



PHOENIX ACADEMY

Dear Parents,

The signs of spring are here and it is most evident in our students. However, we still have nearly seven weeks left of school and we need your help so they can finish strong. We will also have several end of year testing sessions over the next five weeks. Please stick to routines at home and make sure your children are getting a good night's rest, without phones and TV. We are seeing lots of sleepy children and more tardies in the morning.

April is a very busy month and it won't slow down in May. **PLEASE read the newsletter carefully as we have many upcoming events and important dates.**

Looking ahead to Summer and Fall

Summer Kickstart - we are filling up for our July summer program. Please sign up ASAP. Our students tend to backslide without this reinforcement in the summer.

Fall Registration - registration for the 2024-2025 school year is now open. In addition to turning in the registration form. Now is the time to apply for tuition assistance through the Children's Scholarship Fund due May 3rd or FACTS. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Students NOT returning in the Fall - if your child will be moving on to another school next year, please contact us NOW so we can assist with the transfer of records and assist with any accommodations your child may need.

Teacher Appreciation Week - If you would like to help with thanking our wonderful teachers, reach out to Krista Meyer.

Safety Day - This month we will be doing our "safety day". Besides the monthly fire drills, we will be practicing protocol for tornado and lockdown drills. The goal is to prepare the children in the event of an emergency but also to minimize anxiety. Talking to your child at home about the importance of being prepared but also recognizing that these are not common threats can be helpful.

Congratulations to our teacher, Miss Casi Jensen on her upcoming wedding this month! I also will be celebrating my daughter, Elizabeth (former Phoenix Academy student), on her wedding April 27th.

As always, thank you for all your support and for sharing your child with us!

Nancy Liebermann

April 4, 2024

Important Dates

April 8
Solar Eclipse

April 10
Class pictures - **only** wear uniforms

April 10
Cohort B Assembly with Ameer Baracka

April 12
Cohort A - Music Performance

April 12 and 15
No NorthStar

April 15 - 19
Woodcock Johnson Testing

April 26
Cinderella Field Trip

April 29 - May 2
Screen Free Week

May 1
Ponca Hills Field Trip

May 3
No school for students
Last day for CSF application

May 6 - May 17
MAP Testing

May 6 - 10
Teacher Appreciation Week

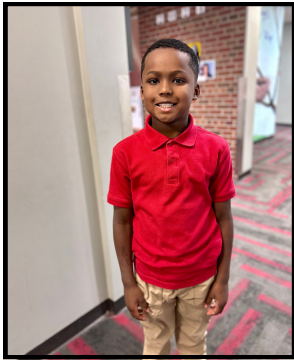
May 8
Volunteer Appreciation
breakfast

May 10
Cohort B Dance

May 20
Pages and Pancakes

May 21
8th Grade Graduation

April Birthdays



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TreShun, 4th



Lorelei, 6th



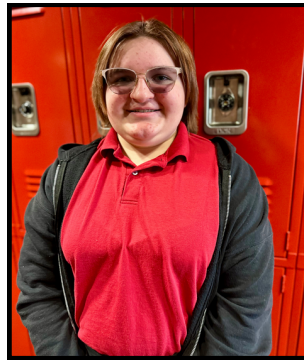
Oliver, 6th



Conrad, 7th



Jazelle, 10th



Scarlett, 11th



Avry, 13th



Eli, 14th



Jack, 16th



Jay, 17th



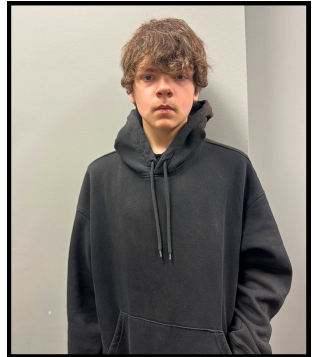
Carson, 18th



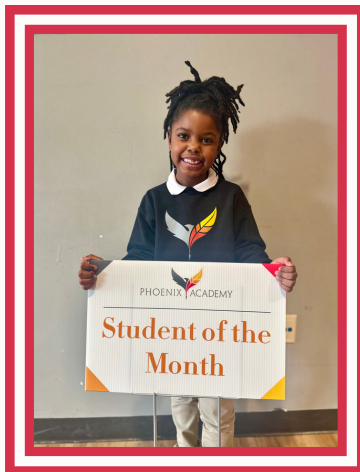
JaVonta, 19th



Rylee, 23rd



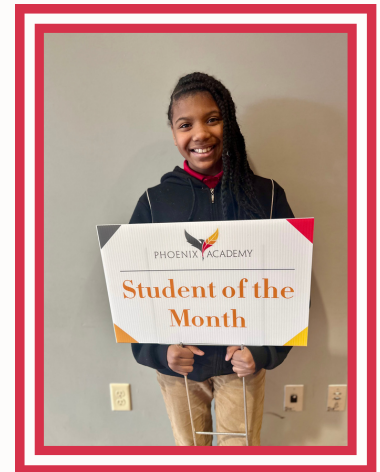
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**Congratulations to our
March Students of the
Month!**



