

# NURSING HIGHLIGHTS

FROM AROUND THE GREAT HEARTS NURSING NETWORK

DECEMBER 2019

## ARCHWAY VERITAS

Hello from Archway Veritas. My name is Sarah Elkins and this is my second year at this amazing school. I have worked in school nursing for the past 10 years and in Neonatal ICU prior to this.

I was privileged to precept a very bright nursing student, Jessica Mendez, from Chamblerrlain University this past fall. She loved her experience so much that she is hoping to enroll her Kindergarten daughter at a Great Hearts school next year!



## ARCHWAY CICERO

Nurse Amy and Health Assistant Jackie dressed up for Archway Literary Character Day! The students loved seeing Eeyore and Pooh when they came into the nurse's office or saw us walking around campus. Even though the Prep students were not participating in this event, they also loved seeing the students and Archway faculty and staff dressed up.

## ARCHWAY GLENDALE

For the Read-a-thon at Archway Glendale the administrators dressed up as Mr. Popper's Penguins, with Headmaster Kersting as Mr. Popper. Lisa and I were one of the penguins. The Read-a-thon was featured on Channel 10 Arizona Am with Cory McCloskey. We also had a book drive for our sister school, Maryvale, collecting 1200 books to donate. Regards, Mrs. Dela Cruz



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## ARCHWAY ARETE



My name is Kris Hodgkins and I have served as the school nurse for Archway Arete and Arete Preparatory Academy in Gilbert since the campus opened in 2014. I accepted another job offer for the previous school year and I am so happy to be back this year! Most of my background is in Public Health and Healthcare education. I have been a CPR and First Aid instructor for many years with American Heart Association and I have served on the Emergency Response Team at our church. I am passionate about health and safety and I do my very best to advocate for our students regarding playground safety. Our administration has been so kind to listen and allow me to speak at faculty meetings regarding trends in injuries, and the appropriate use of our specific playground apparatuses. We are in the process now of purchasing softer soccer balls for our playground area. I am grateful to work with a team that cares so much about our children. It's true when they say, "It takes a village."

## ARCHWAY SCOTTSDALE

At Archway Classical Academy Scottsdale, Mrs. Armstrong, the Head Master, and Mrs. Betz, RN, sat down and wrote "Guidelines for Food at School". These guidelines outline the steps taken by teachers, parents, and the school nurse to ensure our children with food allergies are safe at school. Mrs. Betz, RN also worked with administration in establishing standards for cleaning our lunch tables to ensure they are clean and germ free after each use.



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## ARCHWAY CHANDLER/CHANDLER PREP



My name is Erika Nelson. I also work at Archway Chandler and Chandler Prep as the school nurse one day a week, supporting Mrs. Wheeler. Working as a school nurse has been a job I have always wanted to step into and I have enjoyed learning this side of nursing. I started back to school to obtain my BSN last August 2018 at Grand Canyon University and just graduated October 18th, 2019. I serve on the PSO Board at Chandler Prep, the CPA Faculty Advisory committee, and on the ACC/CPA Safety Team Committee.

My name is Sue Wheeler and I am the health assistant for Archway Chandler and Chandler Prep. What I enjoy the most about my job is the chance to interact with both the students and faculty. Because I work with such amazing teachers and aides, I like to host a breakfast each December, to show my appreciation for them. I started this about 8 years ago, and it has become a bit of a holiday tradition.

## ARCHWAY NORTH PHOENIX

Nurse Blatnik and Nurse McGinnis read *Bear feels Sick* to the Kindergarten classes on Literacy Day. The kids loved it and even asked us questions at the end.

Nurse Blatnik joined the North Phoenix campus in September and has been a wonderful asset to our school. She is currently in South America where she will be going on a safari and swimming with sharks.





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## ARCHWAY TRIVIUM WEST

A nurse's scope of practice does not just focus on the physical demands of our scholars. We must look to the full spectrum of necessities as well. Chronic illnesses can bring health and safety challenges while at school. I had the honor and pleasure of being invited to visit with a scholar outside of school hours to bring hope for her healing. I worked alongside a valuable team here at the Archway Trivium West to make this a safe place for her to return to school. There is great joy in spending quality time with our scholars looking at their full spectrum of health care essentials.

Through November and December, I had an amazing opportunity to work alongside of Shae a Chamberlain Student Nurse. She was a wonderful addition to our health office during her valuable days of clinicals. She was as much a blessing to me as she was to our scholars. Here are a few comments regarding Shae's clinical experience.

*"Thank you for teaching me things I could never learn in a classroom". "You have showed me what advocacy and autonomy looks like". "You speak on behalf of not only the scholar but their family and their beliefs even when it's not the most popular opinion". "You radiate care, compassion and love while providing structure for the students".*

As a school nurse, we are blessed through experiencing so many opportunities to radiate care and compassion onto our scholars.

## SCOTTSDALE PREP

At Scottsdale Prep I put together a mindfulness sensory box that has been helping my students with anxiety.

