to source for updates and other pertinent details related to your child's participation in middle school sports. We understand the importance of staying informed, so don't miss out on any essential news by overlooking your inbox. Make sure to locate and read the SPA Athletic Newsletter promptly to stay in the loop.

Important Traffic Reminders

Loop 101 Construction Project

The Arizona Department of Transportation is widening Loop 101 (Pima Freeway) between Princess Dr/Pima Rd and Shea Blvd. Construction began this month and will take approximately two years to complete. This work will require lane restrictions and full on- and off-ramp closures on Loop 101, **potentially affecting your access to our school**. If you anticipate that this project may impact your commute to and from campus, we encourage you to plan accordingly. Stay updated on project details and changes by visiting the project website and consider subscribing to receive regular updates. Your cooperation in preparing for potential disruptions will contribute to the smooth and timely flow of school drop-off and pick-up. Thank you in advance for your proactive approach and understanding!



[CLICK HERE to visit the Loop 101 Project Website](#)

- If you are visiting the front office for any reason, such as an early morning drop-off for tutoring or bringing snacks/drinks for teachers, please ensure that you **park in designated parking spots rather than at the curb or blocking other spaces in our parking lot**. The red curb is designated as a fire lane, and parking there is strictly prohibited.
- **Parking in a handicap spot without a designated handicap license plate or placard is not allowed at any time**. These spots must remain open for those who require them.
- For half-day kindergarten pick-up, we kindly request that you **do not arrive before 11:45 am**. Early arrivals contribute to congestion in our parking lot, creating inconvenience for others entering or leaving our campus.



Claim Your Lost Items!

Are you missing a jacket to keep you warm, a cozy sweatshirt, a trusty water bottle, or perhaps your favorite lunch box? Look no further! Our Lost & Found is overflowing with these items waiting to be reunited with their rightful owners.

Please take a moment to check the Lost & Found cart located outside the front office during office hours. Your missing belongings might just be waiting for you there!

To make the retrieval process smoother, we kindly request that you clearly label your water bottles, lunch boxes, and jackets. This simple step will greatly assist us in matching items with their owners.



AASA/AzSCI Testing

Students in grades 3-5 will have required Arizona state testing in March and April. **Please refrain from scheduling appointments during testing windows.** If a student leaves after starting the test, that student is not allowed to finish their test that day or on a make-

up day. That student MUST submit their unfinished test and blank answers.

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3rd Grade

4/2 8:20am – 10:20am

4/9* 11:20am – 1:20pm

4/15 8:20am – 9:35am & 11:30am – 12:45pm

4/16 8:20am – 9:35am & 11:30am – 12:45pm

**All third grade students need a pair of wired headphones with a microphone attached for the 4/9 Oral Reading Fluency Test. If you are unsure if your child has one, please confirm with their teacher.*

4th Grade

4/1 8:20am – 10:20am

4/18 8:20am – 9:35am & 12:40pm – 1:55pm

4/19 8:20am – 9:35am & 12:40pm – 1:55pm

5th Grade

3/26 8:20am – 9:50am & 11:50am – 1:00pm & 1:30pm – 2:45pm

4/4 8:20am – 10:20am

4/5 8:20am – 9:35 & 12:40pm – 1:55pm

4/8 8:20am – 9:35 & 12:40pm – 1:55pm

Spring Music Concert - Save the Date!

Our spring music concert for 1st - 4th grades will be held La Casa de Cristo on **Friday, April 12th** as follows:

1st - 2nd Grades, 4:45-5:30pm

4:45pm - students arrive

5:00-5:30pm - student presentation

3rd - 4th Grades, 5:45-6:30pm

5:45pm - students arrive

6:00-6:30pm - student presentation



Yearbook Ordering is Open

Cherish those school year memories by purchasing an Archway Scottsdale yearbook now! Your family will love flipping through pictures of classmates, teachers and staff, classroom celebrations, field trips, special campus events, and more.

Click [this link](#) and to order today!

