

Golden Eagle E-Blast

September 29, 2022



Report Cards, Conferences and Grading

REPORT CARDS:

The [Great Hearts Parent Portal](#) will go live on Friday, 10/7 for families to view report cards. A letter went out earlier today with login information. Please contact the school office if you have trouble logging in or don't receive the email. The school office will be open until 3:30 pm today, from 7:00 am to 3:30 pm tomorrow (9/30) and from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on Tuesday, 10/11.

Please use your discretion as your child's primary educator in determining the appropriateness of showing the report card to your child. Report cards and evaluations are meant to be a communication tool between you and your child's teacher, and you should decide whether it will help or hinder your child's learning to share them.

CONFERENCES:

Conferences will be held on Wednesday, 10/12, and Thursday, 10/13. For those of you who signed up for a Zoom conference, please watch the classroom newsletter or email for a link from the teacher. If you do not have the link by 10/11, please contact your child's teacher directly.

GRADING:

Kindergarten through second grade teachers and all specials teachers grade on a numerical 1 to 4 scale. Please see the standards tab on the Great Hearts Parent Portal.

Third through fifth grade teachers grade on an A-F scale. Please see the traditional tab on the Great Hearts Parent Portal.

At Great Hearts, grades are not merely "crunched" by averaging test scores. Teachers evaluate each student's mastery level of material, participation in classroom discussions, sense of wonder, depth of inquiry, quality in assignments, and homework completion.

Shorts Until 10/28

Shorts may be worn through Friday, 10/28. From Monday, 10/31 until after Spring Break, pants, jumpers (K-2), and skirts (3-5) may be worn. Please refer

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Important Dates

9/30
End of Quarter One

10/3 - 10/7
NO SCHOOL
Fall Break

10/10 - 10/14
NO SCHOOL
Project Week

10/12 & 10/13
Mandatory
Parent/Teacher
Conferences

10/26
Read-A-Thon

to the [Family Handbook](#) on the [website](#) or contact [Ms. Hanks](#) with any uniform questions you might have.

Office Updates

Archway Glendale wishes a fond farewell to Mrs. Fleming. Her last day will be on 10/14. She is pursuing a fantastic opportunity in the medical field where she currently works part-time. She will be missed greatly!

For now, all communication from the office will come from Ms. Mobley and/or Mrs. McDonough.

Coaching for The Griffin Experience

The Griffin Experience is looking for coaches for the Winter Sports Camp which will begin on Wednesday, 11/2 and will end on Wednesday, 2/15. Coaches work from 12 pm to 2:30 pm on Wednesdays and receive a stipend each season. If you are interested in coaching, please contact [Matthew Hawkins](#).

Academy Giving



Third-grade studying Ancient Rome and the Punic Wars.

The level of education offered at Archway Glendale makes it one of the most sought-after schools in Arizona, and Community Investment is *the* most important way your family can support this great work! Your family's yearly commitment to Community Investment significantly impacts students and helps bridge the gap between what is received from public funding versus the actual cost to run the school. Each school year Archway Glendale starts with a \$1,500 *per student* deficit from what public schools receive in funding. With the help of *all* families giving to Community Investment with an amount that is meaningful to you, Archway Glendale is able to bridge that gap. Every dollar makes a difference!

Archway Glendale is honored to publicly recognize those families and friends who have contributed to this year's 2022-23 Community Investment campaign. Please click [HERE](#) for a listing of current donors as of September 14, 2022.

If you have yet to make a gift to this year's 2022-23 Community Investment campaign:

- Click [here to make a one-time gift](#)
- Click [here to schedule monthly gifts](#)
- Scan this QR code:



Archway Glendale is a wonderful place for children to grow, and *Community Investment makes that growth possible!* The teachers and students thank you for your partnership.

Headmaster Corner

Dear Archway Glendale Families,

May you, your student, and your family have a wonderful Fall Break! May your child delight and persevere through the challenge of memorizing a lengthy and beautiful poem! May beautiful words of a classic poem be imprinted on the hearts and minds of our scholars. May living rooms be filled with scholars reciting poems in front of grandparents or teddy bear audiences. May our students stumble through the poem at first, get frustrated, pick themselves up, and learn they are capable of doing hard things. May they be initially overwhelmed by a lengthy poem, and build their confidence by conquering something challenging.

Our teachers are working hard to prepare for Parent Teacher Conferences. In the past, we used to hold conferences in January, and the focus of the meetings was showing evidence of student growth and progression. A few years ago, we moved the conferences to the fall which changed the nature of the meetings. While students have certainly made progress over the quarter, the intention of the conferences is more so to engage in a healthy dialogue about areas of strength and challenge. Often goals are set for students. I am always so pleased how our parents and teachers both come to the conferences eager to partner, ready to listen to each other, and wanting to mutually support the student.

With best wishes for a lovely Fall Break,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Suzanne Bertifano".

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