



February 2, 2023

PHOENIX ACADEMY

IMPORTANT DATES

February 3rd
NO NorthStar

February 8th
Hot Dog Day

February 10th - 13th
NO SCHOOL -
Teacher Work Days

February 20th
NO NorthStar

February 23rd
NO SCHOOL -
Scholarship Luncheon

March 1st
End of 3rd Quarter

March 7th - 9th
Parent Teacher Conferences

March 1st
Hot Dog Day

March 9th
NO NorthStar (6th - 8th Grades)

March 10th - 17th
NO SCHOOL - Spring Break

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear Parents,

I would like to invite all of our parents to the 2023 Phoenix Academy Scholarship Luncheon. It will be held on Thursday, February 23rd, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. at the Hilton Omaha.

It can be a lonely and frightening school experience parenting a child with learning difficulties. Our speaker this year is Jordan Toma, the author of *I'm Just A Kid With An IEP*. I believe his message will provide inspiration and hope, so we are offering a **special discount for our parents** to attend. Tickets are normally \$100 per person but are reduced to \$50.00 for our students' parents. (see attached reservation form).

Although the cost of tuition can be a financial hardship, tuition covers only 25% of our operating expenses and the rest is made up through fundraising and donations. The full tuition price of \$9,450.00 is still \$2,000.00 short of the actual cost for a child to attend our school. While adjustments are made based on income eligibility, in essence ALL students are receiving some scholarship assistance. We need the support and generosity of donors to help us bridge the gap between tuition revenue and cost to operate.

Phoenix Academy is a not for profit private school so all donations are tax deductible. We never want to turn away a child because of an inability to pay but we need to raise funds to do this. Please spread the word about our Scholarship Luncheon.

Thank you!

Nancy Liebermann



Events, News, & Reminders



Hot Dog Days Reminder

The next two Hot Dog Days will be

Wed, Feb 8th & Wed, Mar 1st

Orders and payment must be received the day before so that our volunteers can purchase the appropriate number of hotdogs, chips, and cookies.

REMINDER: Northstar Families



Northstar will be **closed** for

ALL GRADES: Friday, Feb 3rd & Monday, Feb 20th

6th - 8th GRADES: Thursday, Mar 9th

Please make alternative after-school transportation arrangements for those dates.



Parent-Teacher Conferences

March 7th - 9th

School is in session!

Save the Dates!!!

Tues. & Wed. March 7th & 8th

3:45 - 7:45 p.m.

Thurs., March 9th

3:45 - 4:45 p.m.

Registration opens Feb 20th - Mar 5th to sign up for 15 minute time slots. To register, click on the "Parents" tab at the top of the school website, phoenixacademyomaha.org, then click on Parent Teacher Conferences or scan this QR code. Appointments are first come first serve so register early!



SUMMER KICKSTART '23

July 5th - 28th

8:15 am - 12:00 pm

****** Registration is NOW OPEN!!! *****

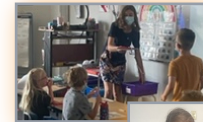
Students entering Kindergarten through 9th grade

Cost: \$750 per child - **Discounted to \$500 per child for currently enrolled students and their siblings.**

\$100 Deposit due with Registration

Scholarships available to students who qualify - Contact Nancy Liebermann for details

To Register return the attached registration form, scan the QR Code, or go to phoenixacademyomaha.org, click on the About Tab, then Summer Kickstart.



PAID Research Opportunity!!!

Looking for individuals aged 3-19 and 50-80 years old to participate in a study that will be used to "provide insights that elevate potential for children and adults." Individuals selected for the study will **earn a \$100 digital Amazon gift card and \$25 for our school.**

If interested please see the letter on the last page.

CSF Scholarship Fund



CSF awards scholarships for students in grades K-8, whose families qualify financially. Applications will be available online starting Feb. 13th. Go to csfomaha.org for more information and to register.



