

# St. Philip Neri School

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Mary Simerly, Principal

**“Show me the path where I should walk, O Lord;  
point out the right road for me to follow.”**

***Psalm 25.4***

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Summer is here! It seems like it wasn't that long ago that we were welcoming the boys and girls back to school from summer break. It has been a very memorable year. We have witnessed the physical, spiritual, social, behavioral and academic growth of all the students. Kindergartners who were scared and uncertain are now only a few months away from being seasoned first graders. Our seasoned eighth graders are only a few months away from being timid freshmen in high school. The continuum of education is truly a wonderful thing to be a part of and to witness.

We are saddened to have to say goodbye to Miss Angela Richard, who has been the middle school language arts teacher and 7<sup>th</sup> grade homeroom teacher. Miss Richard will be heading back home to St. Louis to work for the Archdiocese of St. Louis in their Family Life Ministry department. We will miss her spirit and energy and her devotion to the Catholic faith. She has been a tremendous role model for our middle school students these past two years. We wish her the very best in her new position!

It is with great excitement that I share with you the news that St. Philip Neri has been awarded a grant from the Archdiocese of Omaha. This grant will pay for an all new technological infrastructure, new projectors in every classroom, a mobile laptop cart, iPads and laptops for the teachers and staff. This will mean a significant change for the school. We will no longer need a dedicated computer lab. Mrs. Clayton will be going to the classrooms to teach computer skills to the students. The computer lab will be turned into our pre-school classroom.

I want to give a special thanks to our Home and School Association. This a wonderful organization that works throughout the school year to support the teachers, students and the school as a whole. From obtaining our Take Home Tuesday folders, the Dodge Ball tournament, Teacher Appreciation Week and the Walk-a-Thon (and so much more) this group has worked so hard to help make St. Philip Neri even better than it already is. I want to especially thank Emily O'Neill, Julie Doran, Sadie Bohnenkamp, Meg Collins, Lisa Plewa, Tamatha Buell, Amanda Sanger and Sarah Bohnenkamp for all of the time and effort they put forward this year. Thank you all so much! Please consider being involved in our Home and School Association this next school year.

I want to thank the faculty and staff of SPN for making my first school year as principal go so smoothly (most of the time ☺). This truly is an amazing group of people who display, day in and day out, their love and commitment to this school. I am so fortunate to be able to work with them. Finally, I'd like to thank the students and families of SPN-Blessed Sacrament School and Parish for their continued faith in and support of our school. You have made my first year here so memorable. I thank you for your kindness, generosity, support and patience with me as I have been "learning the ropes" of being a principal. I look forward to being able to serve you next year and beyond. As I've said before—I am very blessed to be here.

Have a wonderful and safe summer! Remember to take time to make it to mass. You will all be in my prayers and I look forward to seeing you again in August!

God Bless,

Mrs. Mary Simerly, Principal



## A Summer Blessing

May you walk with God  
This summer  
In whatever you do  
Wherever you go  
Walking with God means ...

Walking with honesty  
And with courage,  
Walking with love  
And respect  
And concern for the feelings of others

May you talk to God  
This summer  
And every day and  
In every situation

Talking with God means...  
Praying words of praise  
For the beauty of creation  
Saying prayers of thanks  
For friends and good times,  
Asking God's help  
In all your decisions  
Expressing sorrow  
When you have failed

May you talk with God  
Every day. Amen.

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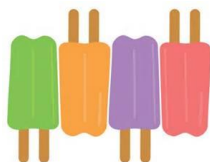


## Thank you Mrs. Miller

A **HUGE** thank you to Mrs. Miller and all the people who made the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade musical, "**Aesop's Fables**," a big success!! The students did a fantastic job because of your leadership and hard work. We are blessed to have you at St. Philip Neri School.

## Omaha Gives – May 25th

St. Philip Neri School will be participating in **Omaha Gives**. This is a 24 hour charitable challenge in which people can go on-line and support their favorite charity by making a \$10 or more donation. There is prize money awarded to the non-profit that receives the most support. So **PLEASE** start telling your family and friends about this event. Have them put it on their calendars. The website is: [Omahagives24.org](http://Omahagives24.org)



## TARDY AND ABSENCE POLICY CHANGES FOR THE 2016 – 2017 SCHOOL YEAR

The following changes have been made to the student handbook for the 2016-2017 school year regarding attendance. Please read through it carefully.

