

Dear 5th Grade Families,

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves as your child's fifth grade teachers. We are honored to be part of Archway Trivium West and to cultivate your child's heart and mind, in the pursuit of truth, goodness and beauty.

5A Lead Teacher, Mrs. Pacheco

I was born and raised in Texas and moved to Arizona in 2013. My husband, Anthony, and I have 4 children; 2 boys who attend Trivium Prep and 2 girls who attend Archway Trivium West. We have been a part of the Great Hearts family for 4 years. I have a deep reverence for education and I am eager to bring my organizational skills, curious nature, and unquenchable sense of wonder about the world to your child this year. I continually seek to educate myself and try new things. I truly enjoy the process of growing into a better version of myself and I aspire to pass this love of learning on to your children. I joined the ATW staff in 2017 and fell in love, not only with the rich material being taught in the classroom, but the scholars themselves. I have a huge heart for 5th graders and children in middle school. Their personalities and individuality really begin to show themselves. When coupled with all the changes that take place during this season, it can become a daunting journey. I feel honored to partner with parents each year, and guide their children through growth in virtue and wisdom during this critical point in their life. As an additional benefit, I coach Trivium Prep athletes in the discipline of swim and dive. I enjoy continuing to walk with many of my scholars through their middle and high school years.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Pacheco

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5A Apprentice Teacher, Mrs. Behling

I am excited to begin my first year here at Archway Trivium West as Mrs. Pacheco's assistant. My husband, Tim, and I have lived in the west valley since 2001 and have 7 children. We have a Kindergartner, 3rd and 5th grader at Archway Trivium West, and a 7th and 9th grader at Trivium Prep, and 11th and 12th graders at Verrado High School. I can be found most often in my car, with a good book and a cup of coffee, as I am always running my kids to and from activities. I have worked in childcare all of my adult life and for the last 6 years I have operated my own childcare business from home. With my youngest child entering Kindergarten, I made the tough decision to close my business and join the wonderful team here at Trivium. I love working with children and watching them grow both in knowledge and virtue. I am looking forward to getting to know your child this school year and becoming more involved in our Great Hearts community.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Christina (Tina) Behling

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5B Lead Teacher, Ms. Bartels

I consider myself an Arizona native, as I moved to Prescott, Arizona, when I was less than 2 years old. I lived in Prescott until I came to Phoenix to earn my Master's degree at Arizona State University. I have always enjoyed reading and finding the stories in the world around us, and I look forward to sharing those stories and that drive for exploration with your child this year. I joined the Great Hearts network first in August 2018, when I was hired to work with the afterschool Athenaeum program at the Great Hearts North Phoenix campus. It is such a privilege to join these 5th grade scholars at a huge step in their journey, and to help solidify the knowledge they already possess and equip them for the transition into the deep, rich content awaiting them in the years ahead.

Sincerely,

K'Tera Bartels
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5B Apprentice Teacher, Mrs. Mercy

This is my 6th year working here at Archway Trivium West. I spent 4 ½ years in 4th grade and last year transitioned to 5th grade. I am an Arizona native and grew up in Litchfield Park. I have been married for 29 years and I have three amazing adult children. I have been fortunate enough to be in a situation where I was able to stay home with my children while they were growing up. This was a great blessing and my family remains very close and important to me. My Christian faith is the driving force in my life and I have always felt compelled to give back as I have been so very blessed in my own life. I am a volunteer at Saving Paws Rescue and have personally adopted three dogs myself from there. I also spend time volunteering with Trevor's Vision, which is a homeless outreach charity. I am excited to be returning and to have the opportunity to develop relationships with your children and their families. I look forward to meeting and partnering with you in their education and personal growth.

Sincerely,
Sue Mercy
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5C Lead Teacher, Ms. Doll

I am a proud native of Nebraska and taught in the elementary schools there for 20 years. I moved to Phoenix last year and taught at St. Thomas Aquinas School, in Litchfield Park. I am looking forward to teaching with Great Hearts and find its atmosphere and culture inspiring. I love scholars, teaching, and learning. Some of my other favorite things are swimming, hiking, and being in nature. I spent this past summer in Europe and Australia and look forward to bringing that experience to the classroom. I am enthused about a wonderful year ahead and cannot wait to connect with each of your children and partner with you in their journey!

Sincerely,
Natalie Doll
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5C Morning Apprentice Teacher, Ms. Johnson

Hello! The 2019-2020 school year is going to be my 9th year at Trivium, but this year will be my 2nd year teaching. I have been with the Trivium family since the very first orientation way back in 2011, and I graduated from Trivium Prep. I came back in October of 2018 as an apprentice teacher for fifth grade and immediately fell in love with it. I am currently pursuing my own education in theater and liberal arts because "the unexamined life is not worth living." I sing, act, and play the flute and bass guitar. I also love painting, though I am only just beginning to hone my skills! I have always had a passion for teaching, and as a former Great Hearts student myself, I firmly believe that every child is a scholar and has the ability to do truly amazing things through the pursuit of goodness, truth, and beauty. I hope to help your child grow in their love of learning!

Sincerely,
Darrah Johnson
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5C Afternoon Apprentice Teacher, Ms. Brady

I was born and raised in Arizona. I am enthusiastic to begin my first full year at Archway Trivium West as Ms. Doll's assistant teacher. I live with my mom and grandmother and have two older brothers. I am also returning as a coach for the high school as well as the middle school Swim and Dive team at Trivium Prep alongside Mrs. Pacheco. I am continuing my education at Grand Canyon University, majoring in Nursing with the hope that I will become a neonatal nurse. I am also minoring in Psychology. Ms. Johnson and I joined the

fifth grade team last year in October of 2018. I am super excited to meet all the new 5th grade scholars. I loved working with the scholars last year and cannot wait to work with your great hearted children. As they learn and practice the virtues and gain knowledge it will be truly amazing to watch them grow as human beings. I look forward to meeting you all!