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News, Events, and Reminders

Solar Eclipse

We are excited for the entire school to witness the Solar Eclipse on April 8th! This is when the moon blocks part of the sun, it will take place in phases. Omaha will experience the partial solar eclipse from 12:40 p.m. – 3:10 p.m. The eclipse will reach its maximum obscuration of 83% at 1:55 p.m. There are many educational opportunities that come with this phenomenon, and we are excited to bring these opportunities into our classrooms at Phoenix Academy! Our students will have an opportunity to view the eclipse using NASA approved solar glasses.

Class Picture Day



You will remember that each student had their picture taken in the fall. Now, on April 10th, entire classes will have their picture taken! Order forms were sent home on March 27th for anyone that would like to order photos.

You can also [click here](#) or use the QR code to order, use the keyword: Phoenix. Please ensure your student(s) are wearing their school uniforms on this day!

Cinderella Ballet Field trip

Students in Ms. Micek, Mrs. Scheneman, Mrs. Chavez, Ms. Lehn, Ms. Jensen, and Mrs. Kashmitter classes will get the privilege to go to The Hoff Family Arts and Culture Center in Council Bluffs. They are hosting a brand new ballet matinee performance, "Cinderella." This will take place on Friday, April 26th. Students will leave school via bus around 12 p.m. and will arrive back around 2:45 p.m.

Ponca Hills Field Trip

On May 1st, the entire school will explore Ponca Hill Farm! Students will tour horse stables, go on hay rack rides and have a picnic!

Music Performance

We are excited to announce that Cohort A (Ms. Micek's, Mrs. Scheneman's, Mrs. Chavez's, Ms. Lehn's, and Ms. Jensen's classes) will have a music performance! Our students are working hard to prepare for this event which will be in the multipurpose room! It will be held on Friday, April 12th at 2:30 pm. We hope you're able to take an hour out of your day to see the musical skills they've developed this year!

Screen Free Week

Screen-free week is an annual invitation to play, explore, and rediscover the joys of life beyond the screens! April 29th – May 2nd, thousands of families, schools, and communities around the world will put down their entertainment screens for days of fun, connection, and discover." – screenfree.org



Phoenix Academy is participating this year and have committed to the following:

- Computers will not be used in the classroom.
- Teachers and all staff will refrain from using their cell phone during school hours.

We encourage families to "unplug" for these four days as well. Check out screenfree.org for great family ideas!

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 6th – May 10th

Every year, one special week is set aside to show our teachers just how much we truly appreciate them. We would like to encourage you to find a way to thank them. If you'd like some ideas of their favorite things, use this QR code or click here: [Teachers Favorite Things](#)



We could use some help

We would like to provide our teachers with some extra TLC during Teacher Appreciation Week! Please contact Krista Meyer at kristameyer@phoenixacademyomaha.org if you would like to help. We can coordinate different activities throughout the week.

News, Events, and Reminders Continued

Assembly with Ameer Baracka

We are having a special Assembly with Cohort B on April 10 with Ameer Baracka! Mr. Baracka is an award-winning and Daytime Emmy Nominated Actor, author, dyslexia advocate, youth mentor, and prison coach. Seeing how education and ability to read have changed his life, Ameer is dedicated to inspiring young people with his message that they, too, can overcome meager beginnings and obstacles in their way to eventually triumph through hard work, dedication, the pursuit of education, and strong faith. Ameer is dedicated to working with at-risk youth in their own crime-infested public housing projects to get them off the streets and into the classroom while exposing them to better life opportunities. Proud of every aspect of his life, including his brief stint in the Louisiana State Penitentiary, he now travels the world, speaking at colleges, universities, corporations, and youth organizations. He uses all his life experiences to increase dyslexia awareness.

Summer Kickstart

Registration is almost full, if your student plans to attend please enroll if you haven't already done so. You can register online by [clicking this link](#), using this QR code, or with the attached paper form.



2024/2025 School Year Registration Open

Registration is open for next school year. Please refer to the attached form to register your child(ren). Digital registration is not an option.

Pages and Pancakes

Phoenix Academy families completed the One School, One Book Program! We are excited to celebrate by having The Pancake Man serve pancakes and sausages at Phoenix Academy on May 20th from 3:30 pm - 5:30 pm. This fun event is free but donations are appreciated.

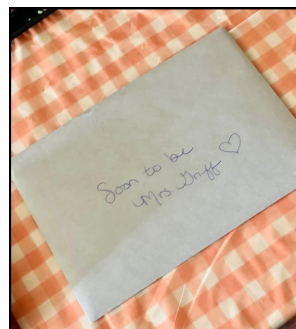
2023/2024 School Year Book

Order your 2023/2024 Phoenix Academy Yearbook today! Please send the payment and form in before Thursday, April 25th!

