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| **Archway Veritas** |
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In addition, school will be closed from October 18th - 20th for Parent Teacher Conferences. Please see link below to schedule your Parent Teacher Conferences.  **Plan on Volunteering Soon?** Every year, volunteers will need to complete the Raptor process. If you would like to be approved to volunteer for this school year, please [follow the link here](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/P0peqoEKl1isk6BquGpY9A~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRjREGWP4SrBGh0dHA6Ly90cmFjay5zcGUuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9mL2EvZkVGSnNCRXU1NktjWmR5eHBvTk5mQX5-L0FBQUFBUUF-). 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.  **Volunteering includes: Chaperoning field trips, reading groups, on-site events, etc.**  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](mailto:jlund@greatheartsaz.org).  **What is Community Investment?** Currently, our **Community Investment participation for Archway Veritas families is** **30%**. We need your family to give to this important campaign!  **Our schools do not exist without Community Investment!**The gap between what we receive from public funding and the actual cost to provide this education is approximately $1,500 per student**.**Your family’s participation, **at any level**, is appreciated and vital to what we do at our academy. Remember, 100% of your gift stays at Archway Veritas and directly supports our classrooms and the school’s operating budget.  You can make a gift today by [clicking here](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/_D7bpoB32m56AlcjFV9lNA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRjREGWP0Q1aHR0cHM6Ly9hcmNod2F5dmVyaXRhcy5jb25maWdpby5jb20vbW9uZXlyZXF1ZXN0P2lkPTJXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmFfFg5jYTh14EhSGmFob3NhY2tAYXJjaHdheXZlcml0YXMub3JnWAQAAAAB) or by contacting Teresa Hennessee in the Academy Giving Office at (602) 489-7341 x. 206318.  By donating to Community Investment, you are helping provide our students with life-long learning success! **Thank you** in advance for your partnership!    **Quarter 1 Evaluations** On October 14 at 10:00 AM, parents should expect to see their child(ren)’s quarter 1 grades (numbers for K-2 and Specials classes; letter grades for grades 3-5) on the PowerSchool parent portal. Homeroom teachers will present a narrative account of your child’s progress and grades at parent conferences October 18-20.  Please sign-up for your parent teacher conferences by following the link [HERE](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/LTYquUT1EL7kosYyTj0elA~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRjREGWP0R6aHR0cHM6Ly9hcmNod2F5dmVyaXRhcy5ncmVhdGhlYXJ0c2FtZXJpY2Eub3JnL3dwLWNvbnRlbnQvdXBsb2Fkcy9zaXRlcy8xNy8yMDIxLzA5L09jdG9iZXItMjAyMS1Db25mZXJlbmNlcy1DbGFzcy1MaW5rcy5wZGZXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmFfFg5jYTh14EhSGmFob3NhY2tAYXJjaHdheXZlcml0YXMub3JnWAQAAAAB).  At Archway Veritas, we believe that collaboration and communication between parents and teachers towards unified goals and values is essential to great education. This is why we ask all families to sign up for a parent-teacher conference for each of their students.  Instructions: Choose a date and time for which you would like to attend Arrive 5-10 minutes early Bring your child's evaluations  **\*Parent Teacher conferences are intended for parent/guardians only. Please make child-care arrangements for your child(ren) during your scheduled conference time.\***  If you would like to meet with your child's Special Area teacher such as P.E., Music, Art, or Foreign Language, please reach out to them directly to schedule a meeting.    this & that   * The administration asks that non‐urgent calls or walk-ins to the school office be made between 9:00 - 11:00am and between 1:00 - 3:00pm, since other times during the school day are “high‐traffic” periods. **Please avoid signing out children early, between 3:00 - 3:15pm** when volunteering on campus. * We have received multiple neighborhood complaints regarding illegal parking as well as speeding in the surrounding neighborhood. Please observe all neighborhood traffic laws and parking restrictions. 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. The local police department has been notified and will begin ticketing anyone parked illegally. * Please remember that Archway Veritas students should not be dropped off to VPA sports games. All Archway students should be accompanied by a legal guardian.   **Message from the Health Office** As our partner in helping keep classrooms healthy, it is imperative that you keep your students home if they are showing symptoms of being ill. This includes fever or chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea.  **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 has cold or flu symptoms, please **do not give Tylenol or Motrin to cover the fever** and send them to school. As soon as the medicine wears off, the fever will return and you will have exposed your child’s classmates and teachers to your child’s illness. Also, when your child has fever, he/she is even more at risk for other illnesses/ viral infections. There are many reasons why it is best to keep a sick child at home.  **Flu**symptoms include fever, chills, cough, sore throat, headache, and muscle aches. You must contact the doctor with these symptoms. If you are unsure about the symptoms, contact your doctor early.  **Cold**symptoms include stuffy nose, sneezing, sore throat, and hacking cough. Colds often come on gradually, and are usually not serious. However, symptoms can become severe and you may need to keep your child at home to get rest and plenty of fluids to prevent worsening of symptoms.  Again, if your child has a fever (100 degrees or more) he/she should stay at home until fever free for at least 24 hours. If your child does develop a fever along with cold symptoms, you will want to contact the child’s doctor.  **Great Hearts, Great Books** Has your child ever read a story and wanted to become their favorite character? Their day is finally here!  On Thursday, October 21st Archway Veritas will host its first annual Great Hearts, Great Books Day. Great Hearts, Great Books Day is a day of storytelling for faculty, staff, and students while dressed up as their favorite literary or historical character. Faculty, staff, and students can dress up as one of the many ACV literature book characters or a historical figure studied here at ACV, or they may remain in their student uniform if preferred.  [Click here](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/E9CQguptrm9zjyJLRFXO3Q~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRjREGWP0R6aHR0cHM6Ly9hcmNod2F5dmVyaXRhcy5ncmVhdGhlYXJ0c2FtZXJpY2Eub3JnL3dwLWNvbnRlbnQvdXBsb2Fkcy9zaXRlcy8xNy8yMDIxLzEwL0dyZWF0LUhlYXJ0cy1HcmVhdC1Cb29rcy1MaXRlcmF0dXJlLS5wZGZXB3NjaG9vbG1CCmFfFg5jYTh14EhSGmFob3NhY2tAYXJjaHdheXZlcml0YXMub3JnWAQAAAAB) for a complete list of literature books read through the years at ACV. Your child may also dress up as a historical figure they have studied with their classmates.  Please see below for some examples of costumes:  costume pic  Please remember to maintain modesty when choosing a costume. Length of costume must reach tip of fingertips of the student’s index finger along the thigh while standing or mid-thigh – whichever is longer. All undergarments must be covered, and the costumes should have sleeves that cover the shoulders. No modern political figures | No pop culture | No weapons | No over-sized props Examples of non-compliant costumes:  no costume pic | |  | |
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