Sincerely,
Nicole Brady
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Specials

P.E. Teacher, Coach Larochelle

Hi, my name is Stanley Larochelle. I am excited as I enter into my 7th year here at Archway Trivium West as a P.E teacher. I played football on a scholarship at Southern Utah University and graduated with a BS in Physical Education. I am also a Health coach, Fit Camp instructor and an Assistant Varsity Football coach at Westview High School in Avondale. I am very motivated and excited to help scholar athletes learn a variety of sports, and expand their physical skills, knowledge, work ethic and discipline.

Sincerely,
Stanley Larochelle
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2-5 Visual Arts Teacher, Mrs. Wright

It is with great pleasure to welcome you to a new year at Archway Trivium West. It is a joy to be teaching 2nd-5th grade art again this year. This will be my fifth year teaching at ATW and I feel truly honored to be a visual arts teacher here. I graduated with my Bachelor's in Interior Design from Northern Arizona University and worked in the field for several years prior to teaching, and went on to complete my Master's in Art Education from Arizona State University. I am excited to share my passion for creativity with such young minds and share an exploration of wonder and reason as we seek truth, goodness, and beauty in art. This year, we will delve into great works of art as we learn how to view them in the light of their historical context. We will learn how to identify the various elements and principles of art used in these works, and how to interact with them with wonder and reason. I hope to see students expand their visual vocabulary, grow in their curiosity, and flourish in their creativity. I want to thank you for your support and opportunity to work with you and your child so that we can have a successful year.

Sincerely,
Clare Wright
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Latin Teacher, Mr. Carmichael

My name is Nathan Carmichael and I am thrilled to be your child's Latin teacher! I graduated from the University of Texas at Austin, where I studied Latin, Greek, and classical archaeology. I have worked in various capacities with Kindergarten and grades 1, 2, and 4, and this is my fourth year at Archway Trivium West. My hobbies include traveling, reading, and all things historical. I look forward to sharing my affinity for the language, together with my experience of excavating Roman sites.

Sincerely,
Nathan Carmichael
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Music Teacher, Norma-Jean ("NJ") Strickland

The Fall of 2019 will be my first year with Great Hearts Academy, Archway Trivium West, as their part-time 4th and 5th grade choral music teacher. I have a Bachelor of Music degree in Piano Performance

(from NAU), with a minor in Vocal Performance (from ASU). I am a published PBS-television Emmy Award-winning children's celebrity ghostwriter for Simon & Schuster, as well as being a published author in my own voice. I have also been a member (by audition only) of The Phoenix Symphony Chorus since January 2013.

My mission in life is to delight and bring joy, love and healing to the human heart through music, story and play. My personal motto for many years has been, "Expand, Explore, Express!" I simply cannot imagine life without the gift of music (or any of the arts)! So, I am honored to help ATW's scholars "Expand, Explore, Express" their own musical experiences!

Sincerely,
Norma-Jean ("NJ") Strickland

Reading Specialist, Mrs. Irwin

My name is Karen Irwin and I am the reading specialist at Archway Trivium West. I grew up in west central Illinois, graduated from Eastern Illinois University, and later received my Master's in Education from Arizona State University. I have been teaching for over 30 years and this is my sixth year working at Archway Trivium West. The reading specialist is responsible for identifying scholars that may have a reading difficulty and working with scholars, teachers, teacher assistants, and parents to provide necessary reading interventions. At Archway Trivium West, we administer the Dibels (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) Next assessment to help identify scholars that may be having difficulty in reading, and the 95% Group Phonological Awareness Screener, and/or the 95% Group Phonics Screener.

Sincerely,
Karen Irwin
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Nurse, Denise Schooley

My name is Denise Schooley and I have the honor of being the school nurse during the 2019-2020 academic year. I have worked at Archway Trivium West for the past three years. This will be my second year as the school nurse. I am very excited to continue in the nurse role and serve your scholar's health care needs. My 20 years of diverse healthcare experience has allowed me to be the nurse I am today. I look forward to continuing to create loving and trusting relationship with your scholars. I will be at Meet the Teacher Night to collect completed Asthma, Food Allergy and Seizure Actions plans with your scholar's medications. All medications prescribed by a provider must be in the original container with the prescription label. All Epi-pens must be in a set of two. Please feel free to reach out to me by phone or email at any time regarding your child's health care concerns or needs.

Sincerely,
Denise Schooley
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School Counselor, Mrs. Boerckel

My name is Kelly Boerckel and this is my second year as the counselor at Great Hearts! I have been working with children, teens, and families since 2005 through various inpatient behavioral health settings, residential treatment centers and the public education system. I am starting my 12th year in education and 7th year as a school counselor. My husband & I have two children, Drew (11) and Ainsley (8), as well as two dogs. Deagan (12) is a chocolate Labrador and Gunner Blue (1) is an English Bulldog. When I'm not working you can find me at a swim meet or a lacrosse game cheering on my kids! I was born and raised in Texas and have lived in Arizona now for 1 year and we are loving it here! I am looking forward to working with your students this school year. Helping students to grow and thrive emotionally, socially and academically is my greatest passion.

Sincerely,

Kelly Boerckel
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