

Archway Weekly Update | November 21, 2024

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Archway Scottsdale



THE ARCHER'S SCROLL NEWSLETTER

November 21, 2024

Reminder: Timely Student Pick-Up is Essential!

With ongoing construction and increased traffic around our school, we recommend planning ahead to avoid delays.

- We do not allow front office pick up at dismissal time. **All students must be picked up through the regular car line.**
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- **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.**



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Upcoming key dates to remember:

NOVEMBER

November 22 Yogurtology Dine-Out

November 26 Archer Day

November 27-29 Thanksgiving Break | R&R

DECEMBER

December 4 PSO Used Uniform Sale

December 6 Open Enrollment Ends

December 10 PSO Cold Beer & Cheeseburgers Dine-Out



December 16 PSO Toy Drive Begins (*more details to come*)

December 18-20 Half Days

December 20 Archer Day

December 23-January 5 No School | Winter Break

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)



Quarter 2 Archer Days

November 26

December 20

Show off your Archway Archer pride by wearing your favorite spirit wear shirts along with your regular uniform bottoms, shoes, and socks.

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

November 21 **Mrs. Black** | 1A
November 22 **Mr. Cohen** | ESS
November 22 **Mrs. Torres** | 5C
November 26 **Mrs. Hesse** | 1B
November 29 **Mrs. Onkst** | Behavior Interventionist

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!

Duke Wyzgowski | 1B
Emerson Kessler | KD
Aviana Favaloro | 2D
Camber Johnson | 1A
Noelle Lopez | KA

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Spread Holiday Cheer AND Support Our School This Season!



Spreading holiday cheer with gift cards

From finding the perfect gift to taking a break from the hustle and bustle of the holidays, there's a gift card for every need. Earn for your organization by shopping with gift cards from RaiseRight—the gift that gives back.



Shop all brands and categories on [RaiseRight.com](#) and in the mobile app

What's new: You can now invite family and friends to earn for your organization—just provide them with your enrollment code!

Shop daily Gift Card Bonuses, or Shop Online through RaiseRight and earn even more for ACAS!



ACAS Enrollment Code:
QH4YZP7VMYIC

Use the QR Code to download the app and start earning on every gift card purchase!

Questions? Email: PSORevGen@archwayscottsdale.org



MINTED'S FUNDRAISING PROGRAM

You save 20%,
Minted donates 15%

Use code: FUNDRAISEACAS

To support: Archway Scottsdale

Save on cards and gifts for everyone on your list!



Important Survey for Families to Complete

Archway Scottsdale is currently researching options for the 2025-26 school year. We want to improve our weekly professional development on Wednesdays— *developing stronger teachers for our students!* — as well as refine our pick-up/dismissal procedures. As of now, no changes have been made but we are collecting information from all members of our community regarding options for potential changes. We would greatly appreciate your feedback on this survey to better understand how potential changes to our Wednesday schedule would impact your family. **Please respond to the survey by Monday, November 25th.**

Thank you for taking the time to share your feedback!

[COMPLETE THE SURVEY HERE](#)



Lost and Found Reminder: Help Us Clear the Overflow!

Our Lost and Found is **overflowing** with jackets, water bottles, lunchboxes, and more! If your child is missing something, please stop by and check the Lost and Found located outside the front office.

Important Update: Starting this month, all unclaimed items in the Lost and Found will be donated or discarded at the end of each month to keep the space manageable.

Help us reunite these items with their owners before they're gone for good! Thank you for your cooperation.



Archway Scottsdale Poetry Bard Competition

A longstanding tradition at Archway Scottsdale of beauty and competition as children memorize and bring life to classical works of poetry from our heritage of great poets, the Bard Competition is born from our curriculum as we strive to include poetry recitation in every grade level throughout the school year.

The first round of the Bard Competition will be held on **Thursday, December 12th, at 4:00pm** in the MPR.

