

## Archway Veritas

October 11th, 2024



# ARCHWAY CLASSICAL ACADEMY | VERITAS

## A Great Hearts Academy

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Dear Archway Veritas Families,

Over fall break, our beautiful Eucalyptus tree was removed from the playground. We have engaged the services of two landscapers and three arborists, including a certified tree doctor, to assess the health of the tree and explore all possible options for its preservation. Regrettably, we have exhausted all alternatives, and the tree has been removed due to safety concerns for our students.

We are saddened by the loss of this of the loss of this green giant. At this time, we are beginning discussions about playground improvements and what can be done with the space. Please be on the look out for more information.

In partnership,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Megan Opitz". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mrs. Opitz

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### **Important Dates:**

- October 14th - 16th: No School | [Parent Teacher Conferences](#)
  - October 15th: Movie in the Basin - Zootopia
  - October 17th: Half-Day | Great Hearts, Great Books Day
- October 22nd: Fifth Grade Field Trip; ASU Earth & Space Museum
  - October 23rd: ACV Parent Book Meeting
- October 24th: Coffee with the Headmaster & AVPSO General Board Meeting, 8:30-9:30 am | First Grade Coffee & Conversation - [RSVP HERE](#)
  - October 25th: Second Grade Coffee & Conversation - [RSVP HERE](#)
- October 29th: Picture Retakes | Fifth Grade Coffee & Conversation - [RSVP HERE](#)
  - October 30th: Chipotle Dine out, 4-8 pm
  - October 31st: Third Grade Coffee & Conversation - [RSVP HERE](#)
    - November 1st: Great Hearts Gala

- November 2nd: Fall Festivities

**Important Links:**

[2024 - 2025 Family Calendar](#) | [2024-2025 School Year Information](#) | [Yearbook](#) | [Spirit Wear](#)  
[Archway Veritas Google Review](#) | [Hot Lunch Box](#) | [Walking Waiver](#) | [Sibling Pick-Up Waiver](#)

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**Grade Level Newsletters**

<a href="#">Kindergarten</a>	<a href="#">First Grade</a>
<a href="#">Second Grade</a>	<a href="#">Third Grade</a>
<a href="#">Fourth Grade</a>	<a href="#">Fifth Grade</a>

**5th Grade Shirt**

It's time to order your 5th graders' t-shirts! Please follow the link, [here](#) to place your order today. We'll announce the winner of the t-shirt design contest soon, and we can't wait for you to see the incredible artwork! The deadline to order is Friday, October 18th. If you need financial assistance, please contact [Mrs. Hosack](#).

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# Coffee & *Conversation*

Join us for a cup of coffee with your child's teachers. A time to socialize, ask questions and learn more about what your children are experiencing in their grade.

Kindergarten: Friday, November 8th

First Grade: Thursday, October 24th

Second Grade: Friday, October 25th

Third Grade: Thursday, October 31st

Fourth Grade: Friday, November 15th

Fifth Grade: Tuesday, October 29th



Check Headmaster Newsletter for grade level specific RSVP links



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## **Instrument Donation Drive - Help VPA PEP Band!**

From September 23rd-October 31st Veritas Prep and Archway Veritas families are invited to donate new or used trumpets, trombones, french horns, baritones, euphoniums and tubas. You can either take your used instrument to a repair shop for maintenance before donating or donate as-is.

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Parent/Teacher conferences are held October 14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup>. Our conferences provide an opportunity for teachers and parents to reflect on our partnership in cultivating the *intellectual virtues* in our children. Conferences are not intended to focus on human excellence in terms of “delivering results” or merely academic performance. To do so would reduce human excellence to mere checklists and skills to be mastered.

Students do not attend conferences. However, I encourage you to share your conference experience with your child. Have a conversation, ask questions, praise the success, and acknowledge the opportunity for growth. The conference can serve as a cornerstone for setting a new goal, striving for a greater intellectual or moral virtue, identifying which virtue could be an area of focus, or even establishing a fresh perspective on school for the remainder of the year.

Please follow the link provided [here](#) to be redirected to schedule your child's conference.

