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Archway Arete NEWSLETTER

September 11th, 2025



Important Dates

September

9/11: PSO Board Mtg (6:30-8pm)
9/13: PSO Family Game Night (5:30-8pm)
9/13-9/14: R&R weekend
9/17: Half-day/ Fall In-service
9/19: 2nd Gr/Boxcar Diorama (8:15-9am)
9/24: Fall Picture Day

October

10/3: Spirit Wear Day
10/6-10/10: Fall Break (No School) R&R
10/15-10/17: Parent/Teacher conference (No School)
10/31: (1st Gr) Egyptian Museum (8:15-9am)

Join us for the PSO Family Game Night, Saturday, 9/13, 5:30-8:00pm

FROM THE HEADMASTER

We are halfway through the first quarter, and our teachers and students have accomplished so much in this short time. A few highlights below:

- Survived the hottest day on record in 120 years! Our students suffered through indoor recess, and our teachers made it through the drive line.
- Held two Curriculum Nights with a 27% increase in parent participation.
- Onboarded a robust PSO board with many new volunteers stepping up to serve.
- All Beginning of the Year (BOY) testing completed; student intervention plans are in place.
- Coffee Conversations with the Headmaster have been held for K-2; parents have noted praise for our teachers' professionalism, compassion, and dedication.



Cassie Mason | Headmaster

To further collaborate with families, teachers will be sending out mid-quarter progress reports on Friday. For students in grades K-2 who are not making expected progress, parents will receive a progress report with action steps teachers are taking to further support their child's academic growth. In grades 3-5, all parents will receive a gradebook snapshot of where their students are at to date in each subject. The purpose of sending these communications out at mid-quarter is to catch learning gaps and/or unproductive patterns early on. Please reach out to your child's teacher with any questions or concerns you may have.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Wednesday, September 17th

This Wednesday will be true half-day release times for faculty in-service training. Thank you for ensuring to pick up your students on time to enable teachers to get to their training session. Release times by grade level are as follows:

Kinder - 2nd grades: 11:45am

3rd - 5th grades: 12:05pm

All grades with Prep siblings: 12:30pm

Great Hearts Day at the D-Backs!

Great Hearts is partnering with the Diamondbacks once again to bring you another [Great Hearts Day at the D-Backs](#)! Enjoy discounted tickets, enter for the opportunity to win game day experiences and prizes, and arrive early to participate in a special pre-game parade around the warning track- exclusive to Great Hearts families and faculty! Find out more information and purchase your tickets by scanning the QR code or via the link below. We hope to see you there!

[Buy Tickets Here](#)



Traffic Reminder

Be considerate of others. This means respecting our neighboring businesses and their private parking spaces during drop off or pick up. INSPIRE has graciously allowed Arete families park in their lot before 8:00am only. However, no parking is allowed after school as this creates a problem for their business causing INSPIRE, to delay their class start time by 15 minutes or longer.

Thank you for your partnership and consideration.

ACADEMY GIVING

Great Hearts Middle School League

Virtue based learning opportunities

Prep athletic program costs

Field trips

Academic competition

Enrichment programs

Off campus learning experiences

Extracurricular programs

On-campus fine arts visits

Extracurricular programs

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As you may know, our Community Investment and Public-School Tax Credit campaigns make it possible to provide a rich curriculum and character-building activities for all students at our academy. I want to sincerely thank the families who have already chosen to partner with us by making a gift to Community Investment and Tax Credit this year.

If you have not yet given, please consider partnering with us this year through a monthly gift to Community Investment and by contributing your Public-School Tax Credit to our academy. Your generosity leaves a lasting impact on our students.

Help support the education you have chosen for your child by following the links below or contacting our Regional Family Giving Manager, Tina Swartz, at Tina.Swartz@greathearts.org

[Arizona Tax Credit](#)

[Community Investment](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



Library visits

Our library visits officially begin on **Friday, September 12th**, and we'd love your help! Volunteering in the library is fun, easy, and a wonderful way to see our scholars in action. We are looking for at least **three volunteers each Library Day** to help with checking books in/out, shelving, and assisting students as they find new reads. Whether you are a returning volunteer or trying it for the first time, we welcome you!

