



# ARCHWAY CLASSICAL ACADEMY | ARETE

## A Great Hearts Academy



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### From the Headmaster

#### Three Hours

Archway Arete relies on the time and expertise of our parent volunteers to support our school model, our teachers, and, ultimately, our kids. Simply put, we could not deliver the same quality education without our volunteers. We have an incredibly dedicated core group of parents and grandparents volunteering on campus every week, but we need your help. This year I ask that every family (mom, dad or both) volunteers three hours of their time each semester. Every child benefits from our volunteers here on campus, and there are opportunities to fit every schedule. Please take a look at the slideshow by clicking the banner below from our PSO Kickoff Meeting from August 22nd and get involved today.

[Archway Arete PSO Volunteer Orientation](#)

Neil Gillingham



### School Announcements

#### Curriculum Workshop Q&A

On Wednesday, September 11th from 6:00-7:00 pm, K-5 parents are invited to a Curriculum Q&A Workshop in their children's classrooms. This will be an informal opportunity



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for teachers to answer your real-time questions regarding homework, curriculum, classroom routines, and more. Come and go as you are able, there is no formal agenda for this event. (Please note, teachers will be speaking to classroom specifics. To view our school-wide policies, please visit our [Family Handbook](#).) To allow for efficient flow of conversation, we kindly recognize this as a parent-only event.

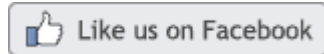
### **Morning Drop Off**

Seeing our children safely to and from our building is a top priority at Archway Arete. Parents using the vacant lot to the west, please park and walk your child/ren to the crosswalk, as pulling alongside the vacant lot restricts the flow of traffic to CarLife. The lines created along CarLife are unsafe and are causing a back-up that affects their business. Our drop-off line along the academic building moves quickly, and is the best and safest way for children to enter campus. The 3-10 minutes it takes to drop off on campus is worth our children's safety and being a good neighbor to CarLife. Thank you for helping us keep our students safe.



### **Volunteers Needed for Vision and Hearing Screenings**

We will be conducting hearing and vision screenings on 9/3, 9/6, and 9/9 in the mornings. If you would like your child to opt out, please let [Nurse Hodgkins](#) know. If you would like to volunteer to help with these screenings, we have open slots and we would love to train you. You must have a fingerprint clearance card on file. Please call Nurse Hodgkins at 480-222-4261 or [email her](#) if you would like to volunteer.



Please like [Great Hearts Academies on Facebook!](#)

### **2nd Grade Coffee Conversation**

Archway Arete invites you to our first 2nd Grade Coffee Shop Conversation of the year Tuesday, September 3rd from 8:00-9:00 am in the school library. Come meet other 2nd grade parents over coffee and snacks. You will hear from our headmaster, Neil Gillingham, and our 2nd grade lead teacher, Desirae Guevara. This is great time to become more familiar with our community and hear about what your 2nd grade student is doing in class. Please follow [this link](#) here to sign up.

### **Library Volunteers Needed**

The library needs some help getting organized and ready before students are able to check out books for the 2019/2020 school year. Sign up [here](#) to volunteer.

### **Grandparents Day Save the Date**

Save the date for Archway Classical Academy Arete's fourth annual Grandparents Day on Friday, September 27th from 9:00-10:30 am. RSVP is mandatory. Details and invite will be in next week's newsletter.

## **2019 Great Hearts Gala**



Dear Arete Parents,

We wanted to thank our Arete community for their outstanding contributions for this year's Great Hearts Gala on Saturday, September 28, 2019 at Chateau Luxe.

This year in particular, the Great Hearts Gala includes a large emphasis on our Arete community:

- Priyanka and Darin Miller, Archway Arete parents, are the chairs of the 2019 Gala committee. Through their leadership and their own personal sponsorship, the Gala committee has already raised over \$250,000 for our teachers.
- Our beloved music teachers, Dr. Jana Minov and Dr. Nenad Savic, will be the headline performers for the evening. As you may know, they have doctoral degrees in opera and guitar, respectively, and will put on an amazing performance for the 600 guests in attendance. Dr. Minov and Dr. Savic are one of the many examples of the incredible talent we have educating our children.
- Gwendolyn Hanlon, Owner of Radia Photography and fellow Arete Parent, is generously donating her

photography services to the Gala to capture the evening fun.

- Dine and Yvonne Jones, Arete Prep parents, are generously donating a beautiful photobooth from their company, Ooh La La Booths, for Gala guests to enjoy.
- And many other silent auction items, donations and participation from our Arete parents!

The Gala is our largest network-wide fundraising event for all 21 academies in the Great Hearts community. The Gala has raised over \$450,000 each year for the past three years. This year, Gala proceeds will benefit the Teacher Excellence Fund--- which will offer bonus compensation directly to our teachers this December.

The *Wrinkle in Time* themed evening will be a wonderful celebration with hosted cocktail hour, dinner and dancing on the patio, and an incredible program featuring students and teachers from around the network. We encourage you to join us!

Please reach out to [Priyanka Miller](mailto:priyanka.miller@greatheartsgala.org) at 414-801-5924 , or visit [www.greatheartsgala.org](http://www.greatheartsgala.org) for more information.

With gratitude,

Neil and Julia Gillingham

## Our Community in Action



Our scholars have the opportunity to expand their love of learning through engaging field trips because of your Tax Credit contributions to our school. Thank you for making this possible!

## Parent Service Organization

### Treat Friday Tomorrow

PSO will be selling donut holes in the lunchroom tomorrow, Friday, August 31st for \$.25 each or 5 for a \$1.00. Treat Friday is the last Friday of every month. A different treat will be offered each month.

### September Lunch Volunteer Sign Up

Follow [this link](#) to sign up to volunteer to help with school lunches for the month of September. This is a great opportunity to help our community and see your student in the lunchroom. Fingerprint clearance is required to volunteer.

### Daddy/Daughter Dance

The Daddy Daughter Dance is Saturday, September 21st, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm in the gymnasium. This year's theme is *Father/Daughter Fiesta!* Please plan on joining the PSO for DJ entertainment and dancing, a taco bar from Rancho de Tia Rosa, kiddie train rides, a balloon artist, a craft, photo booths, and more. Keep an eye out for a flyer coming home this week with ticket purchase information.



### Volunteers Needed for Daddy/Daughter Dance

The PSO is looking for volunteers to help with the Daddy/Daughter Dance. Please consider helping with set up, at the dance, or clean up. Follow [this link](#) to sign up.

### PSO Text Messages

Sign up to receive text messages from the PSO. Text **@psoar** and send to **81010**.

**Order Hot Lunch**

The Parent Service Organization has created an easy and simple way for you to provide a hot lunch for your child. Simply go to [Boonli](#) (password **Arete21** for new users) and choose a hot meal from pizza, salads, or smoothies. Hot lunch service will begin on the first day of school, August 5th. If you have any questions please email [lunches@archwayarete.org](mailto:lunches@archwayarete.org).