

Archway Veritas

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A Great Hearts Academy

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Headmaster Newsletter

Dear Friends,

I make it a weekly practice to set aside uninterrupted blocks of time to be in classrooms. Brief classroom visits allow me to observe not only the teachers, but also the students. Whether reading a chapter of *The Box Car Children*, reviewing the Scientific Method, practicing place value, or warming up vocals in music class, teachers are engaging with students. They are setting expectations and establishing a firm foundation to open their hearts and minds to the possibilities of the school year.

While visiting classrooms this first full week of the 2021 – 2022 school year, I observed two themes: teachers reinforcing and students practicing the routines, transitions, and daily skills that are the cornerstone for learning. We emphasize structure and precision in classroom behavior. Joy-filled order and structure allows our students to truly participate in our academic offerings. The second common theme was the faculty's emphasis of our virtues. What does a virtuous student look like? How does a virtuous student behave? Our students are, indeed, virtuous ones. This was evident in the displays of friendship to new students, courage to try again and again, citizenship while assisting with keeping the classrooms clean, and showing perseverance with learning new skills.

I hope your weekend allows you the time to have leisurely conversations with your children and learn a bit more about their week – their favorite subject, a new friend, a new discovery. The possibilities are endless!

We do our best to keep our [Facebook](#) & Instagram pages up to date with all our school events.

Don't forget to sign in to your [MTK](#) account to stay current with the AVPSO. You will receive a bi-weekly newsletter with updates & events!

In partnership,



Dr. Jeffries

School Dates to Note

- August 17th: 3rd - 5th Grade Curriculum Night; 5:30-7:00pm
- August 18th: K - 2nd Grade Curriculum Night; 5:30-7:00pm | Dine-Out at Chipotle; 44th Street & Thomas
- August 19th: [Student Portraits](#)
- August 24th: Sweet Treat Tuesday - Lulus Sorbetto
- September 3rd: Half-Day Release (12:00pm) | Food Truck Friday - [Chicken Coop](#)
- September 25th: [Great Hearts Telethon - Rewarding Great Teachers!](#)

Beginning tomorrow, Monday, August 16th, guardians will no longer be able to walk their children into school. Please follow the traffic flow map by following the link [HERE](#) for drop-off and pick-up directions.

Meet the Kindergarten Team



(left to right)

Mrs. Telich, KB Lead Teacher | Miss Duarte, KD Teacher Assistant |

Miss Schwanz, KA Lead Teacher | Mrs. Gin, KD Lead Teacher |

Mrs. Hoffman, KC Teacher Assistant | Ms. Lentz, KC Lead Teacher |

Not Pictured: Mrs. Nektalova, KA Teacher Assistant | Mrs. Whites, KB Teacher Assistant

Family Handbook

We are happy to announce that signing the Family Handbook will be done electronically this year through the Enrollment Portal, making it more convenient and reducing the amount of paper needing to be printed. **This is required of all families.**

To complete the process of signing, please follow the steps below:

- Please log into the Great Hearts Parent Portal system using your username and password. If you do not remember your log-in information, please click on the **Forgot Password** and follow the instructions. If you continue to experience issues, please reach out to ghenrollment@greatheartsaz.org.
- Once you are in the enrollment system, you will see a large box that says, **Arizona Academy Family Handbook**
- In the Handbook section, please click on the “Review and E-Sign Family Handbook” button
- You must review the handbook by clicking on the **Family Handbook Link**

- Once reviewed, please navigate back to the Enrollment Parent Portal, accept and sign with your electronic signature
- After you accept and hit **NEXT**, you will receive an email confirmation to the email registered in the enrollment system
- Please complete for each student

If you experience any technical difficulties with the form, please reach out to ghenrollment@greatheartsaz.org.

**We ask that you kindly agree to the handbook and consent forms by
Friday, August 20, 2021.**

Mandatory Car Placard

For the safety of all students on campus, every parent/guardian authorized to pick-up their child from school **MUST** have a car placard - No exceptions!

On the back of the placard, please write the student's last name in BIG, **BOLD** letters. When approaching the faculty member, please place your placard on the driver's side window for quick and easy scanning. Once scanned you can place the placard on your dashboard, last name facing up.

- Go to the enrollment portal, greathearts.schoolaxis.com and log in to your account. Please see image below:

In Person Enrollment

To submit a new application for the 2021-22 school year OR apply for the current school year, select the blue "My Applications" button below.

My Applications

PICKUP PLACARDS

CURB Pick-up Placards. Please click on your eligible school below.

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- If you do not have a placard you will be required to park and present your driver's license to the front office in order to pick up your child.

Tardy & Absences: 2021-2022 Policy

Students who are late to school will need to be walked in by a guardian and signed in to receive a tardy pass. Students are no longer authorized to walk into the building unaccompanied after school has started. Families who fail to do so will be called to return to school to sign their child in.

If your child is going to be absent please call the school, 602-489-7341. You are welcome to email the teacher to advise them of their absence, please include the attendance email as well so we can enter it into the State Compliance System, attendance@archwayveirtas.org and/or Mrs. O'Connor, moconnor@archwayveritas.org.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS. *ALL DAY, EVERY DAY*

Student Portraits

Pre-Order a portrait package online easily and securely. Grads Photography will be at Archway Veritas on **August 19** photographing students for Fall Pictures. For your convenience, you may PRE-ORDER your pictures by [CLICKING HERE](#). Please remember to be prepared to have a picture taken on picture day. If you have any questions, please call Grads Photography at 623.580.4723.