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. You can find their email address on the school website under [Faculty & Staff](#).

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**Wrap up fall break with AVPSO's family movie night!**

**Tuesday, October 15th**



Bring your blankets and lawn chairs. Movie starts at 6:00 pm. You can come starting at 5:30 pm to set up. Admission is free, and concessions will be for sale. [Mustache Pretzels](#) will be parked onsite--10% of your purchase

comes back to support Archway Veritas!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!** Please [grab a shift](#) to help set up or run movie night. It's easy peasy to be part of this chillax event.

Get your FREE family ticket [here](#).

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### **Great Hearts, Great Books Day**

Has your child ever read a story and wanted to become their favorite character? Their day is finally here!

On Thursday, October 17th Archway Veritas will host its fourth 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 character or historical figure. 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. Students should know who they are dressed up as and be able to share the reason they chose the specific book character or historical figure.

[Click here](#) 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:



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

\*Student who arrive in costumes that do not meet the above guidelines will be asked to call home\*

Examples of non-compliant costumes/props:



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**Costume Swap**

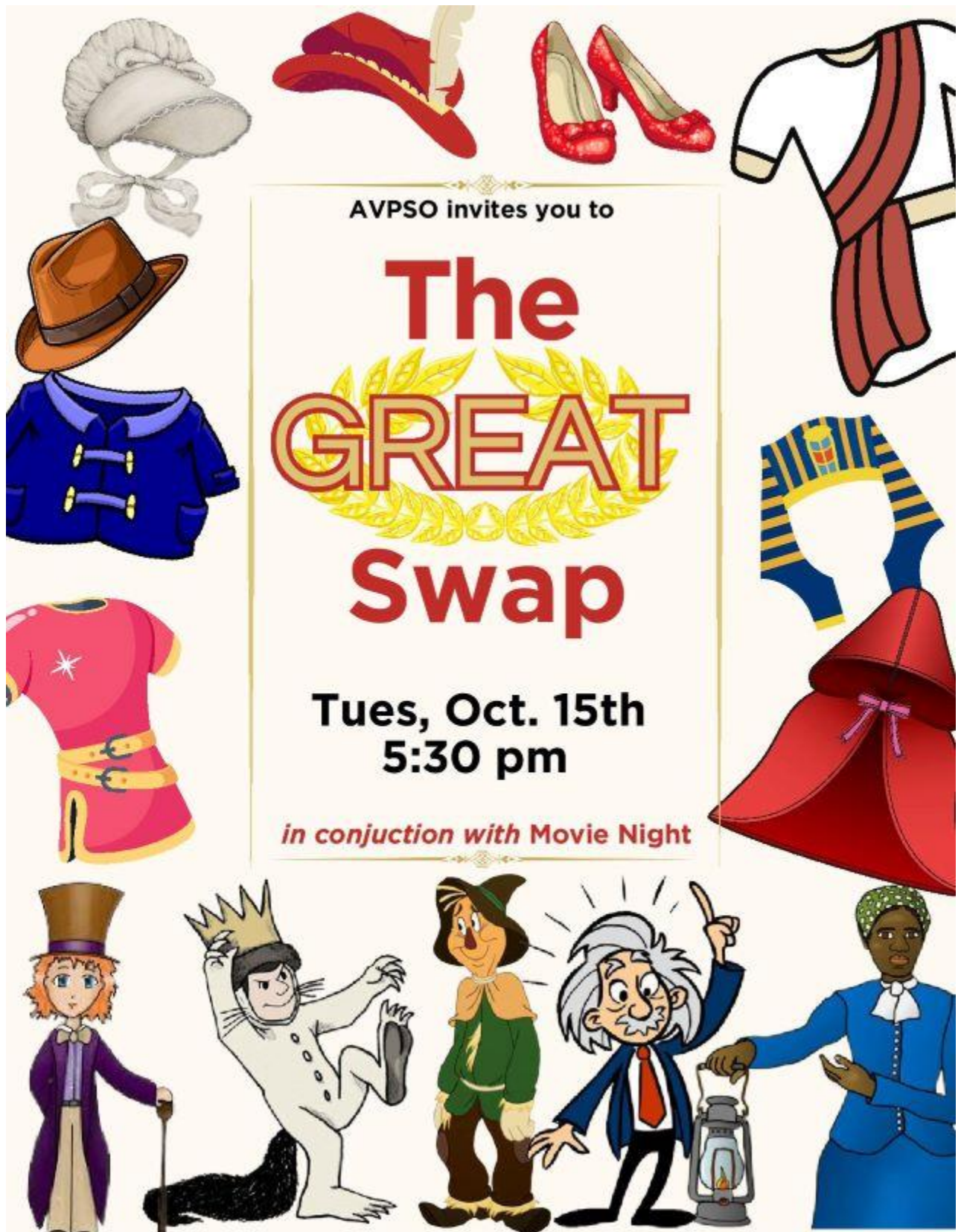
Bring your school-approved garments and accessories from any prior academic event to swap for a future event, such as:

