

Archway Weekly Update | April 18, 2024

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming key dates to remember:

- **April 19** Family Movie Night, 6:15 pm - ACS Playground | Deadline to **Order Yearbooks**
- **April 29 - May 3** Faculty & Staff Appreciation Week
- **May 1** **Consumables payments** due for 2024-25
- **May 3** Half Day | **Great Hearts Day at Chase Field**
- **May 6** No School
- **May 7** Spirit Day | Great Hearted Day of Giving | Used Uniform Sale: 2-4:30pm
- **May 9** Mom's Night Out: 6:00-8:00pm - Sofia's Kitchen
- **May 13 - May 17** Spirit Week
- **May 21 - May 24** Half Days
- **May 22** 5th Grade Promotion: 8:30-9:30am - SPA Gym
- **May 23** Kindergarten Promotion: 8:45-9:30am (KA, KC, KE) & 10-10:45am (KB, KD, KF) - ACS MPR
- **May 24** Spirit Day | Last Day of School
- **June 11** Deadline to **Order EduKit**
- **July 1** Time to renew your **Great Hearts volunteer application** for 2024-25!



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

April 24 **Mr. Hull** | Dean of Students

QUICK LINKS

[Order Hot Lunch](#)

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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!



Chase Thomas | 5B
Brock Hardy | KC
Olivia DeYoung | 3C
Teddy Syregelas | KA
Ellie Richards | 3D



2024 Archway Bard Competition Runner-Up

Varsh Varun

Congratulations to our ACS Bard, Varsh!
In the final round of the Great Hearts Bard Competition Varsh placed runner-up, with his recitation of "I am the People, the Mob" by Carl Sandburg.

We are so proud of him!



IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Last Chance... Yearbook Purchases and Custom Pages are due TOMORROW!

The deadline to order yearbooks is TOMORROW—orders must be submitted online by tomorrow, **Friday, April 19th**. 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 HERE TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!](#)

Why make custom pages in your yearbook?

The founder of TreeRing, the company who prints our yearbooks, explained that his family did not have enough money to purchase a yearbook when he was a young student. For the next year, he diligently saved up his own money in order to purchase himself a yearbook. However, he was dismayed to find that his portrait was the only photo of him inside. When he started the company many years later, he vowed to provide two **FREE** personalized pages per book so that every student could be “guaranteed” to have many photos in their own copy of the yearbook, summarizing their past year of memories.

After ordering your yearbook, simply upload your own photos from your phone, computer, or social media to fill these two free pages. Additional two-page spreads are only 99 cents each! More information is available on the recent Go-Folder flyers or through the purchase links.

Please submit custom pages by April 19th!

Class Placements and Class Lists

Every summer, our highest priority in creating classes for a new school year is to create well-balanced class groupings. It is best for our students if we design classes around balanced groups of students and not around specific teachers. To create balanced groups, we use a system called Class Creator which helps us track present and historical data regarding student behavior, academics, and peer relationships. Of course, we learn new information every year and future data cannot be predicted. Therefore, no grouping is perfect! However, we can assure you that a lot of time and effort is put into creating balanced class groupings to the best of our knowledge with the present and historical data we have currently. Once balanced groupings are created, we then assign those groupings to the teachers we have in place right before the start of the school year.



Over the last two years, this method has helped us immensely in times of transition. It has also proven to be the most supportive for new teachers and veteran teachers. Well-balanced classes afford our new teachers the opportunity to experience all aspects of teaching a little bit at a time and provide our veteran teachers the bandwidth to support their new teammates without any one of our teachers being too

overwhelmed. Healthy, happy teachers will be the best for our students! Student learning is our top priority!

With this information in mind, we do not take requests for specific teachers. Parent input regarding general student needs can be shared with administration (Assistant Headmaster, egonzalez@archwayscottsdale.org) or the current homeroom teacher before the end of May and will be taken into consideration during summer planning.

Consumable Materials for 2024-25 School Year

Consumables forms are being sent home in students green folders today and **payments are due by May 1**. As we are preparing to order all materials for next school year, we respectfully ask that you make these payments by the deadline so we can have the deliveries made and in the classroom by the start of the school year. Please **reach out to Lauri Benson** if you have any questions.

PAY FOR CONSUMABLES HERE!

Upcoming Spirit Days

Below are the remaining spirit days for the 2023-24 school year.

**Please note that some of the dates previously announced have changed:*

May 7
SPIRIT WEEK - May 13-17
May 24



SPIRIT
WEEK
MAY 13 - 17

MONDAY:

CRAZY SOCKS

Wear silly socks with normal uniform

TUESDAY:

ARCHER SPIRIT DAY

Wear your favorite Spirit Wear with normal uniform bottoms

WEDNESDAY:

WACKY HAIR

Wear your craziest hairstyle with normal uniform

THURSDAY:

FUTURE IS BRIGHT

Wear your brightest neon or tie dye shirt with normal uniform bottoms



FRIDAY:

DRESS FOR SUCCESS

Dress as yourself in your dream career (with normal uniform shoes)



Please remember to avoid pop culture.

Exceptional Student Services Parent Involvement Survey

If your student is currently receiving support through the ESS Department, please remember to complete the ESS Parent Involvement Survey online at <https://ADEParentSurvey.azed.gov>. You will need your student's individualized login code to access the survey. If you have any questions regarding this process please contact Rebecca Conforto, Exceptional Student Services Academy Director, at rconforto@archwayscottsdale.org. Thank you in advance for your participation!