### Excessive Absences

We are required by law to follow and enforce Nebraska Truancy Law that states 20 days or equivalent hours of school absence needs to be reported to the County Attorney whether or not the absence is excused. After ten absences the parent/guardian must provide a doctor's note regarding each subsequent absence. Students who have fifteen or more unexcused absences will be required to attend school past the date of the last day of school on the school calendar. Excessive absenteeism may result in non-promotion.

### Late Arrivals/Excessive Tardies

It is important that a child arrive to school on time. School begins at 8:00 a.m. Any student arriving after 8:00 a.m. will be marked tardy. Parents are required to sign their child in when they are tardy. In accord with Nebraska state law, Saint Philip Neri School counts minutes of tardiness towards a student's absences. After five tardies in one quarter the student will be required to serve a detention with the homeroom teacher unless the tardies are excused for such reasons as appointments, and a note from the doctor or service provider is presented to the office upon arrival to school.

## 2016 – 2017 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scholarship Recipients

Home and School Scholastic Excellence --  
Mia Dolan

Home and School Achievement –  
Genesis Mulcahy

Mother Macauley –  
Keegan Sullivan  
Gina Troia

Fr. Fitzgerald / Timothy Slattery Memorial Scholarship  
– Grace Treves

Paul A. Nields Memorial Scholarship – Adrianna Krueger

Knights of Columbus Joseph Thibodeau Memorial  
Scholarship – Genesis Mulcahy

Knights of Columbus St. Philip Neri / Blessed  
Sacrament Parish Aluminum Can Scholarship –  
Steven Hensel  
Keegan Sullivan

## Registration Night

Registration for the 2016 - 2017 school year will be Thursday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the school. Please remember that all previous tuition, cafeteria and daycare fees must be paid in full before you will be able to register your child. Also, the registration fee and first month's tuition payment must be paid in full on Registration Night.

## 2016 - 2017 Hot Lunch Price Increase

We were audited by the state this year and were told that our lunch prices need to increase. Therefore, the price for hot lunch will be \$2.50 for the 2016 – 2017 school year. Free / Reduced lunch applications will be available at Registration Night on Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.



## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Physicals

All students entering the 7<sup>th</sup> grade in the fall of 2016 **must have a physical prior** to the first day of school in August.



## Congratulations to the 2016 - 2017 Student Council

Congratulations to the Student Council Members for the 2016 -- 2017 School Year!

3<sup>rd</sup> – Grace Bazer and Gianna Fink

4<sup>th</sup> – Reagan Muhlecke and Liz Troia

5<sup>th</sup> – Dean Crowe and Gus Lampe

6<sup>th</sup> – Kristin Ellett and Andrew Fink

7<sup>th</sup> – Zac Logan and Ryan Pfeiffer

8<sup>th</sup> – Jerad Peck and John Plewa

## Student Council

Student Council would like to thank all of the students, parents, friends, and staff for all of their support this year. We had a really great year! After filling the pop tab box in the lobby, we have turned them into the Ronald McDonald House. Remember to continue to collect them over the summer!! Thank you for everything that you have done for us, we really appreciate it!

## Thank you Mrs. Tietz

Thank you Mrs. Tietz, for another “FUN” Field Day!! We appreciate all of your hard planning so that we can have a great day!!

## Parent Ambassadors

Parent Ambassadors are needed for the 2016-2017 school year. What is a Parent Ambassador? A Parent Ambassador is responsible for sharing their knowledge of SPN with families who are new. You will contact one or two of our new families over the summer and welcome them to SPN. The Parent Ambassador becomes a resource and a point of contact for the new family as they transition into St. Philip Neri School. Please call Mrs. Simerly at school (402) 455-8666 or email her at [rsimerly@schools.archomaha.org](mailto:rsimerly@schools.archomaha.org) if you would like to

be a Parent Ambassador. It's easy, fun and a wonderful way to earn service hours.