**Don't forget to order your 2021-2022 yearbook!
Follow the link [HERE](#) to order TODAY!**

Curriculum Night

Parents are encouraged to attend Archway Veritas' Curriculum Night!

Walk the halls, meet the teachers and learn about your child's school day. Each teacher will lead parents through a short lesson.

The evening will begin in the Lund Center at 5:30pm.

3rd - 5th Grade: Tuesday, August 17th

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade: Wednesday, August 18th

Text Notifications

Take advantage of our Text Messaging Service.

Our school utilizes the SchoolMessenger system to deliver text messages, straight to your mobile phone with important information regarding emergencies, school closings, safety alerts and more.

You can participate in this free service* just by sending a text message of “Y” or “Yes” to our school's short code number, **67587**.

You can also opt out of these messages at any time by simply replying to one of our messages with “Stop”.

You must "opt-in" in each year in order to stay in the system



We have a few classrooms that are still in need of Home Room Parent Volunteers.

KC, 2A, 2B, 3C, 4B, 5B

Please email the AVPSO Homeroom Parent Chair,

Molly Livak, homeroom@archwayveritas.org



[Teacher Amazon Wish List](#)

Ever wonder how to help a teacher stock the classroom with fun books and supplies? Click [HERE](#) to see the teachers' wishes! Your gift will be mailed directly to the school. Please include your family or child's name on the "Gift Note" when making the Amazon purchase. Archway Veritas is a 501 (c) (3) non-profit educational organization and all contributions are fully tax-deductible as allowed by law. The Academy Giving Team will acknowledge each donation with a letter as the donor has provided their name on the gift receipt.

[Message from the Health Office](#)

Water is essential! In our very hot and dry climate in Arizona, we need to be aware of how easily it is to become dehydrated. Please send your child *daily* with a reusable water bottle. Their water bottle can be refilled at any one of our rehydration stations. Apply sunscreen to any exposed areas before school.

We monitor the Maricopa County heat index very closely. Any time the temperatures exceed 90-105 degrees or above in conjunction with humidity levels, the heat advisory guidelines are put into effect which means limiting or canceling outdoor recess. Your students' safety is our number 1 priority!

Hearing and Vision Screening will be done the week of September 7, on Kindergarten, First, Third, and Fifth graders. All new students will be tested as well.

Reminder for parents of Fifth Graders who will be turning 11, **Tdap** and **Meningococcal Vaccine** is required when the student turns 11. Please send in the records to the Health Office.



As always, students MUST stay home when they are sick.

If your child comes to school sick, they will be sent home. Our aim is to provide a safe campus for everyone.

If your child is known to have asthma, severe food allergy, diabetes, seizure disorder, or any other condition that may require further management, please visit our Health page on our website by following the link [HERE](#). Please complete any forms necessary and drop off or send to Nurse Elkins.

Campus Drills

Throughout each school year, Veritas Prep and Archway Veritas practice emergency procedures through fire and lock down drills. Our faculty and staff take care to prepare the classes with the proper procedures. If your child is particularly sensitive to these situations, please talk with them, and feel free to reach out to us.

SPIRIT WEAR

Click [HERE](#) to checkout the current available Spirit Wear!

School Lunch Program

Registration OPEN! Follow the link [HERE](#).

Orders will need to be placed by noon the Sunday before the upcoming week.

The hot lunch program relies on AVPSO volunteers to distribute food to students every day. You can register and order lunch for your kid(s) at [HTTPS://LUNCHLADY.BOONLI.COM](https://lunchlady.boonli.com).

You will use the code: **patriots1**. If you are able to share an hour or two, please consider volunteering for this duty.



Volunteer

Each year, volunteers will need to complete the Raptor process. If you would like to be approved to volunteer for next school year, please [follow the link here](#). The process should only take 10 minutes to fill out the information and you will receive an answer from the

Raptor system within 48 hours. The cost is \$5.00. All volunteers must be approved through this process, no exceptions. Please note, when selecting the school it will not separate the Archway and Prep. The system will approve you for both schools. You can choose multiple campuses if that applies to your family. If you have any questions or concerns you can reach out to John Lund, Great Hearts Safety Manager at jlund@greatheartsaz.org.

Want to make a difference? We have many volunteer opportunities! Volunteer opportunities can be found by following the link [HERE](#).



SAVE THE DATE September 25, 2021

Your support is needed as we search for parent, student (11th and 12th grade only), and alumni to **volunteer in-person at the Teacher Excellence Fund Telethon on Saturday, September 25th at Veritas Prep.** Veritas's highlight segment will be co-hosted by Headmasters Mary Frances Jeffries and Heather Washburn from 5:30-6:00pm. You are not limited to volunteering during that time only, but it could be fun for your Headmasters and Academy Giving Manager to have you there alongside them.

[Sign Up Here](#) to confirm your volunteer shift!

BONUS: Students will receive community service hours upon completion of their volunteer shift.

Are you interested in a sponsorship, want to make an early donation, or have questions? Please click the links below or contact Kelli Grove at grovekelli5@gmail.com (Telethon Committee Member) for more information.

DONATE CLICK [HERE](#)

Sponsorship Opportunities click [HERE](#)

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.](#)

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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:

[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)

P: 602-489-7341 | F: 602-759-1300

Website: [Archway Veritas](#)

Follow us on social media for news and events!