Great Hearts Great Books Day

Greek Fest (2nd grade)

Egyptian Museum (1st grade)

Field Day



Un-swapped items will be donated to Goodwill.





# WEDNESDAY MATH

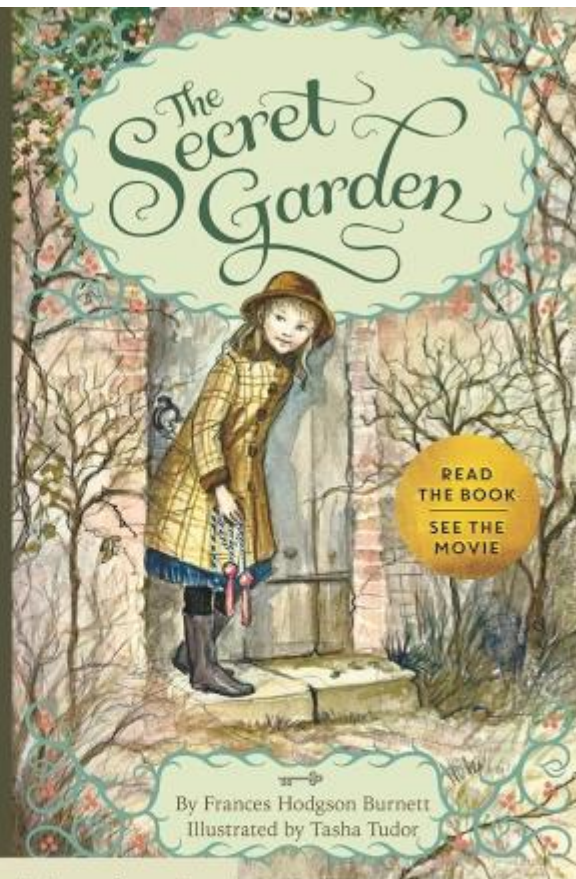
## MEETINGS

with Mrs. Jenkins



New sign up opportunities for second quarter Math Meetings with Mrs. Jenkins are now on MTK! Sign up [HERE](#).

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A children's story that can only be enjoyed  
by children is not a good children's story in  
the slightest.

~ C.S. Lewis

Please join us in reading *The Secret Garden* by Frances Hodgson Burnett. This is a beautiful and complex story that the fifth graders enjoy at Archway Veritas; it is also one that can be enjoyed by all. Come engage in discussion and learn from others as we dive into the text together!

If you are able to participate, please RSVP to Erin Leahy at [eleahy@archwayveritas.org](mailto:eleahy@archwayveritas.org), and start reading your copy soon! ([Link to Purchase](#)) We will meet on **Wednesday, October 23rd from 6:00 – 7:30pm** at the Burch's home. We will discuss the entire text.