If you have any questions about this year's competition, please reach out to Dee Ann Doherty at ddoherty@archwayscottsdale.org.

Dress Code Reminders for Chilly Weather

All DENNIS Uniform stores and the Customer Care Center are closed, and online checkouts and returns are unavailable. For now, please use Anton Uniforms for all of your academy uniform needs.



As the weather cools, more students are dressing warmly for school. As a reminder, jackets without a school crest can be worn to school and at recess but must be free of logos and messages and cannot be worn in the classroom. **In the classroom, students must wear one of the uniform options with a school crest.** Please note that the Spirit Wear pullover sweatshirts (with "Archers" on the front) are not permissible in the classroom except on advertised Spirit Days. Please review the [uniform policy](#) and [pictorial guide](#) if you have any questions.

OPEN ENROLLMENT

ATTENTION
INCOMING
KINDER & CURRENT
5TH GRADE
FAMILIES!



**FOR THE 2025-2026
SCHOOL YEAR
HAS BEGUN!**



Do you have a little one ready for Kindergarten or a new student not yet attending Archway Scottsdale that you would like to enroll for the for the 2025-2026 school year?
Submit an application for **new students** any time during this Open Enrollment window to be included in the enrollment lottery. Siblings will receive a sibling priority.

Do you have a 5th grade student who will be attending Scottsdale Prep for 6th grade next fall?
You will need to submit an application for **Scottsdale Prep** any time during this Open Enrollment window. All graduating 5th graders will receive an Archway Graduate Priority for Scottsdale Prep.

Please DO NOT apply for your current K-4 returning students.
Re-enrollment for all K-4 students will take place in March 2025 and further information will be forthcoming.

CLICK HERE TO ENROLL BEFORE DECEMBER 6

The enrollment lottery and first round of offers will take place January 15-16th!

Questions?

Please reach out to Keli King at kking@archwayscottsdale.org or (480) 776-0413 for further details.

**FIND OUT MORE
ABOUT THE PSO!**

**CURRENT VOLUNTEER
OPPORTUNITIES**

Harvesting Gratitude: A Heartfelt Thank You!



We extend our deepest thanks to all the families who contributed to our **Harvesting Gratitude Campaign.**

With your incredible generosity, an impressive **\$40,354** was raised in donations, which will be evenly distributed as a collective monetary gift for the faculty and staff at Archway Scottsdale.

Your kindness will bring a touch of joy to their holiday season, uplifting our dedicated educators and staff who work tirelessly to support our students. This campaign is a shining example of how our community comes together to make a meaningful impact.

Thank you for brightening the season and for helping us show our gratitude to those who make Archway Scottsdale so special. Together, we've made a difference!

5th Grade Spirit Shirts AVAILABLE NOW!

Be sure to jump on and order yours today. Adult and Youth options!







5TH GRADE T-SHIRTS
AVAILABLE NOW
ON BOONLI
ORDER BY 11/22/24

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER VIA BOONLI UNTIL 11/22](#)

 **Join Us for a Used Uniform Sale!**



 Date: December 4
 Time: 1:00 - 3:30 PM
 Location: Sidewalk past the car line
 We accept cash, all major credit cards, Apple Pay, and Google Pay.

Come and stock up on all your uniform needs at fantastic prices!

We'll have a variety of sizes and styles available, so you're sure to find what you need.

Don't miss out—see you there!

Email: psouseduniforms@archwayscottsdale.org with any questions you may have.

A Reminder to Support School Staff with Respect and Kindness

Dear Parents,

As we continue to work together in the best interest of our students, we'd like to kindly remind everyone of the importance of showing respect and kindness to our dedicated staff. They work tirelessly to create a positive, safe, and supportive environment for our children, and a little appreciation goes a long way. By fostering a spirit of cooperation and understanding, we can all contribute to a nurturing atmosphere for our entire school community.

