

Archway Glendale Bi- Weekly Blast September 29th, 2016



First Quarter Clubs End

Archway Glendale first quarter clubs end this week. Second quarter club information will be emailed on October 6th.

Bard Competition

We would like to invite our 3rd through 5th grade students to participate in this year's Bard Competition. Participants will memorize a poem or speech to recite at the first round of our competition on November 7th and 8th. Over the course of two rounds and two poems, we will winnow the field to find our school's most skillful bard. That student will be named School Bard for the year and will represent Archway Glendale at the Great Hearts Archway Bard Competition on April 7th.

If your student is interested in competing, click [here](#) for the competition guidelines and registration form. These forms will also be available through the office or your student's teacher.

Whether your student participates or not, we invite all of our Archway families to join us for these public recitations!

If you have any questions about the Bard Competition, please contact Mrs. Julian at kjulian@archwayglendale.org.

Wednesday Afternoon Programs

Sign-up now for the 2nd quarter session of Skyhawks! Please click [here](#) for details. Space is limited.

We will also be offering a Lego class through Play-Well Technology. The first class is full, but we are hoping to add a second. Click [here](#) to add your student's name to the wait list.

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Important Dates

9/30

Drop-off Begins at 7 am

If you are dropping off your student(s) at 7 am, please be sure you see a teacher on duty before pulling away. It is not safe to leave your students on campus without supervision. Thank you for cooperating.

Library Volunteer Needed

We are looking for a volunteer to help re-shelve library books. If you are cleared through Great Hearts and are interested, please email Mei-Ling Chen-Beckenhauer at library@archwayglendale.org.

Music Need

Our Archway Glendale music teachers are looking for clean, old sheets, curtains, towels, small blankets, or pillow cases to wrap music instruments in. If you would like to donate something, please bring it to the office. Thank you!

Note from the Nurse

Help us stop the spread of illness at Archway Glendale! If your student complains of a sore throat and is exhibiting any signs or symptoms of throat pain, difficulty swallowing, red and swollen tonsils, fever, headache, rash, or stomach ache, please have the student evaluated by a physician. Remind your students to cough or sneeze into the bend of the elbow to keep germs off hands. Don't forget to remind everyone to wash hands frequently to avoid spreading germs and becoming ill.

Family Hike October 30th

Please meet us Sunday, October 30th, at 9 am at Deem Hills Park. Please click [here](#) to sign-up. Each hike costs \$5 per family.

Please park at the Deem Hills Recreation lot next to the playground. Meet by the bathrooms. We will be taking part of the Circumference trail with the Basalt shortcut. Our hike will last about 1 hour and 30 minutes. Please remember to bring water. This is a family hike, so please bring the whole family.

[About Deem Hills](#)

[Map](#) of Deem Hills

Community Investment and Tax Credit

Half-Day

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

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

10/10 - 10/14

NO SCHOOL

Fall Break

10/28

Read-A-Thon

10/28

Half-Day

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

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

11/1

Picture Retakes

11/7 and 11/8

First Round of Bard Competition

11/11

NO SCHOOL

Veteran's Day

11/23

Half-Day

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

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

11/24 and 11/25

NO SCHOOL

Thanksgiving Holiday

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Building our community and celebrating all that is Archway Glendale!
You can help support these moments through our Community Investment Campaign and Tax Credit Drive. Please consider donating today!

[Donate Now](#)

Yearbook Early Bird Sale

Order a yearbook now! Yearbook orders placed before September 30th, will be at the low price of \$30. Beginning on October 1st, the price will be \$35. Click [here](#) to order.

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. Please contact Cathy Sparks at 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

The first quarter of the 16-17 school year is nearly in the books, and there are so many good and great things happening at Archway Glendale! I hope you share my delight in what I see happening in our classes, in the hearts and minds of our students, on their joyful faces, in the dedication and care of our teachers, staff, and school families.

Our core purpose is to form hearts and minds in virtue and truth, and our thematic goal this year is to form stellar readers. I hope you have heard from your students how all of us at school are keeping the focus on reading progress, and I hope you, at home, are making reading to your children and listening to them read to you a top priority. Here at school we are working on Spalding phonics, decoding fluency, reading phrases fluently, fixing errors, noticing punctuation, asking and answering questions before, during, and after reading a passage, and so many other strategies to form stellar readers; and we are already seeing an increase in reading proficiency in our students.

Let's keep the focus on forming stellar readers. If your student is not making the kind of reading progress you think he should be making, please reach out to your student's teacher and partner with the teacher to make it happen.

It's not only reading. We still care about virtue, using Love and Logic to help each student form habits of goodness, and we still care about learning how to think, listen, discuss, and write well. Our teachers continue to be fanatically committed to professional development, and the Assistant Headmaster, Mrs. Julian, with the help of the school Leadership Team, has put together a remarkable and ingenious professional development plan for this school year. And for myself, I am spending most of my time this year in classrooms, observing more than ever, and coaching teachers. What I see is simply amazing! We have great teachers, and I know you share my gratitude for them and all they do to form hearts and minds in virtue and truth!

Have a great weekend and a strong finish to a great first quarter!

Sincerely,

Mr. K

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