



January 11, 2024

Dear Phoenix Academy Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a good holiday and enjoyed the (snowy extended) break. Some important reminders and upcoming events.

**Phoenix Academy 2024 Scholarship Luncheon:**

We hold two fundraisers a year - Giving Tuesday in November and our Luncheon in February. Only 25% of our school's operating expenses are covered by tuition. **Our school would not be able to operate without the donations we receive from these two fundraisers. We need your support!**

- Mark your calendar for our annual Scholarship Luncheon on Thursday, February 29th, 11:30 - 1:00 at the Hilton Omaha. Come hear our speaker, football legend, Xavier Cooper, who also struggled with school. (No school for students that day).
- If you believe your employer may like to make a donation or sponsor a table (tax-deductible), please contact Nancy for details. We will also offer discount tickets for our current families. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

**School Closing due to weather:**

As I write this the weatherman is not sounding hopeful about the weather the next few days. So a few notes about school closures and weather.

- Although our calendar isn't exactly like OPS, **we usually follow OPS for school closings due to weather.**
- We will send out an email to parents (so please make sure we have your most updated email). We also will post on the TV stations' school closings and on our Facebook page.
- Glenwood Road (the road out of our parking lot) can become very slick due to the hill. With icy roads it is best to make a right out of our parking lot and drive two blocks west, then head north to Western Ave.
- Safety is a priority. **PLEASE stay off your phone and drive slowly while on the school grounds.** If you ever have concerns about the weather, you can choose to pick your child up early.

**Family Fun Events:**

After a few years with the pandemic, it is nice to bring back family events at Phoenix Academy. The Student Council Spook House and our Family Polar Express Movie Night were huge successes and we loved having families involved. This month we have two events planned.

- Book Fair - January 30 - Feb. 2. Mrs. Miller will be coordinating this event and I hope you will all support reading and shop at our fair.
- Winter Wonderland Family Night - created by Mr. Samuels and our Student Council.

More information will be sent with details for the Book Fair and WinterWonderland.

Thank you for sharing your children with us and for all your support!

Nancy Liebermann

**Important Dates**

**January 15**

No school, MLK Jr Day

**January 17**

Hot dog day

**January 30 - February 2**

Book Fair

**February 2**

Winter Wonderland

**February 2**

No NorthStar

**February 5**

Registration open for Summer Kickstart

**February 13-15**

Parent Teacher Conferences

**February 16**

No School

**February 19**

No School, President's Day

**February 29**

No School, Scholarship Luncheon

**March 7th - 8th**

No NorthStar grades 6-8

**March 11 - 15**

No School, Spring Break

**March 28**

No NorthStar Grades 3 - 5

**March 29 - April 1**

No School

**April 10**

Class pictures

# January Birthdays



Ellie Mae, 3rd



Chance, 5th



Ella, 8th



Shawntiona, 12th



Yakira, 15th



John, 15th



Dwayne, 20th



Mrs. Miller, 21st



Charles, 21st



Mr. Clay, 23rd



Mrs. Liebermann,  
26th



Suzannah, 28th



Dale, 29th

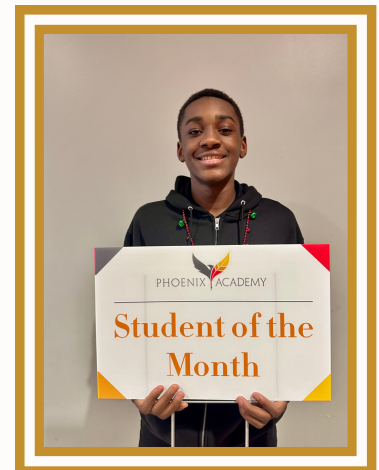
Not pictured: Jer'Zai, 6th and Myleah, 21st



**John Tyson**



**Congratulations to our  
December Students of  
the Month!**



**Dwayne Crump Lewis**

# News, Events, and Reminders

## Phoenix Academy Scholarship Luncheon Featuring Xavier Cooper



Thursday, February 29, 2024

11:30 am -1:00 pm

Hilton Omaha

1001 Cass St, Omaha, NE 68102



[Register here](#)

The Annual Scholarship Luncheon is the largest and most impactful fundraiser for Phoenix Academy. As a non-profit school, we cannot operate without the financial support of donors. We invite anyone interested to register and attend our luncheon or to consider donating! Our goal is to keep our tuition affordable and to offer scholarships to those who would otherwise not have the opportunity for this life-changing program. Your support from this luncheon is what makes it all possible.

Xavier Cooper is a former NFL player, investor, and co-founder of the scholarship fund Everyone Learns Differently. As a dyslexic, bi-racial and "at-risk" kid from Tacoma, WA, Xavier felt he was always too big and too different to truly fit in anywhere. However he found an outlet in sports where he could prove his worth on the field.

Xavier played collegiate football and graduated from Washington State University and then went on to play in the NFL for the Cleveland Browns, San Francisco 49ers and the New York Jets.

In 2019 Xavier founded the Everyone Learns Differently scholarship fund to support students with learning differences, have experienced time in the juvenile justice system, or students who struggle in school due to social, personal or financial challenges.

Xavier inspires others to embrace their differences and lives in their truth, identity and sense of self-worth.

### Bookfair

This years book fair is provided by [www.bookwormomaha.com](http://www.bookwormomaha.com). It is scheduled from Tuesday, January 30th and will end Friday, February 2nd.

January 30 - Students can look at books and create a wish list.

January 31st - February 2nd - Students will be able to purchase books throughout the school day.

February 2nd - 4:40p - 6:30p - Parents are welcome to come and look at/purchase books during the Winter Wonderland Event!

Parents can also place an order on the website. Write "For Phoenix Academy Book Fair" in the order comments to have a portion of each sale held for the school.

