

May 2, 2019



PHOENIX ACADEMY

MAY NEWSLETTER

IMPORTANT DATES!

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- 2 Family Phoenix Night Putt
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- 3 **No School this Friday**
- 6-10 MAP Testing
- 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 10 Last Pizza Day
- 17 All School Ponca Hills
Field Trip
- 22 Omaha Gives!
- 22 8th Grade Graduation
(9:30 AM)
- 22 Music Performance
(2:30 PM)
- 22 Bal-A-Vis-X Demonstration
(2:30 PM)
- 23 Field Day/Last Day of
School
All School Dismissal at
12:00 PM

Dear Parents,

It is hard to believe the school year is almost over already! Please read this newsletter carefully as we have lots of important end of year information.

Thank you for trusting us with child's education this year. It truly is bittersweet as our students leave because they are ready to return to regular school as we miss the relationships we have developed with you and your child during their time here. Please stay in contact and let us know how they are doing and always come back for a visit - especially on pizza days (our treat!).

For students who are returning, please turn in your registration form and \$100 fee to hold your spot for fall enrollment. We have lots of new students applying and a few grades are already full. The registration packets including the new tuition collection program and scholarship assistance will be mailed to families who have registered. Mark your calendars for the first day of the 2019-20 school year, Wednesday, August 21st.

Please contact Nancy Liebermann if you have any questions about enrollment or transitioning back.

MAP Testing - May 6 - 10



MAP testing is a standardized test which is given three times a year and is used in OPS as well as many districts throughout the country. The results help us compare each child's progress to their peers at the same grade level. We use the testing to help us determine what academic areas your child needs extra help. This testing format is also great for students to experience test questions and formats that are different from their daily work.

The MAP program offers comparative data from fall, winter and spring and allows for goal setting which your child is involved in projecting.

Please make every effort to avoid **morning** appointments during this week and have your child here on time so they will not be missing these crucial testing periods.

Thank you!



End of Year Celebrations

8th Grade Graduation
Wednesday, May 22nd
9:30 AM, Multipurpose Rm.
Parents Invited

Music Performance and
Bal-A-Vis-X Demonstration
Wednesday, May 22nd
2:30 PM, Multipurpose Rm.
Parents Invited

Field Day/Last Day of School
Thursday, May 23rd
School Dismissal @ 12 PM

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK



Monday, May 6 -
Friday, May 10



Please contact Sharyl Baca
at

sharylBaca@phoenixacademyomaha.org

REGISTER NOW!

Summer Kickstart

July 8th- August 16th

**Morning session is almost
completely full - See attached form**

KEEP OUR STUDENTS SAFE!!!

We have had several incidents recently during drop off or pick up where our students' drivers have acted irresponsibly in our parking lot or on Glenwood and 66th Street. We understand that drop off and pick up at school can be hectic and we also understand everyone's time is valuable, but the children's safety is most important.



This week one of our students was nearly hit by a car dropping off at Phoenix and then backing up too quickly. This driver was not even aware that they nearly ran over the child who was in the crosswalk. We have also observed near misses as parents try to leave the parking lot in a hurry. In the last two weeks we also have received complaints from parents and neighbors regarding incidents of road rage or illegally parking.

We need everyone's help in teaching the future drivers (our students) how to be a safe and courteous driver. While you are in the drop off/pick up lane, we also insist that you remain off your cell phones. We know that no one wants a tragedy due to carelessness. Please, *please* drive slowly and cautiously in our parking lot and the surrounding roads. This is for the safety of our students and our neighbors.

Thank you!