A special congrats to Ms. Jensen!



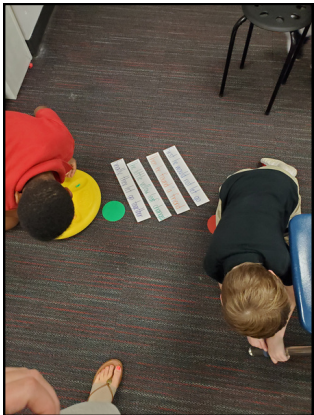
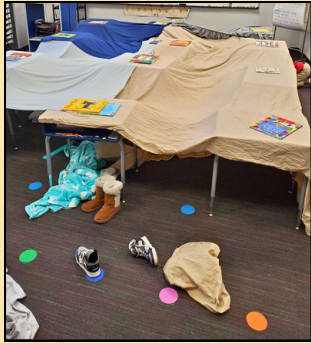
In our most recent staff meeting, we celebrated Ms. Jensen, soon to be Mrs. Griff! Ms. Jensen is getting married in just a few short weeks, and we are so excited to support her as she prepares for her big day. If you see Ms. Jensen, be sure to congratulate her on her upcoming wedding!



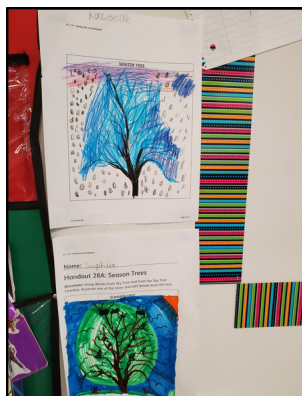
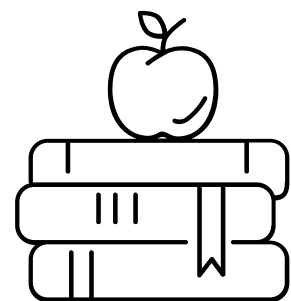
So Much Cheerfulness in Mrs. Chavez's Class

In our classroom, we have been doing lots of fun things to encourage appropriate behavior. We are continuously working on earning whole class compliments from other adults in the building.

We have earned lots of fun rewards for receiving these compliments like doing show-and-tell, building a blanket fort, and bringing my dog to school!



In Wit and Wisdom, we have learned about changes in the seasons and weather, the early American West, and we just started a new module about Civil Rights! We have done a lot of projects where we have worked in small groups or with partners. We have done leaf etchings, a nature walk, skits, Socratic Seminars, and more!



We really enjoyed wearing green on "Merry GRINCHmas" dress up day in December!





Summer Kickstart 2024 Registration Current Phoenix Academy Students Only

July 8th - August 1st

One registration per child.

Student Name _____

Student Address _____

City, State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone Number _____

Grade for Fall 2024 _____

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**

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Permissions

Phoenix Academy regularly updates the school website, brochures, and social media. We rarely use any names and we never use last names. We would very much like your permission to use your child's photo.

_____ Yes - You may use my child's picture.

_____ No - I would rather you did NOT use my child's picture.

Phoenix Academy has specially trained therapy dogs who come to school and our students have the opportunity to read to them. The therapy dogs and the trainer work for 10-15 minutes with a student.

I give permission for my child to read to the therapy dog at Phoenix Academy.

___ YES - My child may read to the therapy dog at Phoenix Academy.

___ NO - My child may NOT read to the therapy dog.



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2024-2025 School Year Registration Form for students currently enrolled at Phoenix Academy

Student's Name _____ Grade Fall 2024 _____

Age _____ Date of Birth _____ Race _____

Child's Current School Phoenix Academy Child's Public School District _____

Child's Home Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Primary contact (circle) Mother Father Other _____ Primary contact name:

_____ Primary contact

phone: (cell) _____ (other) _____ Primary contact

email: _____ Best way to

contact you? _____

Secondary contact (circle) Mother Father Other _____ Secondary contact

name: _____ Secondary contact

phone: (cell) _____ (other) _____ Secondary contact

email: _____ Best way to contact

you? _____ Have you used the

FACTS payment plan this year? Yes or No

Will you be applying for tuition assistance this year? Yes or No

Do you qualify for the Children's Scholarship Fund of Omaha? Yes or No

Please complete this registration form and return to Phoenix Academy with a **\$100 registration fee**. The registration fee will be applied to the 1st month's tuition. Enrollment is not complete until the form is returned and the registration fee has been paid.

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Final version may differ slightly in appearance.

Please PRINT all information:

Student's last name: _____ First Name: _____

Teacher: _____ Grade: _____ Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature & Date: _____

Please make checks payable to Phoenix Academy.

Yearbook \$35 x = \$
Cost of yearbook Quantity of books ordered Total included payment

Yearbooks will be distributed the last week of school.