## Archdiocesan Math Contest

The annual Archdiocesan Math Contest was on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup>. We had 12 students representing our school. They did a great job. These students included:

4th Grade	Gus Lampe	5th Place
	Isabella Ramsgard	10th Place
5th Grade	Dwyer Zulfer	7th Place
	Mason Bliss	10th Place
6th Grade	Dru Oxenrider	
	David Taylor	
7th Grade	John Plewa	8th Place
	Annie VonKampen	10th Place
8th Grade	Keegan Sullivan	10th Place
	Isaac Parys	
Algebra	Mia Dolan	6th Place
	Grace Treves	8th Place

Congratulations to all. Thank you Mrs. O'Neill and Mrs. Scheibhofer for preparing our students for the Archdiocesan Math Contest. All of your hard work paid off!!



## Update on Summer Music Lessons

Unfortunately, Mrs. Miller will be taking classes of her own this summer. This means she will not have time to give lessons. If you are still interested in instrumental or voice lessons during the summer (or even continuing into next school year), there are many music studios in Omaha. Here are some affordable options:

### Dietze Music House

13015 W Center Rd, Omaha NE, 68144  
(402) 333-1535

[www.dietzemusic.com/lessons/](http://www.dietzemusic.com/lessons/)

Cost: \$20 per 30 minute lesson

Students are paired with an in-house teacher. Lessons occur at the store. Instruments can be rented through the store. Teacher contact information is available through the store website

### Schmitt Music

7355 Dodge Street, Omaha NE, 68114  
(402) 391-5588

[www.schmittmusic.com/education/private-lessons/](http://www.schmittmusic.com/education/private-lessons/)

Cost: \$30 initial registration fee

Cost per lesson is set by each individual teacher. Prices range from \$20 - \$30 per 30 minute lesson. Lessons occur at the store. Instruments can be rented through the store. Registration online, over the phone, or at the store

If you have any questions or want more information, feel free to contact Mrs. Miller at [afmiller@schools.archomaha.org](mailto:afmiller@schools.archomaha.org)

### Service Hours Update

Please continue to log your service hours on Sycamore. If you don't have access to a computer, please send your service hour information to Mrs. Weaver, and she will input it for you. **All service hours must be completed and entered by Thursday, June 30, 2016. After that date, you will be expected to pay the remaining balance before your child will be able to be registered for the new school year.**

### Unwanted Uniforms?

If you have any uniforms that you no longer need, we would love to take them off of your hands! Please turn your laundered uniforms that are in good shape into the office. We sell them to help keep costs down for our school families.

### Little Flowers Girl Club

Little Flowers is a club for girls in grades (PreK – 4<sup>th</sup>) that focuses on saintly virtues. (Registration Forms need to be turned in now to ensure your spot for the 2016 -- 2017 school year. We will be meeting the 3rd Wednesday of the month starting in September. Please email [amandasherer@hotmail.com](mailto:amandasherer@hotmail.com) if you need another form.

### Spring Cleaning?

We are looking for "gently used" toys for our Pre-Kindergarten and after care programs. If you have something to donate, please call Mrs. Holzapfel at (402) 455-8666.

### Summer Care

Summer Care will be open Monday – Friday from 7:30 am to 5:30 pm. The first day will be Wed., June 1<sup>st</sup> and the final day will be Fri., Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>.

We will be closed the week of July 4<sup>th</sup>.

The registration fee is \$50.00 and pre-payment is required.

Full time: \$25/day (4 – 5 days a week)

Part-time: \$33/day (1 – 3 days a week)

We accept T-20/Childcare assistance program.

Your child will need to bring a sack lunch daily.

If you need a registration form, contact the school office at (402) 455-8666.



### Help St. Philip Neri School Year Round

Here's a list of fundraisers that go on throughout the year. These are easy ways to help St. Philip Neri earn money or merchandise for the school! Keep this list handy as a reminder that helping is easy.

**Neri Dollars:** Neri Dollars are gift cards to your favorite vendors. They are easy to use and a percentage comes back to St. Philip Neri. Contact Marie McFarland at 402-455-1289 with questions or to make your purchase.