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**FALL FESTIVITAS**  
**November 2nd, 2:00 - 5:00 PM**



**Please save the date for the biggest community event of the semester!**

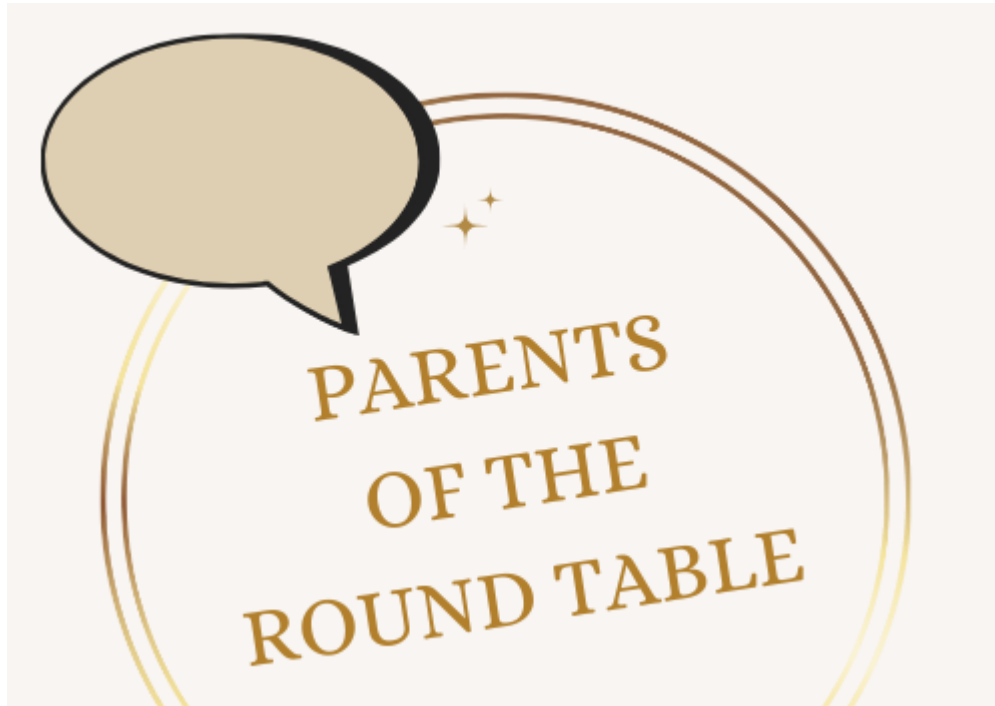
Fall Festivas  
Saturday, November 2nd  
2:00-5:00 p.m.

Link to purchase tickets [HERE](#).

Link for information about sponsorship opportunities [HERE](#).

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## Parents of the Roundtable



Sign up to meet in a small group with Mrs. Opitz on Friday mornings from 8:30-9:30. She is looking forward to hearing questions and feedback from our parent community. Bring your own coffee! Please meet in the admin lobby.

Sign up by following the link [HERE](#).



We are excited to partner with My Hot Lunchbox as our lunch provider! Enjoy ordering lunch from a wide variety of options provided by your student's favorite local restaurants.

Follow the instructions [HERE](#) to create your account.

**[ORDER NOW!](#)**

Just a reminder ordering cuts off at **12:00 PM** the day before the delivery.

We are excited for this new program and hope it will serve you well. Please direct any questions to Jill Sassenberg: [jillsassenberg@gmail.com](mailto:jillsassenberg@gmail.com) or 602-373-9891.

The link to the second quarter lunch volunteers sign up is [HERE](#).

(\*note: it's a different link than the signup for first quarter)

### **Plan on Volunteering?**

*“Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart.”*

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



Volunteers need to complete the Raptor process ([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 business hours.

