

Archway Veritas

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Headmaster Newsletter

Dear Friends,

Reading has been on my mind this week. Perhaps it is because I had been immersed in reading as I prepared for Friday's network wide symposium "Teaching American History." My pre reading included Frederick Douglass', "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July?", The Gettysburg Address, and Lincoln's Second Inaugural Address. The content and power of the words held my attention and provided great opportunity for reflection.

Perhaps reading was on my mind because of my conversation with one of Ms. Fox's 5th grade students. Mrs. Fox's students were writing an opinion piece on e readers and books. Elijah shared with me his opinion that books were the better choice for reading. Elijah did not need to persuade me I completely agreed with him. I am thrilled to have a kindred spirit in the 5th grade.

Perhaps reading was on my mind after spending time with Lauren Telich, a Kindergarten teacher. Mrs. Telich and I were reviewing her students' reading progress. We looked at DIBELS' data and discussed the opportunities our students have to read and be read to. I found another kindred spirit as we shared the joy in reading to our children. For both of us, there is nothing more satisfying at the end of the day than to curl up next to your child and read.

Perhaps reading was on my mind based on a brief exchange with the AVPSO Board on our students' academic progress. I shared that Administration and faculty hear from a few parents a concern that their child will "be behind" due to our initial period of Distance Learning, starting last Spring and continuing through the first few weeks of the fall quarter. On one hand, it is hard to say one child is behind another due to distance learning as all students were in the same situation. On the other hand, we do need to join together to fill any gaps due to the pause we had with Brick & Mortar instruction.

Our teachers are committed to preparing their students for promotion to the next grade. They see the trajectory of how this year's curriculum and instruction is the foundation for

future years of schooling. Please join us in simple ways in our mission to cultivate the hearts and minds of your children. Read with them; read to them. Share your favorite childhood books. Read the same literature books they are reading and engage in conversation. Looking for a good book? On our website we have a list of optional book titles to read that are based on our virtues. [Click here to be redirected.](#)

In partnership,



Dr. Jeffries

School Dates to Note

- February 11th: Class Photos/5th Grade Group Photo
- February 12th: Dine Out @ Autumn Court
- February 15th: No School in observance of Presidents' Day
- February 26th: Athletic Filed Day (NEW Date)

Support Archway Veritas by eating out!



Autumn Court Chinese Restaurant
3752 E. Indian School Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85018
Friday, February 12th | 10am - 10pm

Orders can be placed via phone call, restaurant website, or at the walk-up window.

Don't forget to mention Archway Veritas!

What is Arizona Public School Tax Credit?

The Arizona Public School Tax Credit is a program that allows Arizona taxpayers to contribute to the public school of their choice and receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on their state taxes. Married couples may contribute up to \$400 and single filers may contribute up to \$200 and receive the full credit from their state tax liability. Tax Credit contributions support our qualified extra-curricular and athletic programs, field trips and character-building programs. Learn more by [clicking here](#) to be redirected to a short video.

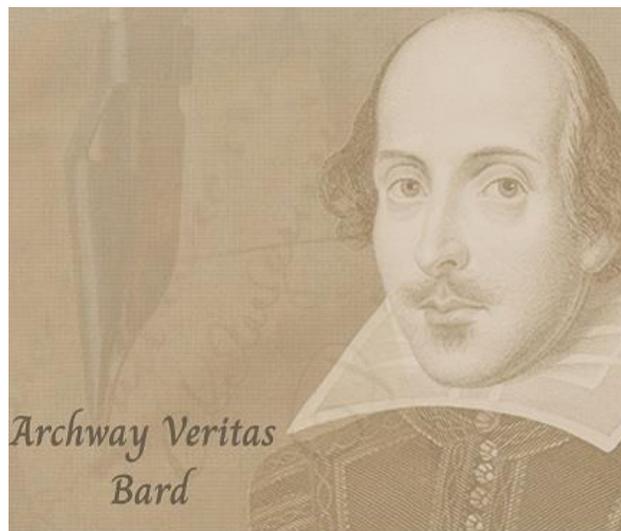
Can you feel it? The excitement? The anticipation?

The Archway Veritas Bard Competition has arrived!

Participants must be enrolled in 3rd – 5th grade.

February 23rd & 25th: Round 1, participants with the highest overall scores will advance to Round 2.