In addition, let's remember the importance of upholding the virtues we want to instill in our students. By modeling these values as parents, we reinforce the same qualities that we encourage in our children.

Thank you for your ongoing support and for setting a positive example for our students!

DON'T FORGET: 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.
- 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.
- Please note that if you arrive to pick up your student while they are in transition, at recess, in a specials class, or out of the classroom for an event or activity, our front office staff will be unable to leave the desk to retrieve them. In these cases, we kindly ask that you patiently wait until your child has returned to their classroom before we can call them to the front office to meet you.

We appreciate your understanding and patience as we work to maintain a smooth and secure environment for all students. Thank you for planning accordingly and for your cooperation!

IMPORTANT ACS Parking Lot Reminders



There is **absolutely NO PARKING** allowed at the red curb outside the front office or blocking other spaces in our parking lot.

- If you are visiting the front office for any reason (such as an early morning drop-off for tutoring, dropping off your student late or bringing forgotten items, etc), please ensure that you **park in designated parking spots only.**
- Reminder: **the red curb outside the front office is designated as a fire lane, and parking there is strictly prohibited!**

All students must be dropped off in the mornings only through the car line.

- For everyone's safety and to keep things running smoothly, dropping off in the parking lot is not allowed, as it creates safety hazards and disrupts the flow of traffic. **Please help us keep our school safe and efficient by only using the designated car line for drop-offs.**

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding!

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.

3rd Grade

4/1 8:20am – 10:20am

4/3* Time: TBD

4/7 8:20am – 9:35am & 11:30am – 1:00pm

4/8 8:20am – 9:35am & 11:30am – 1:00pm

**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

4/4 8:20am – 10:20am

4/11 8:20am – 9:35am & 12:55pm – 2:15pm

4/14 8:20am – 9:35am & 12:55pm – 2:15pm

5th Grade

3/26 9:10am – 10:40am

3/27 9:10am – 10:40am & 11:50am – 1:20pm

3/31 8:20am – 10:20am

4/15 9:10am – 10:25am & 11:50am – 1:20pm

4/17 9:10am – 10:25am & 11:50am – 1:20pm



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](#)



Yearbook Ordering is Open

Cherish those school year memories by purchasing an Archway Scottsdale yearbook today! Your family will love flipping through pictures of classmates, teachers and staff, classroom celebrations, field trips, special campus events, and more! Purchased yearbooks will be distributed to classrooms in May 2025.

[CLICK HERE TO ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK TODAY!](#)



We're Hiring!

Archway Scottsdale is hiring Apprentice Teachers/Teaching Assistants! If you or someone you know may be interested in guiding the hearts and minds of our scholars in the pursuit of truth, goodness, and beauty, please apply today!

[APPLY HERE!](#)

Looking to get more involved at Archway Scottsdale? Apply to become a substitute teacher! For details and to apply, please contact smagary@archwayscottsdale.org.

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!

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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 librarian](#) and she will be happy to answer your questions.



GIVING TUESDAY

Archway Scottsdale Families,

As we enter a time of year that involves reflection, appreciation, joy, and gratitude, I invite you to join us in celebrating gratitude with our academy on December 3rd for #GivingTuesday. This day of giving was created to focus on doing good for the community after Thanksgiving, Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday.

I am grateful to our parents who already support our classrooms through Community Investment. On Giving Tuesday, our intent is to fulfill our Community Investment goal and raise \$50,000.

I invite families who have not yet supported our school this year to make a gift during #GivingTuesday to show their gratitude. All gifts made on Giving Tuesday will support our operating budget and help us close the funding gap of \$1,500 per student.

You can give by [clicking here](#) or by connecting with Lisa Noyes, our Family Giving Officer.

To see what our faculty, staff, community, and students are grateful for this year, follow us on social media on Tuesday, December 3rd. Thank you again for your endless support of our academy, we truly could not do it without you.

Go Archers!

Anthony Sciubba

Have Questions? We are here for you!
480-776-3571

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