Library Volunteer sign up

Lunch Volunteers

The August Lunch Volunteer sign up is live! Lunch volunteering is a great way to meet other parents and to see your kiddo in action. Our hot lunch program runs 100% on volunteers. Sign up today!



September Lunch Volunteer Sign up

PSO - PARENT SERVICE ORGANIZATION

Family Game Night, 9/13

We look forward to seeing you at Family Game Night is 5:30-8:00 PM this Saturday, Sept. 13th. Bring cash or card for pizza, drinks, and treats!

Event Flyer

Volunteer at Event



Spirit Wear Shirts

Check out our NEW and VINTAGE spirit wear designs in the Configio store... now featuring shirts for Mom & Dad

Buy Shirts Here



	
Drinks Gatorade.....\$1.00 Capri Sun.....\$1.00	Salty Nuts.....\$1.25 Popcorn.....\$1.00 Pirate Booty.....\$1.00 Pretzels.....\$1.00 Cheez-Its.....\$1.00 Chips.....\$1.00 Granola Bites.....\$1.00 Granola Bar.....\$0.50
Sweet Apple Chips.....\$1.50 Fruit Bar.....\$1.00 Fruit Rolls.....\$1.00 Fruit Whips.....\$1.00 Fig Bar.....\$1.00 Applesauce.....\$0.75 Fruit Snacks.....\$0.25	Special Chomp Stick.....\$2.50 Popsicle.....\$1.00 <small>*Sold on Friday's Only*</small>

New Snack Menu in the Lunchroom!

We are thrilled to announce a **brand-new snack menu** in the lunchroom! Our updated menu features a variety of **healthier options**, including **dye-free** and **gluten-free** choices, so there's something for everyone to enjoy.

See Snack Shop Menu for details.

Used Uniforms

Please use the updated form below to receive credit for your used uniform donations. If you need to purchase uniforms, please contact DeaAnna Carpenter or Kristen Murphy at psouniforms@archwayarete.org.

Used Uniform Credit Form

Great Hearts Gala

Enjoy a memorable evening out while making a difference—come celebrate at the Great Hearts Gala! Get your tickets before prices increase Oct. 1st.

Gala Tickets

GreatHearts
GALA

AN EVENING
OF ELEGANCE

GOLD RUSH
AND FORTUNE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

Join us at the 8th annual Great Hearts Gala in support of our Teacher Excellence Fund which rewards and retains our best teachers through bonus compensation every December. All proceeds directly support our great-hearted teachers!

Discounted tickets are on sale NOW

PRICE INCREASES OCT 1

Purchase tickets today at GreatHeartsGala.org or by scanning the QR code.





PSO Board Opportunities

We are still looking for parent volunteers to lead in the following areas at Archway Arete for the 25/26 school year.

- Lunch Co-Lead

If you want more information or are interested in serving in one of these roles, please email psopresident@archwayarete.org

ATHENAEUM NEWS



Click on the photo to view the Athenaeum Newsletter.

For more information and to register today, please visit: <https://archwayarete.greatheartsamerica.org/academy-life/after-school-programs/>

For questions about the program, please contact our Campus Coordinator, Linda Saldana, at Programs.Arete@greathearts.org.

REFERENCE SECTION

Specialists Blogs

Coach Gethings: [2-5 PE](#)

Melissa Palafox: [K-1 PE](#)

Madame Gebara: [2-5 French](#)

Quick Links

- [Family Calendar \(25-26\)](#)

- [Family Handbook \(25/26\)](#)

Madame Ramadan: [K-1 French](#)

Rachel Helton: [2-5 Music](#)

Kandyce Register: [K-1 Music](#)

Michelle Bullock: [3-5 Art](#)

Jessica McCorkle: [K-2 Art](#)

- [My Hot Lunchbox - Register Here](#)

- [Parent Payment \(Configio\)](#)

- [Volunteer Application](#)

- [Archway Arete Website](#)

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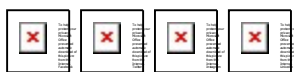
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