SOCIAL KIDS Summer CAMP

**June 19th - 23rd
8:30 - 2:00 pm**

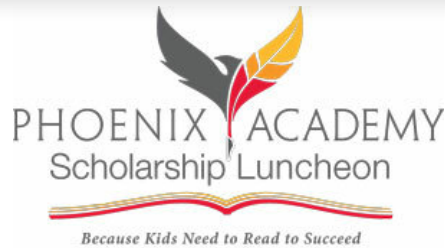
Social Skills - Outdoor Games

Interactive Activities - Snacks - Prize ;

Camp Directors: Jerry and Sherita Samuels



For more information go to <https://socialkidsomaha.org/> or click on the QR Code.



Phoenix Academy Scholarship Luncheon



**Thursday, February 23, 2023
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
Downtown Hilton**



Scan here to register!

Featuring Jordan Toma

2023 Award Recipients

2023 Holland Literacy Advocate Award - Mike and Nancy McCarthy

2023 Mactier Clark Educator Award - Dr. Susan Toohey

As a young student, Jordan was diagnosed with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), dyslexia and a reading-comprehension learning disability. Come hear how Jordan went from a struggling student to a successful financial advisor, real-estate investor, husband and father!

General Public: Register at phoenixacademyomaha.org (click on Support) or scan the QR code above!

Jordan Toma

I needed the person who I am now to walk into my school when I was a student. Now I will be that person for someone else. — Jordan Toma



Thursday, February 23th, 2023 ■ 11:30 am-1:00 pm

Please RSVP by Thursday, February 17th and list people attending under this reservation on the back of this card

Regular Seats **\$50** (tax-deductible)

Unfortunately, I cannot attend the Scholarship Luncheon, but please accept my tax-deductible gift of \$_____

Name _____ Company _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Phone number _____ Email _____

Check enclosed (payable to Phoenix Academy)

Please bill my credit card: Visa Mastercard

Name (as it appears on card) _____

Card Number _____ Exp. Date _____ CVV _____


Authorized Signature _____

Parents of Current Students Only!!!

Fill out and return this form with \$50/person to take advantage of special pricing!!!

PHOENIX RISING!!!

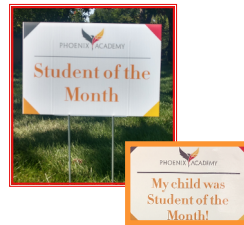
Successes and Shout Outs!!!!



PHOENIX ACADEMY

Students of the Month

<h4>Cohort A</h4> <h2>J'Mauri Wells</h2>	<h4>Cohort B</h4> <h2>Bri Goracke</h2>
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Congratulations J'Mauri and Bri! We're proud of you for being Respectful, Responsible, and Safe!



Two Ways we are celebrating kindness at Phoenix Academy!

CandyGrams

Do you or your student(s) want to tell someone you appreciate them with a sweet treat? Then you're in luck! This year, the **Student Council will be selling CandyGrams for Valentine's Day!** You can choose between different sizes, and even what type of candy you want in them! Please use the order form in the Newsletter to fill out your choices, and then submit your form with payment by Friday, February 10th!

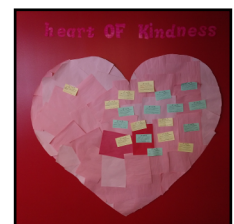
Please email

jerrysamuels@phoenixacademyomaha.org for any questions or concerns!



Secret Kindness Agents

As our Secret Kindness Agents witness acts of kindness we post them up for all to see!!!





February Birthdays



Mrs. Micek - 2nd



Jaysen - 4th



Jayseon - 4th



Alijah S. - 8th



Maya - 15th



Gianni - 17th



Hudson - 18th



Colton - 19th

**Not Pictured
RaMya - 12th**



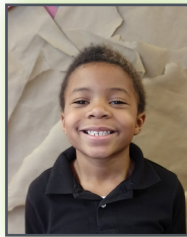
Marissa - 19th



Troi - 27th



Ari N. - 22nd



Zay - 24th





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Summer Kickstart 2023 Registration

Current Phoenix Academy Students Only

July 5th - 28th, 2023

One registration per child.