**Box Tops 4 Education** – Please collect Box Tops from various products like Fruit Roll Ups, Ortega products, Kleenex, etc. It's easy to do. Just cut out the box top and send it to school. (Shelly Philbin – parent representative)

**Campbell's Labels for Education** – These labels are worth free educational equipment! Clip the entire UPC label from the product and turn it into school. St. Philip Neri will then turn the labels in for great merchandise for our school. (Theresa O'Neill – school representative)

**Our Family Labels for Learning** – Did you know that our school receives five cents for each "Our Family" UPC label we send into the company? Start clipping now and send your labels to school with your child. (Elizabeth Daum – parent representatives)

*Please save box tops of **General Mills cereal** and **Betty Crocker** products.*

**Bottle caps and Coke codes** from all Coke products. Please send in the bottle caps and the code from inside the 12-packs, 18-packs, or 24-packs. (Chris Berkey – parent representative)

**Pop Cans for Scholarships.** We also collect and recycle pop cans for the Knights of Columbus. The money is used to fund scholarships for eighth grade.

## CLASSROOM NEWS

**Pre-Kindergarten**

**Mrs. Holzapfel**

*The Lord protects you as the shade protects you from the sun.*

*Psalm 121:5*



Dear Lord,  
Thank you for protecting us. We feel safe with you, just like we do when we sit under a big tree. ☺

Amen!

We hope you all have a safe, blessed and super fun summer!

Lots of Love,  
Mrs. Holzapfel & Pre K

# Kindergarten

**Kindergarten** **Miss Thompsen**

I cannot believe how fast this year has gone! We have learned so much! We have finished up the year learning to count coins up to a dollar, telling time to the hour and half hour, learning about our world and our country, growing our faith in God, and reading and writing like crazy! It's been truly a blessing to see how much these kiddos have grown. Thank you parents for all your support and help throughout the year whether it was helping with the parties or helping with homework. It is very much appreciated!

With summer coming make sure to still practice reading and math skills that way your child will be ready for first grade. I have sent home some worksheets and ideas to help keep their brains sharp.

Have a great summer!

Star Students: **Jesse Rivera, Ramona Zulfer**

May Birthdays: **Peter Fink, Izzy Bazer**

Summer Birthdays: **Adam Hegarty-Ryba, Ben O'Neill, Reese Briggs, Amelia Bohnenkamp, McKenna Muhlecke, Mea Landa**



**First Grade** **Mrs. DeSalvo**

My family and I are overjoyed to announce the arrival of our third son and child to the DeSalvo family! Max was born on April 22 weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 20.5 inches long! Our family is having a great time welcoming our newest little guy into our lives! We would like to thank the entire St. Phil's community- teachers,

staff, students, and parents for all your kind words, prayers, and support throughout this school year. Now if we can just flip around our concept of "day" and "night" we will have a great summer!

The first grade will be ending their reading series this year learning about concepts like adjectives and opinion writing. They have come so far! They learned about two hundred new sight words this year and are reading fluently. I highly recommend signing up for the Omaha Public Library's summer reading program this summer. Reading can be based on hours read or books read, and you can win fun prizes just by reading!

In math, the year will end with two and three dimensional shapes. This is a great chapter to end on as the students get to experiment and manipulate shapes into different patterns and pictures. It is always a favorite! They also learn new vocabulary words such as vertices to describe the angles, corners, and sides of shapes. The students also look for different shapes out in their world and are always excited about what they find!

We had such a great year this year! We hatched chickens and performed at "Doughnuts in December" and "Muffins in March." We acted in our Stations of the Cross play and took field trips to the pumpkin patch, Lauritzen Gardens, and the Henry Doorly Zoo. I have enjoyed this class and wish them the very best in second grade! Have a fantastic summer!



**Second Grade** **Mrs. Merriman**

The second graders assisted in the Crowning of Mary on May 5th. Katie Graham was chosen to carry the wreath of flowers for crowning. We completed our "Circle of Grace" curriculum and did a quick review of mercy and forgiveness. We will be ending the year by studying the Sacraments.

