



SCOTTSDALE PREPARATORY ACADEMY

A Great Hearts Academy

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Dear Scottsdale Prep Middle School Parents,

Around 30 years ago, Robyn Swerlyk (mother of Prep student Michael and Archway student Logan) laid a wreath at Arlington National Cemetery's Tomb of the Unknown Soldier while on a trip with her school. Remembering the experience, she applied for her sons to be part of the ceremony while on vacation in early July. Her application was accepted, and Michael and Logan were given the honor of laying the wreath on July 7th. Michael and Logan choose to honor their respective schools by adding a ribbon to the wreath with our school name (and Archway). I have had the honor of visiting Arlington National Cemetery and witnessing the changing of the guard at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier the past two years on our Senior Trip. Arlington National Cemetery is beautiful, and the ceremony is amazing to witness in person. The thought of watching that ceremony with the ribbons of our schools on the wreath is inspiring on a patriotic level as well as a school pride level. Thank you, Michael, for honoring your country as well as your school in such a manner.

Please feel free to contact me with any middle school questions or concerns.

Respectfully yours,

Rich Gale

Middle School Assistant Headmaster