

Archway Weekly Update

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Archway Scottsdale



THE ARCHER'S SCROLL
NEWSLETTER

July 25, 2024

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming key dates to remember:

- July 26** Welcome Letters from Teachers sent via email
- July 27** Boonli opens to [order lunch](#) for the first week of school
- July 29** [Club Registration](#) Opens | 7:00 am
- Jump Into Kinder | 5:00-7:00 pm | [BEST Sports](#)
- July 30** Meet the Teacher
 - 3:30-4:15 pm (Families last name A-G)
 - 4:30-5:15 pm (Families last name H-O)
 - 5:30-6:15 pm (Families last name P-Z)

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- August 1** **First Day of School**
Kinder Parents Coffee | after kinder drop-off | MPR
 - August 7** First Day of Wednesday afterschool clubs
 - August 12-16** All afterschool clubs begin
 - August 13** Curriculum Night | Kindergarten & 1st Grade | 5:00-6:30pm
 - August 20** Curriculum Night | 2nd & 3rd Grade | 5:00-6:30pm
 - August 22** Curriculum Night | 4th & 5th Grade | 5:00-6:30pm
 - August 30** Spirit Day
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September 2 No School | Labor Day
September 5 Individual Picture day
September 20 Half Day | GH Teacher In-service

SCHOOL HOURS

Half-Day Kindergarten | 8:15-11:45 AM
Full-Day Kindergarten-2nd Grade | 8:15-2:50 PM
3rd-5th Grade (+ K-2nd Grade Siblings) | 8:15-3:15 PM

Early Release
1:50 PM (K-2nd)
2:15 PM (3rd-5th + K-2nd siblings)

Half Day
11:50 AM (K-2nd Grade)
12:15 PM (3rd-5th + K-2nd siblings)



2024-2025
SCHOOL CALENDAR

2024-2025
IMPORTANT DATES

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

August 1 **Mrs. Wohlgemuth** | Office Manager

QUICK LINKS

[Order Hot Lunch](#)

[Current Volunteer Opportunities](#)

[Uniform Pictorial Guide](#)

[Family Directory](#)

[Birthday Book List](#)

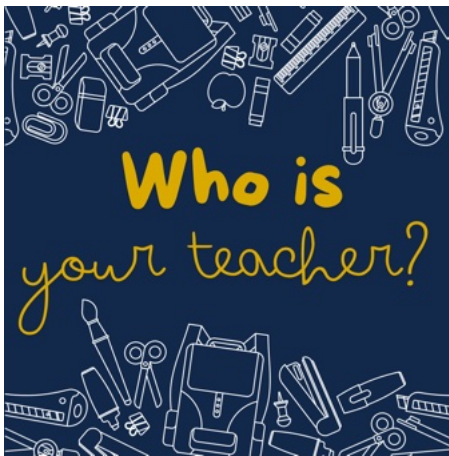
[Faculty & Staff Favorites](#)

[Uniform & Dress Code Policy](#)

[Family Resources](#)

If you have decided not to send your child to Archway Scottsdale this coming school year, please contact Keli King, our Registrar/Enrollment Coordinator, immediately at KKing@archwayscottsdale.org. Thank you!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS



Meet the Teacher

On **Friday, July 26**, all families will receive a **Welcome Letter** from their new homeroom teacher. Please join us on **Tuesday, July 30**, to **meet your new teacher** and visit your new classroom! This is an event for students and parents. Please bring your school supplies with you! This is a drop-in event, so if you have multiple students in your family, you will have time to visit more than one classroom in the 45-minute window. The PSO will be selling used uniforms and spirit wear as well!

School Uniforms



See our updated and simplified [Uniform and Dress Code Policy](#)! Use the [pictorial guide](#) on our website as a visual resource with further clarifications.

Important notes to consider:

1. White tights are no longer acceptable for girls, but girls can wear navy tights and leggings under skirts and jumpers.
2. Although the updated uniform policy does not explicitly mention jumpers for girls or sweater vests for all students, if an item is sold by Anton or Dennis under Archway Scottsdale, it is an appropriate item.
3. Contact Uniforms@ArchwayScottsdale.Org with any questions.

Placards



At the Meet the Teacher event, you will receive updated classroom stickers for your placards. New families will receive their placards and stickers in the classroom of their youngest student. If you are unable to attend the Meet the Teacher event, please stop by the front office after drop-off to get your placards or stickers. If you discarded your placards or simply need a few more, please [order them from the Front Office](#) for \$5 cash per set.



The First Day of Kindergarten

In order to ensure a smooth transition on the first day of school for our kindergarten students, we will have a **late start at 9:15 am**. Parents should park and enter through the front office. Parents are welcome to walk their Kindergarten student directly to the classroom on the first day. Dismissal times will remain the same. **(All kindergarten families must use the car line for drop-off and pick-up beginning on Friday, August 2. We will have plenty of faculty in the hallways guiding our kindergarten students to class!)**

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW!