Mrs. Liebermann

PHARMACEUTICAL BIOLOGY

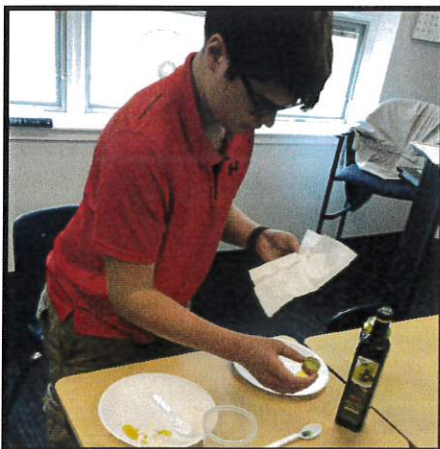
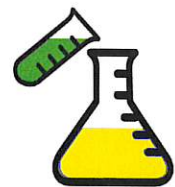
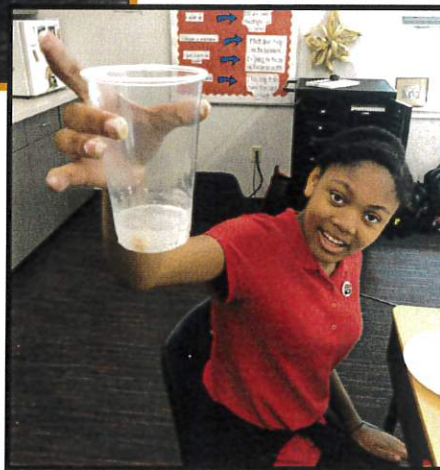


This month for STEM, Mrs. Lasenburg's students were given the role of Pharmaceutical Biologist. They were given a case study that involved a girl who had an extremely sensitive stomach. She needed the biologists to create a coating for the medication so that she could take it without the uncomfortable side effects. Using corn starch, flour, oil & sugar, the scientists were given a "medication" (hard candy) to test in a solution mimicking stomach acid....sprite! They had a great time learning the job functions of a pharmaceutical biologist & creating a recipe to help someone in need!

Above: Mrs. Lasenburg's students gather around their desks to create a coating for "medication" to test in their solution of Sprite. L-R: Garland, Geni, Ben

Right: Kynlee shows off her finished product.

Far Right: Garland holds her coated "medication"



What's your favorite thing about STEM?

Eighth grader Ben Manrique (pictured left) working on his experiment says that his favorite thing about this STEM project was using his creativity and figuring out the best way to use the materials he had.

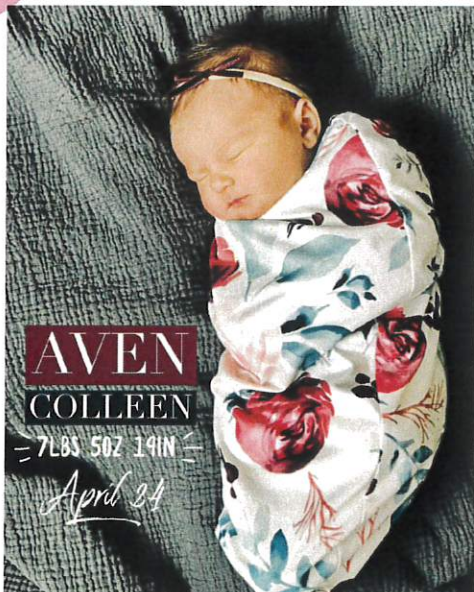


May Birthdays

Geland Heard - 2nd	Ella Osten - 26th
Kaiden Zollicoffer - 3rd	Julianne Derby - 26th
Kaida Field - 4th	Mrs. Anderson - 30th
Phineas Comstock - 22nd	Serenity Rouse - 31st
Aurora Montgomery - 22nd	Whitnee Sigmund - 31st
Mrs. Lyon - 24th	

It's a
Girl!

Aven Colleen Daniel



**Music teacher, Mrs. Daniel
welcomed a daughter on April 24th!**

**Congratulations to the Daniel
Family!!**

Free Piano! - MUST HAUL

We are getting rid of the old upright piano in our music room. If interested, please call the school at (402) 390-0556

Methodist Volunteers

Thank you to our Methodist Hospital volunteers who came on April 18th and helped in Mrs. Lasenburg, Mrs. Mancilla, and Mrs. Lyon's classrooms. They also moved benches from the back of the school to our front entrance for our students.

THANK YOU METHODIST!





