

September 7, 2023

PHOENIX ACADEMY

Letter from the director

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to welcome both our new and returning students to the 2023-2024 school year! The students are beginning to slide back in the daily routines and we look forward to watching them grow in their confidence and academics.

For those of you who are new to Phoenix Academy, we publish a monthly newsletter that is sent out the first Thursday of the month. Look for this in your child's backpack but we also email a copy to parents. We believe communication between home and school is crucial so please read the newsletter, the outside marquee sign and remember to update us with any changes to your email, phone numbers or address.

On Tuesday, September 19th, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. we will have our Curriculum Night. This is for parents/guardians only (no students) and we require that all families have at least one adult attend. You will meet all of our teachers and staff and we will go over curriculum and expectations. We understand how precious evenings are and appreciate you making this meeting a priority.

Measuring student achievement is important in helping us gauge where students need remediation as well as where they excel academically. September is when we gather baseline scores and we have important testing coming up. Next week your child will be tested one on one on the Woodcock Johnson and the week of September 18th we will be doing the MAP testing.

We need your help to ensure they are ready for testing.

- Try to avoid appointments in the mornings these next two weeks.
- Please have your child arrive at school on time (by 8:15) so as not to disrupt the testing sessions and avoid make-ups.
- Make sure your child is well rested and has breakfast.
- TAKE AWAY THE PHONES AT BEDTIME!!!

Thank you for sharing your children with us. We look forward to seeing you on September 19th. Please reach out if you ever have any questions or concerns.

Nancy Liebermann

Important Dates

September 11th - 15th

Woodcock Johnson testing

September 13th

Hot Dog Day

September 18th - 21st

MAP testing

September 19th

Curriculum Night (Parents only) 6:30-8:00 p.m.

September 22nd

No School for students

October 13th

School Picture Day - Free Dress Day, more information to come

October 23-25th

Parent Teacher Conferences (School in Session)

October 26-27th

No School for Students

Events, News, & Reminders

Lunch

See Mrs. Baca or Mrs. Meyer if you would like to open a lunch account. Students **must have an account to purchase milk. Deposits into accounts must be a minimum of \$5!** Students can bring cash to purchase Pizza and hot dogs.

Milk - 1% white milk or skim chocolate milk is \$0.55

Pizza Day - Every Friday students are able to purchase slices of cheese, pepperoni, and/or hamburger pizza for \$1/slice.

Hot Dog Day - Typically the FIRST Wednesday of the month, students can purchase a hot dog, chips, and cookie for \$3. Additional hot dogs can be purchased for \$1. Hot dogs need to be pre-ordered by the day before.

Parking Lot Reminders

- Make sure your "car name" is visible through your windshield.
- Please use extreme caution and watch vigilantly for children crossing during drop off and pick up. Absolutely NO CELL PHONE use while driving through the parking lot!
- Parents must be parked along the curb or in a marked space in the center lane of the parking lot before children are released.

Curriculum Night

September 19th 6:30 - 8:00pm

This is the best opportunity for parents to meet all the staff and learn about our unique curriculum from your child's teachers. The partnership between school and home is crucial. We request that at least one parent or family member attend. This is an adult only meeting, we are not able to provide childcare. We do understand that your lives are very busy but we appreciate you making this a priority.

Volunteers Needed

Please use the codes below to sign up to pick up pizza on Friday's or to help prepare and serve hot dogs. Thank you for your support!

Pizza Pick Up:



Hot Dog Prep:



Bagels & Sometimes Bach - Sunday Music Series ft. Mahr String Quartet

Sunday, September 17 — Doors open at 11:00am
Performance runs 11:30am - 12:30pm

Bagels & Sometimes Bach is Gallery 1516's Sunday morning music series which runs during the spring and fall. Join us each Sunday for a new performance by some of Omaha's best musicians and performers! This week, enjoy a performance by the Mahr String Quartet.

Complimentary bagels, fruit, coffee, and juice are provided.

This event is FREE and open to the public.



We are excited to present to you our Student Council members for the 2023-2024 school year! These students' passion and imagination is infectious, and they've already been thinking out of the box and presenting ideas that could make this school year one of our most memorable yet!! Be on the lookout for some fun, student-centered events coming soon!



Students of the Month

Cohort A

Yakira Bass

Cohort B

Jordan Jones



August & September Birthdays



J'Mauri Aug 9th



Sadie- Aug 14



Mason - Aug 21



Ben - Aug 23



Eric - Aug 29



Niki - Aug 29



Zander - Sept 2



Kenzee - Sept 15



Madalynn - Sept 15



Aria - Sept 17th



Landon - Sept 27



Emma - Sept 29

**Not pictured: Khaliyah , Aug 3rd; Mrs. Lasenburg, Aug 4th;
Mrs. Lischer, September 14; Mrs. Holtmeier, September 24th.**

Meet our new faculty



Mrs. Chaves

My name is Ashlee Chavez. This is my sixth year teaching, and I am so excited to join the Phoenix Academy team! I am from Maryland, and I am still learning all about the midwest. I live here with my husband and our two dogs!

Ms. Jensen

This is my first year teaching at Phoenix Academy! When I am not teaching, I enjoy gardening, crafting, and playing with my two dogs and cat, (Beak, Mabel, and Patsy Cline). I am ecstatic to see what this school year brings to our 4th/5th grade classroom!



Mr. Clay

My name is Brad Clay, the PE/Health teacher at Phoenix Academy. I enjoy doing outdoor activities with my family and 2 dogs. This is my 7th year of teaching and I am excited to be here at Phoenix Academy.

Mrs. Stearns

I am a special education teacher with 15 years of experience working with children of various ability levels from an early intervention setting through elementary school.

I am passionate about mindfulness and social emotional learning. I have a degree in elementary education with an endorsement in special education (K-9).



Mrs. Miller

I'm so excited to join the Phoenix Academy Family. My family includes four phenomenal children with all different learning styles and sports interest, my awesome hubby and a dog and two cats. I love to advocate for changes in laws regarding accommodations and rights for students with learning differences. I have loved teaching children with all different abilities for over 20 years. Something fun, is I love to sing, dance, and any and all outdoors adventures including skydiving.

Mrs. Meyer

Hello, my name is Krista Meyer, I'm the new Registrar and Administrative Assistant at Phoenix Academy. My husband and I are raising 3 incredible young boys that keep us busy with many sports and activities! I'm very excited to watch all of the students grow this year!