Student Name _____

Student Address _____

City, State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Grade for Fall 2023 _____

Parent/Guardian:

Full Name(s) _____

Relationship _____ Primary Phone Number _____

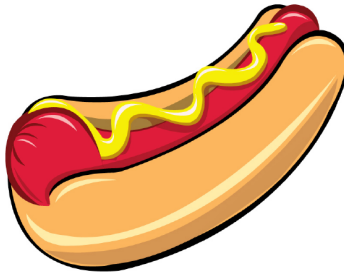
Email _____

Payment (please circle):

Cash Check Credit Card

Please complete your registration by returning this form and submitting a \$50 registration fee towards tuition or complete payment to Phoenix Academy. (\$500 is a special tuition discount for current Phoenix Academy students. Regular tuition price is \$750. Balance of tuition is due on or before the first day of the Summer Kickstart.)

****** If you currently qualify for scholarships at Phoenix Academy, please see Mrs. Liebermann for eligibility for summer school scholarship pricing at 402-390-0556******



Hot Dog Lunch Day At Phoenix Academy!

Hot Dog Lunch is Wednesday, February 8th!

Students may purchase a beef, gluten-free hot dog, chips, and a cookie for \$3.00. Additional hot dogs can be purchased for \$1.00 each. If you have a lunch account, you can use the money in your account. **All orders and money must be received by Tuesday, February 7th!**

(Our volunteers purchase the appropriate number of hotdogs, chips, and cookies on Tuesday evening. Orders received the day of the Hot Dog Lunch cannot be guaranteed.)

Name: _____

Hot Dog Meal _____

Extra Hot Dogs _____

Total Amount Due \$ _____

Use lunch account _____ Cash included _____

(Next Hot Dog Lunch-March 1st)

★CandyGram Order Form★

Orders due February 10th!!

Make your selections below. Please write neatly!!

Who's receiving the CandyGram? (Person's Name)	Candy Type (Chocolate, Fruity, or Mixed)	Size (S, M, L, D)	MeSSage Choice (see below)	Qty.	Total
1.					
2.					
3.					
4.					
5.					
6.					
7.					
8.					
9.					
10.					

For questions/concerns, email jerrysamuels@phoenixacademyomaha.org

Price List	
Size	Price
Small (S)	\$2.00
Medium (M)	\$4.00
Large (L) (incl. artificial flower)	\$6.00
Deluxe (D) (incl. artificial flower)	\$8.00

Message Choices	
Size	Price
Message 1	All you need is love. But a little chocolate every now and then doesn't hurt! Happy Valentine's Day!
Message 2	Just had to send a special friend a wish for love and laughter! Happy Valentine's Day!
Message 3	Family is the very first friend for a person, and you have been the most amazing friend to me. Sending you lovely wishes this Valentine's Day!

From the Desk of John StClair:

School Fundraiser & Paid Research Opportunity!

I am working with Riverside Insights, a leading publisher of clinical and educational assessments, to collect academic achievement, cognitive abilities, and oral language data in our local area. The results of this research study will provide insights that elevate potential for children and adults.

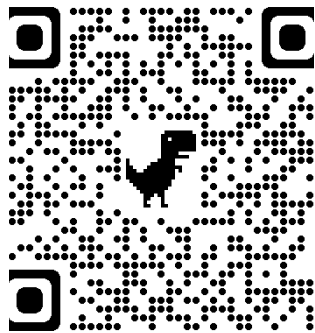
The study is currently looking for people from 3 to 19, AND 70+ years of age.

Individuals **selected** to participate will take an assessment and **earn a \$100.00 digital Amazon gift card, & \$25 for your school** (Note: Not everyone who applies will be selected).

The assessment is conducted once, in a 1-on-1 environment, and should take about 3 hours to complete. Multiple breaks can be taken – especially for the younger children. I am currently scheduling tests at the Phoenix Academy and Nelson Mandela Elementary campuses, administered during school hours and on weekends (evening hours available on request).

If you are interested, [complete the survey at the link](#), or QR code, below. Be sure to reference my Examiner ID: E0790. Once selected, I will contact you to schedule and sign a release form. When filling out the survey, make sure ALL information is correct and complete.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RI_StClair



If you have any questions, please contact me via email, jstclair@omahaeval.org

Thanks,

John StClair

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