March 15th: Round 2



Participants will be judged on:

Physical presence | Voice and articulation | Dramatic appropriateness | Level of difficulty | Evidence of understanding | Overall performance



In order to ensure the safety of all children, families, and staff please do not stop in the middle of the drop-off lines and let your children out of the vehicles. Students should be dropped off in the designated **drop-off zones only**. Letting students out of vehicles while the line is in motion is dangerous and a disruption to everyone. Thank you for your cooperation and partnership in making our campus safe at all times. Please visit our website or [follow the link here for the traffic flow map](#).

Again, there is a **no** stopping/standing zone on the west side of 54th Street; failure to comply could lead to ticketing via the Phoenix police. Parking on 54th Street is only permitted on the east side of the street. Please observe all neighborhood traffic laws and parking restrictions.

For those walking or riding themselves to campus, please remind your child to wear their helmet, stay on designated pedestrian/bike routes, look both ways, and cross only at designated areas (do not walk/ride in between cars). Wait for

crossing guards, and walk bikes, skateboards, etc., across school driveways. Don't forget to lock your bike! We recommend students use the u-lock. Bikes can be stolen from campus and chain locks can easily be cut.

Athletic Field Day

Athletic Field Day is a cherished tradition at Archway Veritas and one students look forward to all year. It's a day students put in to practice the lesson that if they work hard and stick together to accomplish goals they can and will be successful. A day of opportunity for our students to challenge themselves, to compete and cooperate at their highest level and recognize that their most important competitor is one's self.

Grade level sections will compete against each other, earning points upon completion of each athletic station for their performance in each event. Through these events students practice the skills of being a team player by problem solving as a group and working together towards the success of their team.



Although we are unable to have volunteers or spectators during field day, we do have a few before and after event volunteer spots available.

MTK sign up for grade level needs will go live on Monday, February 8th.

MTK sign up for set-up and tear down - TBD

Hot lunches will be served so make sure you get your orders in!

Dismissal

School ends at 3:15 p.m. Students who are not picked up by 3:35 p.m. will be taken to the school office. If you arrive after dismissal, please park and walk in to get your student, you will need to sign them out. Repeatedly picking up students late from school is inconsiderate of those who are waiting. If a student is left for an extended amount of time after the conclusion of dismissal and the parents/guardians cannot be reached, the school will need to call the nearest police precinct to make arrangements for the student.

Class photos are Thursday, February 11th!



You may PRE-ORDER your pictures by

[Click Here to pre-order Class Group Photo](#)

[Click Here to pre-order 5th Grade Panoramic](#)

Under the current limited contact conditions, online is the preferred method of ordering. It is Easy, Secure and Safe. There will be a limited amount of order envelopes available at the school for those that require one for payment. Please note that, school dress code will be in effect. If you have any questions, please call Grads Photography at 623.580.4723.

Precautions will be taken during the event for everyone's safety. Students will have the option of pulling their masks to their chin for the photo so their whole face will be seen. This is not mandatory and will only be for the moment the photo is taken.



AM Crosswalk volunteers needed on Tuesdays for the remainder of the school year. Volunteer will assist walkers and manage traffic flow on the SE corner of school, off 56th Street and E Earll Dr, 7:40 to 8:15am. [Follow the link here to sign up!](#)