MORNING DROP-OFF

Student drop-off is 7:30-8:10am.

If students walk or ride a bike to school, they will need to walk to the MPR doors in order to enter. **Dropping off at the curb is strictly prohibited.** Please follow the following car line procedure for the safety of all staff and children:



All students will be dropped off on the south side of the school. Please drive south on 94th Street and enter the drop-off lines on the northeast corner of the parking lot and head west. Use both the A and B lanes. Drive around the building and field to the south side of the building. The drop-off zone is where the umbrellas are located.

Carpool A and B lanes for drop-off and pick-up are ONE LANE only each. **The newly added additional lanes is to be used for bypass traffic only.*

Morning Drop-Off Ends at 8:10!

Students should be in their classrooms, seated, and ready to learn **by 8:15 am**. **Please note that the drop-off lanes will be physically closed at 8:10.** If arrival is after 8:15, please pull into the front parking lot and walk students into the front office to be signed in late. The front office doors are closed from 8:15-8:20 am for morning announcements.



Mornings can be hectic, but we all want our students to get into school safely and on time. We've compiled a few helpful tips to make the process run smoothly for parents and students alike.

To make morning drop-off **SAFE** and **EFFICIENT**:

1. Make sure that your child is completely dressed and ready to get out of the car (backpack, water bottle, and lunch in hand).
2. Focus on drop-off process (e.g. no cell phone conversations or texting).
3. Do not drop off students at the curb. All cars should go through the car line.
4. Pull all the way up to where the volunteers indicate; they are trying to keep the crossing area clear as well as maximize the drop-off area.
5. Do not get out of the car.
6. Children must exit on the driver's side.
7. Send your children off with a loving word; what you say to your children at drop-off will stay with them the entire day.
8. Don't wait for your children to make it in the doors...they will!
9. Watch out for traffic as you exit the campus, and follow directions!
10. Serve as a morning traffic volunteer to help make the drop-off go smoothly and allow our teachers more time to prepare each morning. Start your day with lots of smiles!

STUDENT AFTERNOON PICK-UP

All students will be dismissed through the car lanes. There is **no option** to pick up at the front office, except to check a student out early. Please make sure to have the blue placard with student's last name and section (3A, etc.) clearly displayed on the driver-side visor when you turn onto 94th Street and enter the pick-up queue. **If the placard is not visible or cars arrive before 3:10 pm/1:10 pm for the 2nd pick-up window, they will be directed to loop around and join the back of the line.** Please do not switch lanes once your car has entered the school property, which would cause your child to head to an incorrect spot for dismissal and actually increase your pick-up time. The afternoon carline closes at 3:35 pm. This is so all students can be called to dismissal and loaded into their cars no later than 3:45 pm. **If you arrive at 3:35pm, there will not be a faculty member to enter your student's name in our dismissal system. You will need to park and sign out your student late through the front office.**



3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade SPA Walkers

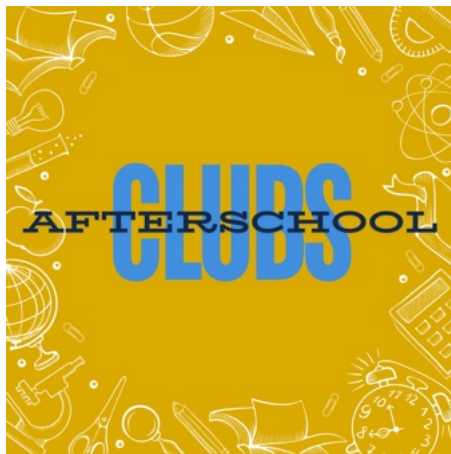
Archway Scottsdale families with students in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade who have a sibling that attends Scottsdale Prep may sign a permission slip that would allow Archway students to be dropped-off and picked-up at Scottsdale Prep. This year, walking permissions will apply to all school days-- full, early, and half days. **If this is an option that you would like for your child, complete [this digital permission form](#).**

- **Only students who had turned in completed permission slips by Monday, July 22nd** will be able to walk to SPA for dismissal starting on the **first day of school on Thursday, August 1st.**
- Students who turn in completed permission slips between Tuesday, July 23rd and Thursday, August 1st will be able to walk to SPA for dismissal starting the **first full week of school on Monday, August 5th.**



- Students who turn in completed permission slips after Thursday, August 1st will need to wait a **full 24 school hours before the permission slip goes into effect.**

In all cases, an e-mail confirmation will be sent indicating the date your student's walking privileges begin. We will also place a pink ACS to SPA sticker on your student's backpack tag and send home a **pink ACS sticker that should be added to your SPA placard to ensure proper safety/security and logistics during SPA dismissal.**



Register for Clubs!

