## Golden Eagle E-Blast February 3, 2022



# Change to the 22/23 School Year Calendar

On 1/21/22, the following letter was emailed to all Archway Glendale and Glendale Prep families:

Dear Archway Glendale and Glendale Prep Families,

Beginning next year, there will be a change to the Archway Glendale and Glendale Prep calendar and Wednesday release times. Wednesdays will now be half days for both schools and most of the Friday half days have been eliminated.

#### **Wednesday Pickup Times:**

Archway Glendale, K-2: 12:00 P.M.
Archway Glendale, 3-5: 12:15 P.M
Glendale Prep: 12:50 P.M

#### Why This Change?

- Teachers will be able to engage in more regular professional development to grow and develop as educators.
- Teachers will have additional time to plan and collaborate to make in-class time more productive for students.

#### How Will This Change Affect My Student(s)?

- Archway Glendale students will have additional recess time for a heavy snack in lieu of lunch.
- Glendale Prep students will have an extended 15-minute break between the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> periods on Wednesdays. This break may be taken outside, used to eat a snack, or spend time with friends.

#### **After School Option:**

 Athenaeum (after-school program) offers a half-day only option for K-5 students and students up to the age of 13.
 Please click here for more information.

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#### **Important Dates**

**2/4** FUN RUN

2/4

HALF DAY
Pickup:
Half-day Kinder @ 11
Full-day Kinder, 1st, and 2nd @
11:30
3rd, 4th, and 5th @ 11:45

2/18
HALF DAY
Pickup:
Half-day Kinder @ 11
Full-day Kinder, 1st, and 2nd @ 11:30
3rd, 4th, and 5th @ 11:45

• Homework club at Glendale Prep will be available for students on half-days.

#### **School Year Calendar:**

- Archway Glendale and Glendale Prep will continue to have Half Days at the end of Quarter 2 and Quarter 4. A few additional half days will take place throughout the year at Glendale Prep for high school standardized testing, and one Friday half day is scheduled for Great Hearts Professional Development for both schools.
- Click here for <u>Archway Glendale</u> or <u>Glendale Prep</u>'s 22-23 School Calendar

We understand that changes to a routine can be difficult, but after much consideration and thought, we believe this change will serve our students and teachers well.

Please reach out directly if you have any questions or concerns.

With gratitude,

Mrs. DeStefano and Mr. Navarrette

## Field Day T-Shirts

Field Day T-shirts are now on sale through the Archway Glendale PSO. Each section will wear a different color. A sections will wear blue, B sections will wear orange, and C sections will wear green. If you would like to purchase one, please click <a href="here">here</a>. The deadline is February 10th.

### **Lost and Found**





If your child has lost a sweater, water bottle, belt, or lunch/snack items, please have them check the lost and found daily. It's located right outside the school library and can be checked before or after school or by asking a teacher for permission. Clearly labeled items are returned to the student's classroom. Items that have not been claimed will

2/21 NO SCHOOL PRESIDENT'S DAY

**2/24** CLASS PHOTOS

**3/4** FIELD DAY

3/4

HALF DAY
Pickup:
Half-day Kinder @ 11
Full-day Kinder, 1st, and 2nd @
11:30
3rd, 4th, and 5th @ 11:45

**3/14 - 3/18** NO SCHOOL SPRING BREAK

**4/15** NO SCHOOL

5/5 SPRING CONCERT 1st - 5th Grade

5/6
HALF DAY
Pickup:
Half-day Kinder @ 11
Full-day Kinder, 1st and 2nd @ 11:30
3rd, 4th and 5th @ 11:45

be donated or thrown away after a couple of weeks. Parents are welcome to check the lost and found themselves. Please come to the school office to sign in (make sure to bring in your state-issued ID.)

## **GP** (Glendale Prep) Sports Info

Meet the Coach (Spring Sports): Due to the cancellation of "Meet the Coach Night", please reference the videos below for the sports of interest to your child. Thank you for choosing Glendale Prep Athletics.