A Message from Nurse Elkins

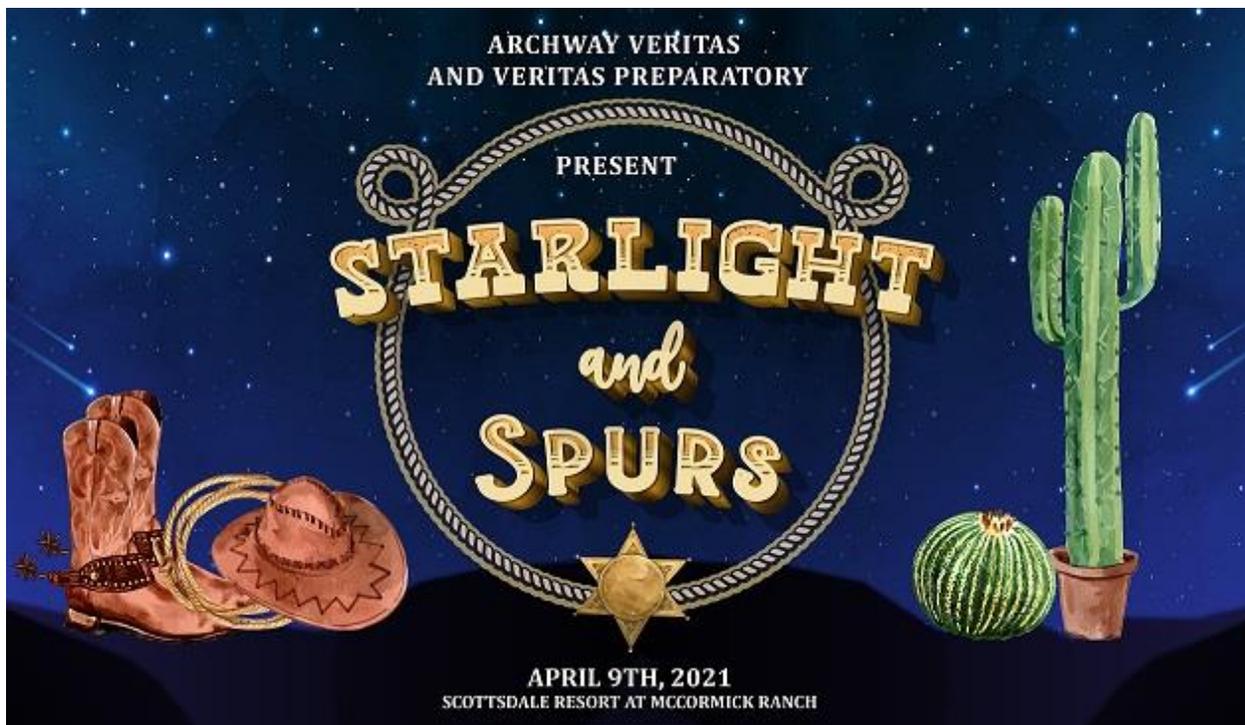
In accordance with Arizona State Law ([A.R.S 15-872](#)), students must have proof of all required immunizations, or a valid exemption in **order to attend school**.

It is also a requirement for all **students who turn 11 years old** to receive the **Meningococcal and Tdap vaccine**. The Meningococcal vaccine provides

protection against the meningitis bacteria and the Tdap vaccine provides protection against tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis (whooping cough).

Please plan to make an appointment with your child's pediatrician during the week of their 11th birthday or soon afterwards. I will need a copy of the immunizations brought into the Health Office.

Please contact Nurse Elkins, SElkins@archwayveritas.org, if you need any resources for vaccines.



Committees are now forming for the 2021 Starlight and Spurs Auction on April 9th!

Visit [MTK](#) if interested in volunteering



Don't forget to order your 2020-2021 Yearbook!
Purchase yours today [online](#)

Interested in helping create this year's book? Volunteer on campus OR at home!
Check out [MTK](#) for all the details.

2021 Telethon Committee Opportunity

Great Hearts is seeking an individual/couple to represent our academy on the 2021 Great Hearts Telethon Committee. The Great Hearts Telethon raises funds to benefit the Teacher Excellence Fund, which is distributed to our faculty as bonus compensation on an annual basis. Archway Veritas received \$21,200 in December 2020 from this initiative. The Telethon will take place on September 25th and a full description of the position can be found [here](#). If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Kyle Lambros at klambros@greatheartsaz.org.

Great Hearts Athenaeum

Athenaeum is our after-school program for grades K-5. Athenaeum is focused on the liberal arts and promotes learning by providing students dedicated homework

time in addition to enriching and academically oriented activities. Scholars also have time for snack, games and recreation, and time to socialize with friends.

For more information and to register, visit our [academy website](#) and click on *Academy Life*→*After School Programs*.

For questions, please contact our Campus Coordinator, Dominic Carlos, at ProgramsVeritas@GreatHeartsAZ.org.

[For more information, please watch this short message from our Campus Coordinator.](#)



Archway Veritas Parent Service Organization (AVPSO)

The Archway Veritas Parent Service Organization (AVPSO) invites you to join our family directory. The AVPSO uses this list to send bi-weekly email updates about events, volunteer opportunities, and more.

[Please click here to update or activate your account.](#)

Amazon Smile

You can still support our school by purchasing from Amazon!

1. Go to <https://smile.amazon.com/>
2. Select your charitable organization (**Archway Veritas**)
3. Bookmark <https://smile.amazon.com/>

*Hint: It works best on your desktop

Quick Links:

[2020-21 School Calendar](#) | [2020-21 School Year Information](#) | [Family Handbook](#) | [Family Resources](#)
[Amazon Smile](#) | [Archway Veritas Board Meeting](#) | [Phonogram Videos](#)

School Hours: 8:15-3:15 (M,Tu,Th,F) | 8:15-1:30 (W) | 8:15-12:00 (Half-Days)

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