Registration closes August 9 at midnight, but due to space limitations, clubs fill up fast. Sign up starting **Tuesday, July 29 at 7am** for your favorite choices!

Your **tax credit donations** subsidize club fees. Thank you!

[CLICK HERE FOR MORE DETAILS AND TO REGISTER!](#)

Monday

K-5 PE Games
K-2 Tech Fun
3-5 Tech Fun
3-5 Book Club
3-5 Shark Tank

Tuesday

K-5 Volleyball (Q1)
1-5 Homework Time
K-2 Spanish
3-5 Spanish
3-5 Tech Fun

Wednesday

K-5 Tennis (2:20-3:20 pm)
K-5 Chess (2:20-3:20 pm)
K-5 Bricks4Kidz (2:30-3:20 pm)
K-5 Basketball (3:30-4:30 Q1)*
K-5 Soccer (3:30-4:30 Q2)*
K-5 Crazy Cool Science (3:30-4:30 pm)*
K-5 Pickleball (3:30-4:30)*

Thursday

K-2 Music
2-5 Reader's Theater
3-5 Kickball

Friday

K-5 Crazy Cool Science
K-5 Social Etiquette
K-5 Golf Squad
K-2 Art
3-5 Art
3-5 Speech and Debate

Monday-Friday Before School

K-5 Running/Agility Club (7:00-7:30 am)

**Students who only sign up for the later clubs will need to be picked up at dismissal and brought back at 2:30 pm.*



Curriculum Night - Mark Your Calendars!

August 13 (Kindergarten and 1st grade), August 20 (2nd and 3rd grades), and August 22 (4th and 5th grades) are Curriculum Night from **5:30-6:30pm!** Mark your calendars for this important opportunity to hear from your teachers about your child's curriculum and grade-level expectations. The headmaster will also host a meet and greet with parents after the classroom presentations have concluded. **This important evening is for parents only, so please plan to book a sitter.** More details coming soon!

Parent Service Organization



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

PSO Impact

Building Community and Giving Back



WELCOME BACK LUNCH

ALL Faculty returned to campus on 7/22/24! PSO warmly welcomed & provided lunch for 130 faculty and staff.



The PSO cleaned and sorted all of last year's donated USED UNIFORMS. We are READY for the school year!

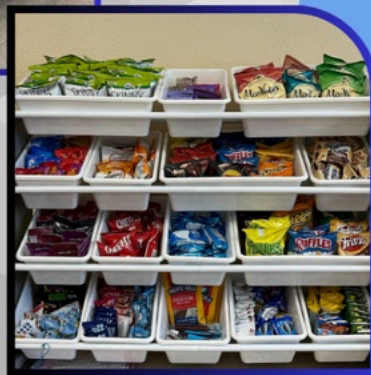


used uniforms



We ♥ Our Teachers!

The PSO stocks the faculty LOUNGE with snacks and drinks every WEEK! For AUGUST, the PSO graciously provided the lounge TREATS. Starting soon, the PSO will organize MONTHLY snack contributions to ensure the lounge stays well-supplied.



Archway Scottsdale Parent Service Organization



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Volunteers needed
<https://linktr.ee/aspso>



Weds. 8/21/24:

Handel's Dine Out Event
Stop by to show your school spirit and community build. It'll be sweet!
@HANDEL'S 2-8PM

Need gift ideas for your teachers?

RaiseRight
Save money and time while supporting our school. Buy bulk gift cards, send e-gift cards, or reload coffee cards for your favorite teacher.



PSOrevgen@archwayscottsdale.org

USED

SALE

at Meet the Teacher
July 30
3:00p- 6:30p, or until sold out

Kinder Coffee Event
Thursday 8/1/24:
Kindergarten parents: Please join us after drop off on the first day of school for our annual PSO Kinder Coffee event. Meet other kinder parents, sip coffee, and celebrate the start of a new adventure at Archway Scottsdale!
ARCHWAY MPR
9:15-9:45 RIGHT AFTER DROP OFF



LINK YOUR FRY'S SHOPPER CARD TO ARCHWAY SCOTTSDALE PSO, AND EVERY PURCHASE WILL BENEFIT OUR SCHOOL WHILE YOU EARN PERSONAL SHOPPING POINTS.

Log in to your account and search for "Archway Scottsdale PSO" under COMMUNITY REWARDS: Fry's Community Rewards.
PSOrevGen@archwayscottsdale.org

ASPSO Meeting

Thurs. 8/15/24:
8:30AM - ACS WAREHOUSE
PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND!



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EduKits have been delivered...now what??

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Thank you so much for trusting EduKit with your school supply needs! I hope you have an amazing 2024/25 school year!



Deadline to Order Lunch is Sunday!

