

# Archway Glendale Bi- Weekly Blast November 17th, 2016



## Mandatory Winter Concert

All students are required to attend the Archway Glendale Winter Concert on Thursday, December 1st, at Glendale Church of the Nazarene. The kindergarten and 1st grade concert will begin at 5 pm. Students must arrive by 4:45, and doors will open at 4:15. The 2nd through 5th grade concert (including Voce Laeta) will begin at 6:15 pm. Students must arrive by 6. Please do not arrive before 5:45, as the first concert will still be concluding and the parking lot will be full. Additional details will be sent in an e-mail next week.

You can pre-order a DVD of the concert now: [Esthetics In Motion](#). A portion of all sales are returned to our school.

## Great Hearts Open Enrollment

Great Hearts open enrollment for the 2017-2018 school year will begin on Monday, November 28th, and run through Monday, December 12th. Schools will begin making offers in January, so if you want to enroll any **new** students in kindergarten through 5th grade, be sure you fill out an application during this time period! (Re-enrollment in March is for current students who will be returning.)

If you would like your Archway Glendale 5th grader to attend Glendale Prep for 6th grade, you should fill out an application during open enrollment. Please visit the Glendale Prep website on November 28th, to access the link.

## Archway Glendale Drama Club Presents, "Grimm's Fairy Tales Retold"

On Saturday, December 3rd, at 3 pm, the Archway Glendale Drama Club will present Rumpelstiltskin and Snow-White and the Seven Dwarfs. The show will take place in the multi-purpose room.

We hope you will be able to join us!

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## Important Dates

11/23

**Half-Day**

Full-Day Kinder - 2nd grade students are dismissed at 11:30

3rd - 5th grade students are dismissed at 11:45


## 2016 Tax Credit


### Tax Credit +2

It's that time of year! We need your Tax Credit, plus two more! Ask your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers to support your student by redirecting their tax dollars to Archway Glendale. Let them know they will receive a dollar-for-dollar credit on their Arizona State taxes.


*And to reward you for bringing in all those Tax Credits...*

**The grade that brings in the most tax credits will win:**


 An ice cream party  
&

 Will be invited to sing T.G.I.F. with Mr. Kersting over the loudspeaker!  
*Who will win? Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup>?*

**The group that brings in the most tax credits, K-2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>, will win:**

 Extra before school recess!

**If we reach our goal of \$90,800, the entire school will win:**

 An ice cream party!

Contest ends midnight December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Go online to [www.archwayglendale.org/support](http://www.archwayglendale.org/support) and redirect you tax dollars today. Give the attached forms to family, friends, neighbors and co-workers.



\*If a family has multiple students, the tax credits will be applied equally to each student.

**Donate Now**

## Mandatory Conference Schedule

All parents are required to attend a conference with their child's classroom teacher.

11/24 and 11/25  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**Thanksgiving Holiday**

11/28 through 12/12  
**Great Hearts Open Enrollment Period**

12/1  
**Mandatory Winter Concert**  
Glendale Church of the Nazarene

12/2  
**Half-Day**  
Full-Day Kinder - 2nd grade students are dismissed at 11:30  
3rd - 5th grade students are dismissed at 11:45

12/3  
**Drama Club Performance**  
3pm  
MPR

12/12 - 12/16  
**Half-Days**  
Full-Day Kinder - 2nd grade students are dismissed at 11:30  
3rd - 5th grade students are dismissed at 11:45

12/19 - 12/30  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**Winter Break**

1/2 - 1/6  
**NO SCHOOL**  
**Mandatory Parent/Teacher Conferences**

1/9  
**SCHOOL RESUMES**

Conferences will be held on January 3rd, 4th, 5th, and 6th. Students will be off campus, at home, working on their poems during this time.

Please use one of the following links to sign-up for a conference:

[Kindergarten through 4th grade](#)

[5th grade](#)

[Art, Music, PE, or Spanish](#) - specials conferences are not required.

## Family Survey Results

We are very happy and pleased to announce that the recent Archway Glendale Family Surveys were very positive. In fact, we enjoyed the highest family satisfaction rating in the entire Great Hearts network, and that is really saying something! There were two items more than one parent mentioned for improvement:

1. Consistency in R&R weekend homework expectations: We have reminded teachers that students should not be tested or have papers due on the day back to school following R&R.
2. A perceived homework increase from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teams are meeting to compare notes and make adjustments if necessary. There should be an increased amount of time and depth of inquiry from 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup>, but the increase needs to be modest.

Parents monitoring their children's homework is critical in a successful school-family partnership. Please do not hesitate to contact the teacher if homework time seems too long or too short, or if your student is having difficulty understanding concepts. Reading at home to your student and having your student read to you is our top priority. Practicing and mastering math facts is probably the next highest priority.

We are so blessed to be able to partner with you in forming hearts and minds in virtue and truth, and delighted that you, our parents, are highly satisfied with your experience of our school learning community.

## Matching Gifts

Did you know that you can **double** or even **triple** your Community Investment and Tax Credit donations to Archway Glendale? Many companies will **match your donations** to our school through their Corporate Gift Matching Programs.

Simply [click here](#), type the name of your employer in the "Matching Gifts" tab, and hit submit to find out if your company offers a Corporate Matching Gifts Program. If your company does have a Matching Gifts program, please submit the appropriate paperwork to your Human Resources department.

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Please contact Cathy Sparks at [csparks@archwayglendale.org](mailto:csparks@archwayglendale.org) or 623.889.0822 with any questions.

Having your gift matched is an **easy way to increase the impact** of your donations to Archway Glendale without any additional cost to you. And your support will provide our faculty and students with the resources they need to learn and thrive. Thank you!

## Headmaster's Corner

Greetings! Holidays are approaching. It is such a busy time of the year; nevertheless, our duty as parents is to be the primary educator of our children, and our duty as a school is to partner with you for learning success.

Let's do all we can to keep our students focused on learning, reading, and math facts. Healthy, nutritious meals, nightly reading to children, regular sleep, monitoring successful homework completion, will all contribute to learning success, and it will take a lot more effort this time of year.

Let's help each other make and keep the commitment to form hearts and minds in virtue and truth and to form stellar readers, no matter what else is going on around us! Stay the course.

When we get to December 16, then we can turn our minds to family celebrations for a few weeks!

Sincerely,

Mr. K

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