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.

4th Grade

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

GH Day at Chase Field

Join us for another **Great Hearts Day at Chase Field, Friday, May 3rd** as the Dbacks take on the Padres! Enjoy a discounted ticket package that includes a co-branded Great Hearts Dbacks hat (limited quantity), plus the opportunity to win game day experiences and prizes exclusive to Great Hearts families and friends. We hope to see you at the ballpark!



Used Uniforms

Do you have gently used uniforms that your child has outgrown or no longer needs? Don't let them gather dust – put them to good use! Our PSO is gearing up for another Used Uniform Sale on **Tuesday, May 7**, and we need your help to make it happen. Simply drop off your donations in the designated bins located in the front office. Every contribution supports our school community and is greatly appreciated!

It's Time to Order your EduKit!

The PSO offers the EduKit program as a convenient option for busy families to order school supplies for the 2024-2025 year. EduKits include the supplies approved by our school. **Order by June 11** for best pricing and for your EduKits to be delivered to your home on or between June 25 and July 20. Extended ordering is available until June 25 for an additional fee and will be delivered to your home shortly before school begins. If you have any questions, please **contact Corinna**.

ORDER YOUR EDUKIT NOW



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!

Anton Uniforms School Uniform Sale

SCHOOL UNIFORM SALE
SAVE UP TO 15% OFF YOUR PURCHASE
ORDERS OVER \$200 15% OFF CODE: SAVEBIG
ALL OTHER ORDERS 10% OFF CODE: SAVE10
OFFER VALID 4-15-24 TO 5-12-24

SHOP NOW

Offer ends May 12th 11:59PM.
Cannot be combined with additional offers. Discount based on cart subtotal.

All purchases made between April 15-May 12 will receive a discount by entering the coupon codes above when shopping online, or by mentioning the code to associates in store. **Stock up on school uniforms for next year while items are in stock and before some prices increase on June 1, 2024.** *Anton happily offers exchanges for up to two weeks after the start of the 2024-25 school year. Returns and exchanges must be in new condition, unworn, unwashed, unaltered, and with tags attached.

ORDER NOW TO SAVE!

Great Hearts Volunteer Application Renewal

All current volunteer applications will expire on June 30, 2023. Please mark your calendars to **renew your Great Hearts volunteer application** no sooner than July 1 for the 2024-25 school year. Any adult on campus will need this clearance to volunteer, and it must be renewed for each school year.



Parent Service Organization



SOCIAL EVENTS | LUNCH PROGRAM | ROOM PARENTS | YEARBOOK | FACULTY APPRECIATION
EDUKIT | SPIRIT WEAR | VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR | USED UNIFORMS | DINE OUTS

[Click here to find out more about the PSO!](#)

MOMS' NIGHT OUT

THURSDAY
MAY 9TH



SOFIA'S KITCHEN
6:00-8:00PM

MOMS' NIGHT OUT

RSVP HERE!

Save the Date!
(SUG coming soon)

See communication from your room parents about how the PSO has planned a special week of treats and celebration for our teachers and staff, and how you and your children can be a part of the fun!

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US

BLOOM!

ARCHWAY SCOTTSDALE PSO PRESENTS:
FACULTY AND STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK

APRIL 29 - MAY 3, 2024

MONDAY:

THANKS A LATTE FOR ALL THAT YOU DO!
PLEASE JOIN US IN THE FACULTY LOUNGE
FOR A MOBILE COFFEE CART BY
BLUE HOUSE COFFEE ROASTERS
FROM 8:00-11:00AM

TUESDAY:

A LITTLE SOMETHING SALTY, A LITTLE
SOMETHING SWEET, BECAUSE HAVING
FACULTY LIKE YOU, IS REALLY A TREAT!
TRAIL MIX BAR AND DRINK CART WILL BE
ROLLING DOWN THE HALLWAYS 12:30-2:30PM

WEDNESDAY:

WE DONUT KNOW WHAT WE'D DO WITHOUT
YOU! DONUTS WILL BE PROVIDED IN THE
FACULTY LOUNGE FROM 8-10AM.
ALLERGEN FRIENDLY OPTIONS WILL BE
AVAILABLE.

THURSDAY:

THANKS FOR ALWAYS HAVING OUR BACKS!
LUXURY MASSAGE CHAIRS FROM
CHAIRLAXED WILL BE SET UP IN THE
WAREHOUSE. SIGN UP FOR A 10 MIN
MASSAGE VIA SUG.

FRIDAY:

LET'S TACO 'BOUT HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE YOU!
TACO BAR FROM CAFE RIO WILL BE SET UP IN THE WAREHOUSE FROM 12:30-2:30PM.



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**.

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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Instagram

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

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](#)

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- 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.

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.



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](#).

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.

thank you

to all of the Archway families who contributed their tax credit to Archway Scottsdale! Your support helps to fund the Archway mission.

Your contribution to the AZ public school tax credit at Archway Scottsdale helps to fund field trips, extracurriculars activities, and bringing outside vendors on campus to enrich the curriculum.

It costs you nothing to contribute!

Donors receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on their AZ state tax liability.

The maximum for single filers is \$200 per tax year and \$400 for joint filers.

If you haven't made a tax credit to Archway Scottsdale, please consider doing so today!

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

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