The PSO offers a wonderful hot lunch program with tons of kid-friendly options. If you would like to order lunch for the first week of school, you must complete your order by **THIS SUNDAY, July 28**, The [Boonli platform](#) will open on Saturday, July 27 and be available until midnight on Sunday, July 28 for lunch orders for the first week of school! You will be receiving an email with information on how to set up your account/assign your child's class/order.

ALERT! The lunch volunteer sign-up will be sent out by email Saturday, July 29 at 11am! NOTE: Make sure you have completed the [Great Hearts Volunteer Application](#) for this school year.

Current Volunteer Opportunities

Click here to find out more about the PSO!



Before School: Solis Ortus

Solis Ortus is a tuition-based extension of the school day for families who need to take advantage of an earlier start to the school day. *Solis Ortus* allows our families to drop off students starting as early as 7:00 am. Students spend the morning with some of our friendly teachers engaged in activities and games! [Read more about this opportunity and to register for Solis Ortus »](#)



After School: Athenaeum

Athenaeum is focused on the liberal arts and promotes learning by providing students dedicated homework time in addition to a diverse array of culturally-enriching, academically-oriented activities beyond the classroom. Athenaeum scholars also enjoy time for recreation, games, socializing and just plain fun. Athenaeum runs daily from the dismissal bell (even on early release days) until 6:00 pm. Flexible and affordable options are available to fit any family's after-school needs. [Explore options and register for Athenaeum »](#)



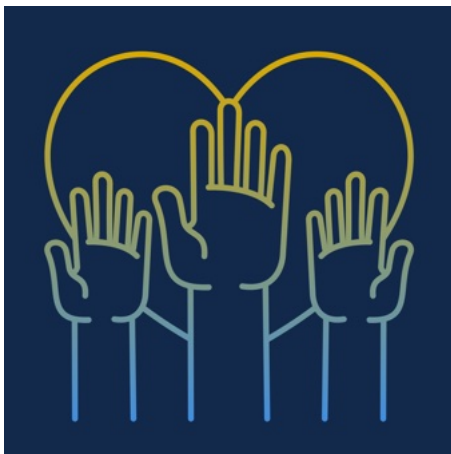
5th Grade Lockers

A friendly reminder that 5th grade students will use lockers to store their backpacks during the day. One locker shelf is permitted inside the locker, but any additional decorations or accessories are not permitted.



School Messenger

Great Hearts and Archway Scottsdale continue to utilize the system School Messenger for emails, robo calls, and text messaging to inform families of campus related academy emergencies and other communications. SchoolMessenger has a new automatic opt-in for text feature. During the registration/re-enrollment process families confirmed their wish to participate in text communications. **Great Hearts will now automatically opt in contact information given during the registration/re-enrollment process with the options you selected.** If you would like to opt out of text messages simply reply STOP to the text from 67585. You can also enter the code 67585 with the message STOP to block any text messaging. Please note, if opting out, you **will not receive** texts regarding emergencies on campus.



Volunteer Applications for This School Year

Parent volunteers are the heart of our school! (Grandparents, too!) All volunteers must apply to volunteer **each school year**. If you haven't already, [please fill out a volunteer application](#) at least 3 days before coming on campus to volunteer to allow time for approval.



Reminder: School Safety Problems or Concerns

You can anonymously report any safety problem or concern via the Archway Scottsdale website.

[REPORT A SCHOOL SAFETY PROBLEM OR CONCERN HERE](#)

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.



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!

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

- We do not 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.



Parents, please note the ACS food guidelines for the hot lunch program and nut-free table:

Guidelines for the Lunch Program:

1. The hot lunch program is provided by an outside vendor and administered by the PSO.
- 2.

It is the parent's responsibility to communicate with the vendor on potential allergens present in the foods provided and served.

3. The hot lunch program is an optional purchase.
4. Parents may opt to release their child's name and allergy information to volunteers working in the lunch program for their child's safety.

Nut-Free Table in the Multi-Purpose Room:

1. A nut-free table is available for students to sit at that have any type of a nut allergy. According to the FDA, coconut is classified as a nut and cannot be at the nut-free table.
2. The table is labeled with a nut-free sign.
3. Only disposable disinfecting wipes (such as Clorox wipes) or surface cleaner and paper towels should be used to clean this table to avoid cross contamination with nut allergens. The table is labeled to only use disposable wipes or fresh paper towels for cleaning.
4. When space is available, students may invite 1 friend to sit with them at the nut-free table. It is the teacher's responsibility to check the accompanying student's lunch to ensure it is nut-free. Packaged food must also be made in a facility that does not share equipment with nuts.
5. Please note, Chick-Fil-A is fried in peanut oil and therefore cannot be consumed at the nut-free table.
6. Parents may opt to sign a waiver (available from the health office) stating they allow their student with a nut allergy to sit at the regular tables. These waivers need to be updated yearly. The nurse will let teachers know at the beginning of every school year who has a nut-free table waiver.

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.



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