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Dear Parents.

As you may be aware, our after-school athletics provider has been SkyHawks. While we have appreciated our relationship with them over the past 18 months, due to a variety of factors, we have agreed to discontinue this relationship as of February 21st, 2018. Moving forward, we've decided to partner with Future Stars. They will be taking over the program starting February 28th. 2018.

Future Stars is not new to Great Hearts. Other sister schools have partnered with them in the past, and we are optimistic that they will live up to the good reputation they have with the network. To ensure your child continues to have after-school athletics available to them, we ask that you sign up with Future Stars as soon as possible. A separate email with details on how to enroll will be emailed to families on Tuesday, February 6th.

Please reach out to our Office Administrator, Ms. Petersen, if you have questions. Thank you for your continued support of our mission. Here are the updates for the upcoming week.

In-service Day Early Dismissal Friday, Feb 9

A gentle reminder that Friday, February 9th is a half day, due to Great Hearts' in-service for all faculty members. Dismissal will be at 12:30 p.m.

Great Hearts Day

At Archway Lincoln, we will not celebrate Valentine's Day as it is traditionally celebrated in schools, but will instead celebrate Great Hearts Day on Wednesday, February 14th. Each class will have a short celebration, and the focus will be on the virtue of Friendship and kind-heartedness.

We ask the classroom liaisons, in conjunction with the teachers, to plan classroom parties during which the students will enjoy activities that recognize what it means to be a good friend. Our hope is that each child is celebrated for the ways in which he or she demonstrates Friendship in the classroom and community.

Please remember that students are not to bring in any Valentines' cards or treats for their classmates. In each classroom, students will have opportunities to show appreciation for their friends during the party. If any student brings in Valentine cards or candy, we will need to put them in the backpack to be returned home. Thank you for your consideration of this special day and the establishment of traditions here at Archway Lincoln!

Great Hearts Lincoln Volunteer Needed for Upcoming Fall Gala

The Great Hearts Advancement Department is looking for a volunteer to serve as a liaison between Lincoln and the Great Hearts Gala Committee. This volunteer may be a parent of students in Lincoln Prep or Archway Lincoln. The liaison and their spouse will receive free tickets to the 2018 Great Hearts Gala in October and will assist our Development Team with gala outreach between now and when the event is held. This is a small time commitment, averaging an hour or two at the most each week, and has some great benefits. If you have any interest in learning more about the position, please contact Denise Zabilski at 602-396-7559 or reach her by email.

Claim that 2017 AZ Tax Credit Before Filing Your Taxes

I'd like to remind everyone who is getting ready to file their taxes to please consider making a tax credit contribution to Archway Lincoln if you have not already done so. You may still claim the AZ Public School Tax Credit Deduction for 2017 until April 15th, 2018. We need your support in order to continue to provide our students with high quality athletics and extracurricular programs for the upcoming year. Student participation fees for next year are highly impacted by the amount of tax credit donations we receive through April 15th 2018. As of today, we are still about 24% short of our goal.

Tax Credit Incentives for the week of February 12th – 16th in honor of Great Hearts Day. To Celebrate Great Hearts Day on Feb. 14th, we are asking families to share the love & bring in a Tax Credit Donation. Any donation received the week of February 12 – 16th will receive a Free Pizza Coupon for each student in the household redeemable at Peter Piper Pizza. Each family will also be entered into a drawing for a Date Night Dinner \$50 gift card to a restaurant of your choice. Check out your student's backpack in the middle of next week for a post card coming home about this event. Donations may be for the 2017 or 2018 tax year, and can be submitted by Great Hearts, families, friends, colleagues, anyone!

We greatly appreciate all of your support for Archway Lincoln!

Great Hearts Middle School League

Please visit our website for the Great Hearts Middle School League Spring Practice Schedules. Be sure to note different start dates.

From the PSO

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon: "Nos Aimons Nos Professeurs"

Please help us create a memorable French-themed appreciation luncheon for our teachers and staff on Thursday, Feb. 22nd, 2018 by donating an item(s) from our donation list.

Item Drop-Off:

- Wednesday non-perishable items
- Thursday 10 AM warm items
- Thursday 8 AM all other items

All donations may be dropped off in the school office. Please bring items in disposable serving ware or label items to be returned. All non-disposable serving ware is washed and ready to be picked up the day after the luncheon.