Birthday Book Donations



How do we celebrate student birthdays here at Archway Scottsdale? With a birthday book! Parents may donate a book from **our library's Birthday Book wish list** to be read in the classroom. Labeled with your child's name and birthday, this book is added to our school library for all to enjoy. Please be sure to mark your purchase as a gift and put your child's name, class, and birthday in the gift receipt! If you are unsure if we received your birthday book donation, please **email our librarians** and they will be happy to answer your questions.

Attendance Policy for Illness

A student should not come to school if any of these symptoms are present in the previous 24 hours:

- Elevated temperature of 100.0 degrees or greater. A student should be fever free for 24 hours *without the use of fever reducing medications* before returning to school.
- Vomiting or diarrhea

Stay Home:

- Frequent and/or productive cough
- Sore throat with swollen glands
- Undiagnosed new or untreated skin rash
- Pus-like discharge from the eyes

Our full illness policy can be found [HERE](#).



ACS School Policies

Reporting absences

Please communicate **all absences** to:

- The front office (email: office@archwayscottsdale.org)
- Your lead homeroom **teacher and assistant teacher**

Thank you for your help with keeping everyone informed!

You may have noticed our interior office doors have been closed during morning drop off. This is the beginning phase of a long-awaited safety plan to ensure our campus is as secure as possible. Once fully implemented, these doors will be opened only by faculty members to limit unwanted visitors access to the school.

Please be prompt when picking up your students at dismissal time!

- We can no longer allow front office pick up at dismissal time. **All students must be picked up through the regular car line.**
- Parents are granted a 30-minute window after their student's regular dismissal time to pick them up from school. In the event that you arrive more than 30 minutes after dismissal, **a late fee of \$1 per**

minute will be charged.

- For after school clubs: Parents are granted a 10-minute window after their student's club dismissal time to pick them up. In the event that you arrive more than 10 minutes late, **a late fee of \$1 per minute will be charged.** Two late pickups from club dismissal will result in the student being **dropped from the club with no refund.**

Students Leaving Early Procedure

We kindly request that you avoid picking up your child before the end of the school day. Important instruction continues up until dismissal, and early pickups disrupt not only your child's learning but also impact the entire classroom. Please plan appointments before or after school, or on early release Wednesdays. If you need to pick up your students for an appointment, you must inform the office before 2:00pm. More than two early pickups in a month will require a doctor's note. Thank you for your cooperation!

We do not call students out of class before parents arrive on campus. Please give yourself time to find a parking spot, come into the lobby, let us know that you are signing your student out, and give them time to get packed up before they come to the office to meet you.

Forgotten Items

After school, students are not allowed to re-enter the school after they have been picked up to retrieve forgotten books, lunchboxes, homework, etc. This policy is in place for the safety of students and also to increase the virtue of responsibility in our students.

For the security of our students and faculty, the office staff cannot leave the front office to deliver forgotten lunches, water bottles, or homework and interrupt the classroom learning environment.

While we understand there can be occasional forgotten lunch, we ask all lunches to be delivered by 10:30 am, clearly marked with name, grade and section. Additionally, parents must alert both teachers (lead & assistant) by email that a lunch has been dropped off. If your child has forgotten a water bottle or other materials, please follow the same drop-off guidelines, communicating with your child's teachers via email.



DoorDash, Uber Eats, Grubhub, and similar delivery services are not permitted to deliver for students.



Tax Credit

Funds from donor contributions to the AZ public school tax credit help support student field trips. **A contribution to the public school tax credit costs you nothing!** You will receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on your AZ state taxes. Tax credit funds help support field trips for our classes and character-building programs. The maximum amount for joint filers is \$400 and the maximum amount for single filers is \$200. Please make your tax credit contribution today if you haven't already!

CONTRIBUTE YOUR TAX CREDIT TO ARCHWAY SCOTTSDALE

Due date for the 2023 tax year: April 15th, 2024

Please contact Lisa Noyes at Inoyes@scottsdaleprep.org in the Academy Giving Office with any questions.

QUICK LINKS

Current Volunteer
Opportunities

Family
Directory

Faculty &
Staff Favorites

Order Hot
Lunch

GH Volunteer
Application

Family
Handbook

Uniform & Dress
Code Policy

Birthday Book
List

ACS Family
Giving

Family
Resources

Uniform Pictorial
Guide

Weekly Email
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