**Help Mrs. Medcalf with K-2 Art Room Prep:** Link to the MTK signup is [HERE](#).

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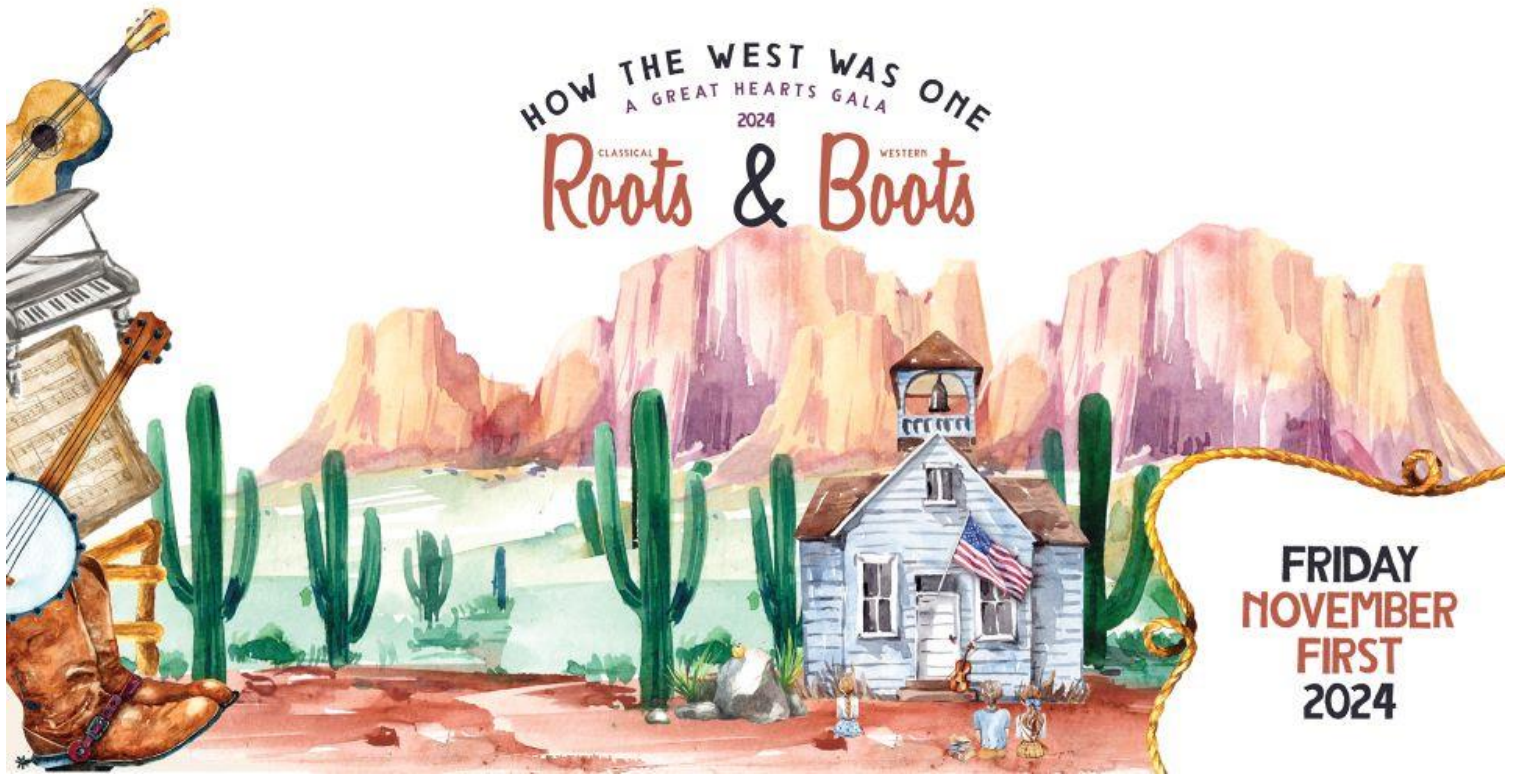
CELEBRATE

*Veritas*

COMMUNITY EVENT  
& AUCTION

Celebrate Veritas is coming up on February 28th, 2025!  
Please sign up [HERE](#) to volunteer to serve on one of the event committees.

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Join us for the 7th annual [Great Hearts Gala: Classical Roots and Western Boots](#) presented by [Great Clips!](#) Join us for a live concert with our featured artist, American Idol Season 19 winner, *Chayce Beckham*! This year we will enjoy the cooler weather on *Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup> at the Van Buren* in the heart of downtown Phoenix. The Great Hearts Gala is the largest fundraising vehicle for the [Teacher Excellence Fund](#) which distributes bonus compensation every December to reward and retain our exceptional teachers. Over \$920,000 was awarded to our most valued Arizona teachers from this initiative last year! [Tickets are limited so get yours today!](#) If you are unable to attend the Gala but want to honor your great-hearted teachers, you can [donate to the Teacher Excellence Fund](#) at any time throughout the year.