We will appreciate any parent volunteers that would be available to help throughout the week! Please call or email Mrs. Miller at [rebeccamiller@phoenixacademyomaha.org](mailto:rebeccamiller@phoenixacademyomaha.org) to get signed up!

### Winter Wonderland

The Student Council will have a Winter Wonderland game night on Friday, February 2nd from 4:30p until 6:30pm during the book fair! Please join us for fun and games while purchasing books!

### 2024 Summer Kickstart

Registration for Summer Kickstart will open February 5th. You will need to register early to guarantee a spot!

### Classroom Supplies Needed

We are running low on kleenex, paper towels and pencils! If you have not already, please send:

- Kleenex (2 boxes)
- Paper towels (2 roles)
- #2 pencils (1 box of 24)
- colored pencils or crayons (Ms. Micek's class only)



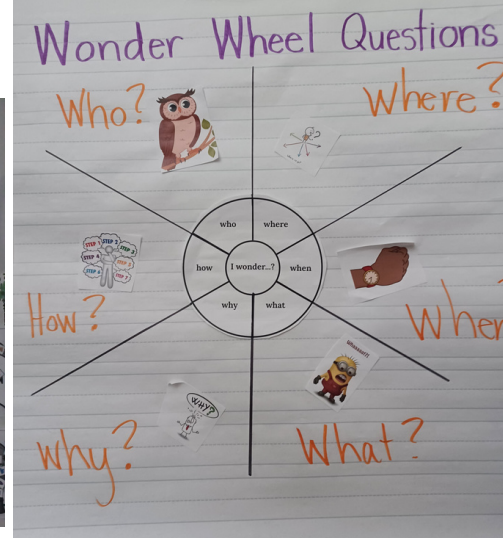
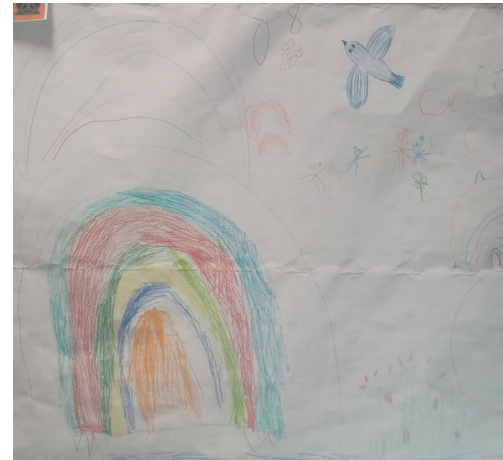
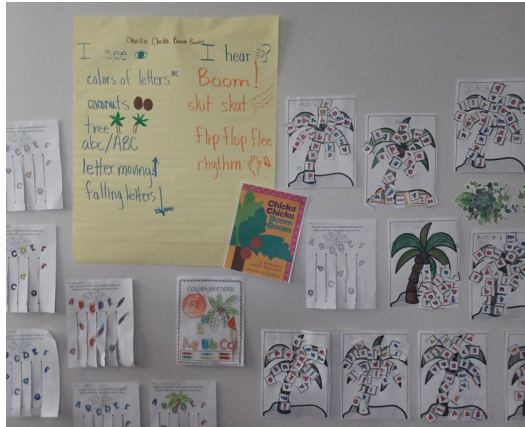
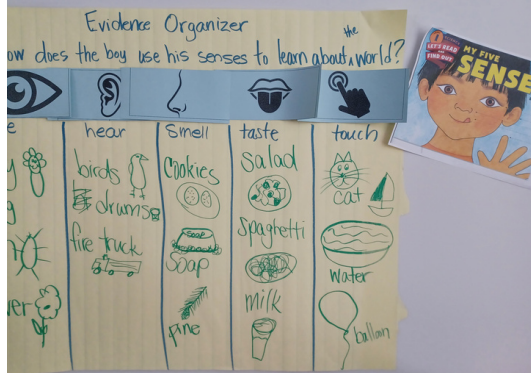
# Ms. Micek's Kindergarten Kleidescope

During the first semester in Room 218, the students learned and grew so much! Our first goal was to learn how to play and get along with all of our new classmates and friends. During recess and center time we practiced how to use manners, ask friends how to play, share and solve problems between friends.



We worked hard on learning basic math skills like counting, recognizing and writing numbers, and even began simple addition. After we became familiar with our Spalding phonograms, we learned how to write them correctly. We began learning how to read simple words, sight words, and even started spelling words in our very own notebooks.

Most of our time during the first semester was spent working on reading skills. Using our Wit & Wisdom program, we learned how to notice and wonder about books before we even began reading a book. During our first module we started by learning about our five senses. We discovered how our five senses help us learn about our world around us. Finally we learned how our five senses help us explore and enjoy reading our books.

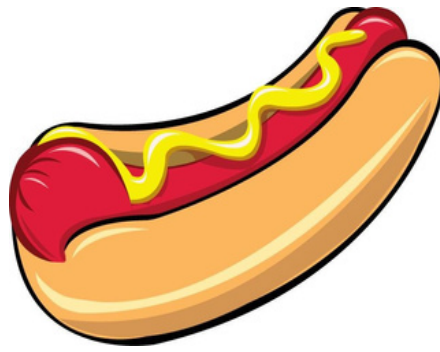


To celebrate our hard work and success, we had an end of the semester party. Students in Ms. Jensen's class spent the morning in our classroom helping us with three different fun activities. We finished off our time together having a snack and watching a holiday video.



As we get back from winter break, we are excited to be back at school. We will continue to work hard to become fluent readers, spellers, and math experts.





## Hot Dog Lunch Day

Hot Dog Lunch is Wednesday, January 17th!

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, January 16th!**

(Mrs. Baca purchases 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 \_\_\_\_\_