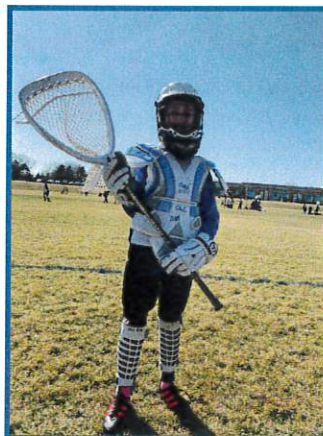
Ophelia Boxley: Gymnastics Star

When Ophelia began gymnastics at 3, it was very easy for her and she mastered new skills very quickly. Today Ophelia is a level 8 gymnast looking to move to level 9 before the end of summer. For some perspective, a College Gymnast like at the University of Nebraska, is a level 10 gymnast. Ophelia is always up for a challenge. Last year she came in 14th place in the state and she placed 14th at Regionals. This year Ophelia made even less form mistakes and her strength increased. She was able to perform all of the skills required for her level. As a result, she came in 2nd place in the state and 8th place at regionals. Ophelia worked very hard and had a spectacular year. She is looking forward to the challenges of the next level in her gymnastics practice.



Athletic Success: Alexis Kyle

Alexis Kyle is in Mrs. Baker's class. Outside of the classroom Alexis is very athletic and participates in both lacrosse and basketball. Alexis began playing basketball with the neighbor kids when she was about 4 and joined her first team when she was age 6. This is Alexis' first year playing lacrosse and she plays for Omaha LAX Club where she plays goalie, midfield, and attack.



Great work, Alexis!



OMAHA GIVES!

CELEBRATE OUR COMMUNITY WITH OMAHA GIVES!

Spreading the give good feels in the Omaha metro since 2013!

WHAT IS IT?

Omaha Gives! is a one-day online fundraising event organized by the Omaha Community Foundation and held on May 22 to raise support for nonprofits in Douglas, Sarpy, and Pottawattamie Counties. It is a community-wide event to show off the area's spirit of giving, raise awareness about local nonprofits, and celebrate the collective effort it takes to make this community great. Since 2013, this community give-together has raised \$42 million for more than 1,000 nonprofits.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

NONPROFITS WIN

Nonprofits can win hourly drawings and prizes for drumming up the most support.

GIVE TWO WAYS

Schedule your gifts ahead of time or make donations throughout the day. Have more fun - give both ways!

GROW MORE GOOD

Set up a Cheer Page to get loud and proud about your favorite nonprofits and rally support for them!

HOW CAN YOU GET INVOLVED?

- Give to your favorite nonprofit - the minimum donation amount is just \$10!
- Provide **CHALLENGE FUNDS** for a nonprofit close to your heart.
- Create a **CHEER PAGE** to rally support for nonprofits of your choice.
- Schedule a donation starting May 1 and donate during the event on May 22.
- Attend an Omaha Gives! or Pottawattamie Gives! related event hosted by area nonprofits.
- Be loud and proud to celebrate our community's generous spirit!



OmahaGives.org





SO MANY WAYS TO SWEETEN YOUR GIVE!

\$100,000 in incentives to make every donation go further.

CHALLENGE FUNDS

Nonprofits will have the ability to raise and promote their own dollar for dollar match challenge funds through omahagives.org, providing even more reasons to support them during Omaha Gives!. Challenge funds raised by each nonprofit will be automatically added to each nonprofit's total raised and will be included in the final fundraising total reported at midnight.

48 HOURLY DRAWINGS • \$48,000

SPONSORS: STEAKS FOR GOOD

Each hour, two donations will be randomly selected to receive an additional \$1,000 added to them for a total of \$48,000. Once a nonprofit has received an hourly prize, they will not be eligible to receive another one.

45 PARTICIPATION PRIZES • \$45,000

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Nonprofits attracting the highest number of donors will be awarded a total of \$1,000 in three separate categories during three 8-hour time periods throughout the day (12 am - 8 am, 8am - 4 pm, 4 pm -12 am). Once a nonprofit has received a participation prize, they will not be eligible to receive another one. (Review chart on page 2).