Thank you in advance for helping to support our hard working teachers and staff!

Pick Up Corsages on Friday 2/9

Corsages for the Daddy Daughter Dance MUST be picked up after school on Friday from 12 pm - 1pm (Friday is a half day). You must park and walk up to the open kitchen door next to the MPR, where they will be handed out. Look for signs. We will NOT hand out corsages to anyone in the car line.

Your Last Chance to Buy Daddy Daughter Dance Tickets

Tickets for the Dance can be bought online for \$15 until Thursday. Tickets bought at the dance will be \$20. You can also buy your professional photographer digital picture until Thursday. All purchases can be made here.

We Still Need Desserts and Volunteers for the Dance

We need help to fill the dessert table for the Daddy Daughter dance. All desserts and drink items should be dropped off in the front office before or after school, Friday, February 9th (this is a half day).

Please see the sign up to donate. To volunteer for set up or help with the dance, sign up here.

February Birthday Book Club on Fri, Feb 16th

BBC for February birthdays is Friday, February 16th. If your child has a February birthday, we'd love to have you join us! Please note the following start times:

- K-2 will celebrate at 2:30 p.m.
- 3-5 will celebrate at 2:45 p.m.

You can pay for a book on the behalf of your child by clicking here.

If you wish to volunteer for the celebration, sign up here.

Box Tops Due Date Extended - Due Friday, February 16th

Our second Box Tops for Education Drive for 2017-2018 is going on now! By clipping Box Tops on participating products and turning them into the school, you can help earn money for Archway Lincoln. Collection will begin now and all Box Tops must be turned in to your child's classroom by Friday, February 16th. The class in each grade with the most Box Tops collected will earn a special treat!

Please Note:

- CHECK EXPIRATION DATES! We cannot use expired Box Tops and it wastes parent volunteer time to sort through and find expired ones. Please sort through your Box Tops BEFORE turning them in!
- MISSING expiration dates. There must be a date on the label or they do not count for credit.
- Kellog's Labels for Education. This is NOT the same thing as Box Tops.

February Parent Positive Series - Organizational Skills for Your Child

Join us on Thursday, February 22nd from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. at Archway Lincoln to hear Darcy Davis-Beghein, life coach and speaker, talk about getting organized in her presentation "How Can I Support My Child's Success? Establishing Strong Organizational Skills, Time Management Proficiency, and Study Habits in Your

Scholars."

This mini-workshop will teach parents strategies to help their scholars organize school obligations and homework, to develop time management skills, and to create study routines that lead to greater success.

FREE childcare is available for this event (ages 4+). You must pre-register your child to take advantage of this offer. Childcare is provided by trained Athenaeum staff. You can sign up here. If you have immediate questions, please email archwaylincolnparentpositive@gmail.com.

Family Fun Night at Panda Express - February 21st

Join us on Wednesday, February 21st for our next Family Fun Night at Panda Express from 12 pm-11 pm. Join friends and family for dinner while helping to raise money for PSO. Twenty percent of all purchases go to PSO. You must have a copy or picture of the flyer, which you can view here. See the flyer here.

Pre-order Your Child's Archway Lincoln Yearbook

The Yearbook Committee has put a lot of energy into making the Archway Classical Academy - Lincoln yearbook. Each page is filled with friends, photos, and fun memories! Pre-orders are now available.

NOTE: Yearbooks will ONLY be available for purchase online. NO YEARBOOKS WILL BE SOLD AT THE SCHOOL, so be sure to order yours today.

Visit this site to pre-order your child's copy today using our school's Yearbook ID Code 12891818.

Current Volunteer Opportunities

Please consider helping in the lunch room or library. We have many spots still open and we can't run these programs without volunteers! You can see all the volunteer opportunities currently available on our <u>Volunteer page</u>.

Important Dates

- Feb 9 Pick up Daddy Daughter Dance Corsages
- Feb 10 Daddy Daughter Dance
- Feb 16-18 Great Books Foundation SW Council
- Feb 16 Box Tops Due; Birthday Book Club for February
- Feb 21 Family Fun Night at Panda Express
- Feb 22 Parent Positive Series; Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

M/T/Th/F Office Hours 7:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. | W Office Hours 7:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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Website and Links

Archway Lincoln Website
Archway Lincoln PSO Website
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