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### **Title I Annual Parent Meeting**

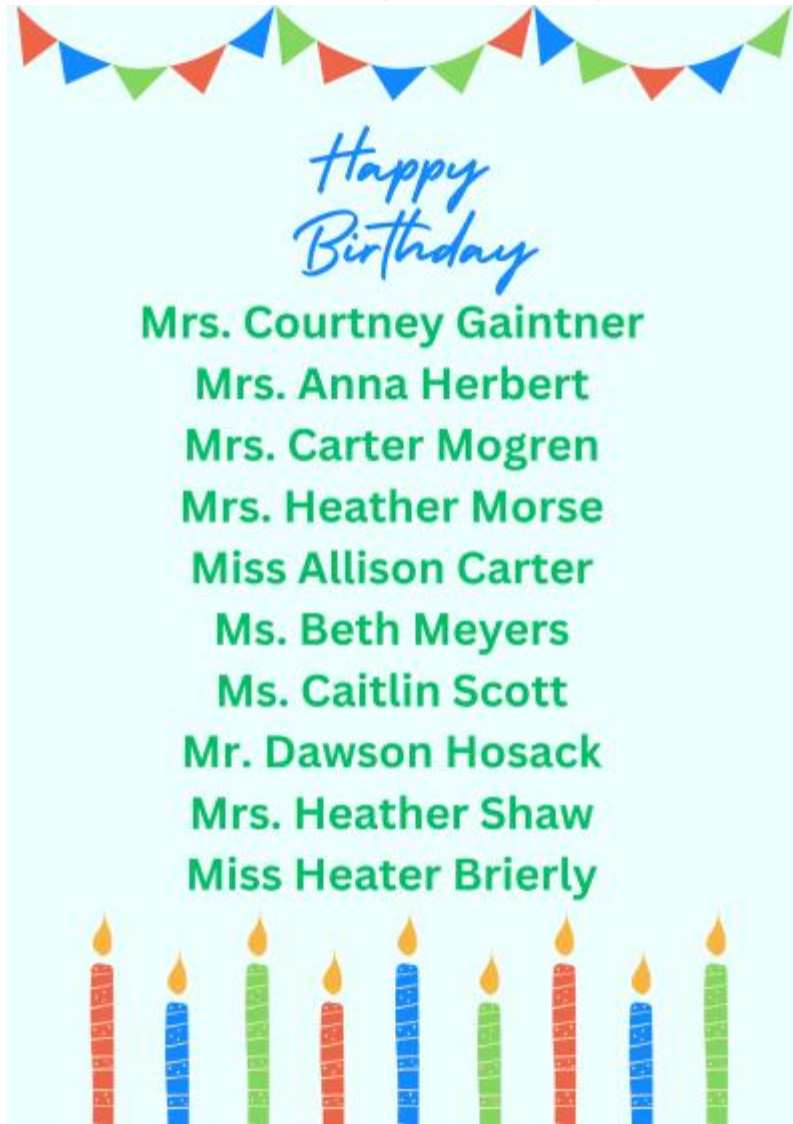
The annual Title I Annual Parent Meeting will be held virtually Thursday, Nov 7, 2024. Two sessions will be available: Session 1 at 9:30 AM: <https://greathearts.zoom.us/j/99754631785>  
Session 2 at 1 PM: <https://greathearts.zoom.us/j/92130844812>

These sessions will answer the questions: What is Title I? What is the Title I Grant Program? What resources are available for students who qualify for this assistance? The meeting will conclude with an open Q & A. Following the meeting, a brief survey will be distributed to collect feedback from attendees.

Questions about this event or Title I: Please email [Missy Penniman](#).

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**October Faculty & Staff Birthdays**



Sign up [HERE](#) to bring a lunch for a teacher or staff member's birthday.

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