7 CHEER PAGE PRIZES AWARDS • \$7,000

Seven awards of \$1,000 each will be given to the Cheer Pages attracting the most unique donors. This prize can be won in combination with an Hourly Prize or Participation Prize.

KEEP THE GIVING GOING WITH PG!

\$32,000 in incentives for nonprofits in Pottawattamie County!

IOWA WEST INCENTIVE FUNDS • \$20,000

The Iowa West Foundation has graciously provided \$20,000 in Incentive Funds to be shared by nonprofits providing services in Pottawattamie County five days per week or more and who meet Iowa West funding criteria. Eligible nonprofits will have a star and Incentive/Challenge Funds tab on their nonprofit profiles by May 1.

ENDOWMENT MATCH • 20% MATCH

Eligible nonprofits can add to their Pottawattamie County Community Foundation Endowment from their Pottawattamie Gives! proceeds and receive a 20% match to their funds, as opposed to the normal 10%.

12 PG! HOURLY PRIZES • \$12,000

SPONSORS: HEARTLAND PROPERTIES, HGM ASSOCIATES, INC., KEAST AUTO CENTER, MIDWEST AG SERVICES, INC., TONY AND CATHY TAUKE, TS PROSPERITY GROUP

Twelve awards of \$1,000 each will be given to a randomly drawn Pottawattamie-based nonprofit in a two-hour time block.



OmahaGives.org





**Do you know a student in K- 8th grade that is struggling in reading and/or math?
Or do you know of a student who wants to get a "kickstart" for next year?
If so, then **Phoenix Academy's Summer Kickstart** program is just what you need!**

Our unique curriculum and small class size fosters measurable progress for students at all levels. Language Arts combines phonemic awareness, phonics, comprehension, fluency, vocabulary, spelling, and writing. Math instruction offers review of math facts, calculation strategies and math concepts for each grade level through Pre-Algebra.

The Phoenix Academy Student special rate is \$500!

When? July 8th - August 1st, Monday through Friday. Choose mornings from 8:30am -11:30am or afternoons from 12:30pm - 3:30pm.

Where? Phoenix Academy is located one block south of 66th and Western at 1110 N 66th Street in Omaha.

If you have any questions, please call the school at 402-390-0556.

A limited number of scholarships are available.



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Summer Kickstart 2018 Registration

For Current Phoenix Students Only

July 8th to Aug 1st

Complete one registration per child.

Student Name _____

Morning or Afternoon Session (please circle one)

AM - 8:30 to 11:30

PM - 12:30 to 3:30

Student Address/Phone (Complete if there has been changes)

Street Address _____

City State _____

Postal / Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian (Complete if there has been changes)

Full Name _____

Relationship _____

Street Address _____

Email _____

Primary Phone Number _____

City State _____

Postal / Zip Code _____

Mobile Number _____

Payment (please circle): Cash Check Credit Card

Please complete your registration by returning this form and a \$50 registration fee or the full \$500^{1,2} tuition to Phoenix Academy. The balance of tuition is due on or before first day of the Summer Kickstart.

1. \$500 is a special discount for current Phoenix Academy students only. The regular price is \$650.
2. If you currently qualify for scholarships, please contact Mrs. Liebermann for summer kickstart scholarship at 402-390-0556



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2019-2020 School Year Registration Form

Student's Name: _____ Grade in Fall _____

M / F (circle) Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Race _____

Child lives with: Both parents full time _____ Mother _____ Father _____

Other _____

Mother's name _____ Father's name _____

Guardian's name _____ Relation to child _____

Phone _____ Phone _____

Email _____

Email _____

Child's address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home telephone _____

Child's previous school _____

School District _____

**Please complete this registration form and return to
Phoenix Academy with a
\$100 non-refundable registration fee to guarantee
placement for your child for the 2019/2020 school year.
If you have any questions, please call the office.**

Thank you