Middle School (MS) sports offerings: Basketball (boys/girls), Swim, Tennis, and Track and Field. High School sports offerings: Baseball, Golf, Softball, Tennis, and Track and Field. Start date is 2/7.

MS Basketball: <u>Coach Roundy Video</u> <u>Coach Roundy</u> Email

MS Girls Basketball: <u>Coach Lauren Video</u> <u>Coach Lauren</u> Email

MS Swim: Coach Costina Video

MS Tennis: Coach Belanger Video

Coach Costina Email

Coach Belanger

Email

MS Track and Field: <u>Coach Whetstine Video</u> <u>Coach</u> Whetstine Email

**Payments:** Below is the payment link for the MS spring season. Payment is due prior to the first game or match. \*Please DO NOT pay prior to tryouts\*

MS Spring Sports Payments

#### Athletic Administration Staff and Email Link:

<u>Jerome Garrison</u> - Athletic Director (AD)

<u>Matt Hawkins</u> - Assistant Athletic Director

<u>Matthew Hawkins</u> - Assistant Athletic Director

<u>Schae-Ann Like</u> - Finance/Payment Support

**APO Volunteers:** The APO is a group of parent volunteers at games! Email the APO to join or learn more!

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Contact them today and tell them Glendale Prep sent you!

## **Academy Giving**

## Matching Gifts

Make your gift to Archway Glendale go twice as far.

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 through their Corporate Matching Gifts Program.

Simply <u>click on this link</u>, type the name of your employer, and hit 'search' to find out if your company offers a Corporate Matching Gifts Program. If your company does have a matching program, please submit the appropriate paperwork to your Human Resources department. Please contact Cathy Sparks at <u>csparks@archwayglendale.org</u> with 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. Thank you for supporting Archway Glendale!



Archway Glendale is excited to announce the return of the Great Hearts Gala for the 2022-23 school year! The 5<sup>th</sup> annual Gala will take place on September 24, 2022, at Chateau Luxe, and 'Emerald City' will be the theme for this year's event. The Great Hearts Gala raises funds to benefit the Teacher Excellence Fund, which is distributed to outstanding faculty as bonus compensation on an annual basis. Archway Glendale received \$21,620 in December 2021 from this initiative. As Great Hearts prepares for this

wonderful evening, Archway Glendale is seeking two families (an individual and/or couple) to be a part of the 2022 Great Hearts Gala Committee. A full description of the position can be found <a href="HERE">HERE</a>. If you are interested in serving on the committee, please contact Haley Kucharo at <a href="hkucharo@greatheartsaz.org">hkucharo@greatheartsaz.org</a>. You may also reach out to Cathy Sparks at <a href="csparks@archwayglendale.org">csparks@archwayglendale.org</a> with additional questions.

### **Headmaster Corner**

Dear Archway Glendale Families,

During our year of *Strengthening our Roots*, this week's topic is one of my favorite subjects, Spalding! Archway Glendale has earned the reputation in the Great Hearts Network as being the strongest Spalding school; many of our teachers are the Spalding trainers for the entire network.

Spalding, named after it's creator, Romalda Spalding, is a phonics based spelling and reading curriculum. During daily multisensory Spalding lessons, students learn the phonograms and rules to encode (spell) and decode (read) words. Encoding is a much more complex neurological process than decoding so if a student can spell a word, he can read it. Many people cast off English as an overly complex language without rules, but this is false. There are dozens of learnable phonics rules that students can master in order to attack new words with accuracy.

Spalding also includes handwriting, both printing and cursive. Students learn the proper way to hold a pencil and form letters. They also learn to take pride in their work and demonstrate excellence by taking the time and care to use lovely handwriting.

If you are new to our school and phonograms, the correct pronunciation of the Spalding phonograms is available <a href="here">here</a>.

Happy reading, spelling, and handwriting to our Spalding Scholars!

In partnership,

Syane Destifano

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