In Reading and Language Arts we read a biography on Helen Keller and watched clips from some movies and documentaries about her. We couldn't believe how much work Annie Sullivan had to do to help Helen. We have read and spelled words with long o, -ly added, compound words and root words. We've discussed different ways to communicate and cause and effect. We are practicing proper nouns and abbreviations.

We finished our Math book! After our last test on geometry and fractions we have had the chance to do some review and really concentrate on mastering our Math facts. Drill us at home.

Magnets are a great way to finish our study of Science this year. We have some very talented scientists in the second grade!

Social Studies has us learning about jobs, transportation, income and taxes. How fun! We never realized how much money is needed to keep our lives running smoothly. Hello real world.

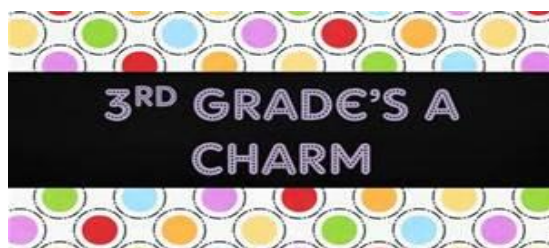
We have had a wonderful year together and have learned many new things about the world and its people. Keep sharing God's love and treating others kindly. Much love. :)

## Second Grade Stars

**Gus Oxenrider** would really like to have everything, especially a pet dragon and a vacation at Disneyland. He would also like to go to the zoo with Joe N. Gus' favorite game is Minecraft on x-box where he believes the best creation is Skyworld.

**Scarlett Morisch** is also a big fan of Minecraft. She enjoys playing Geometry Dash too. Scarlett prefers to wear just a shirt and pants if given the choice. She likes to eat at McDonald's and her favorite dessert is brownies. If Scarlett could only take one thing on a trip it would be a stuffed animal.

**Kaleb Daum** is our third fan of Minecraft this month. He believes its best generated structure is the Forest Temple. Kaleb's favorite sport is football and his favorite NFL team is the Denver Broncos. Kaleb has two tablets and really likes Michael Jordan shoes.



## Third Grade

**Miss McDonald**

We are wrapping up 3rd grade! This year has FLOWN by!

Something exciting that has happened in 3rd grade:

The students entered a poster contest with "Call 811 Before You Dig" organization. Agnes Lampe was chosen as the winner in our class. We were 1 of 10 schools that were chosen in Nebraska as a winner class. The 811 organization came to our school on Thursday, May 5th and the 3rd graders had the opportunity to plant a tree in front of the church! We received our very own bench for the school as well! The students learned all about the importance of calling 811 before we dig so that we know where all the underground utilities are! Congratulations to Agnes for being chosen as a winner for the Pirate Adventure Contest!

**Math:** We are working on units of measurement and telling time.

**Reading:** We are continuing to work on comprehension and reading stories. For example, we read about a man who is blind that climbed Mount Everest!

**Grammar:** We are learning about abbreviations, adverbs, etc.

**Science:** We are wrapping up learning about simple machines and all the different kinds.

**Social Studies:** We are discussing cultures, immigrants, ethnic groups, and communities.

**Religion:** We most recently discussed the Ascension of the Lord.

**Writing:** We are working on a Persuasive writing unit.



## Fourth Grade

**Mrs. Pape**

### FABULOUS FOURTH GRADE

I wish you all a happy, healthy and restful summer. Enjoy your time as a family! Thank you for trusting me with your children. It has been an honor.



## Fifth Grade

**Mrs. Boisen**

One more week left! It has been a productive year for the fifth grade. So much progress has been made by each student. Everyone has shown kindness and compassion to others. Students can fight the "brain drain" that happens during the summer by joining the Summer Reading Club, journaling, using maps on a trip or any place like the zoo. Reviewing math facts, working in workbooks that you purchase at Playtime/Schooltime or Walmart, and watching educational videos. They could also join a summer camp, sport camp, art class, and just play outside! Have a wonderful summer!



## Sixth Grade

**Mrs. Schuchardt**

WOW! This school year is over. The Sixth Grade has grown in many ways, not just physically, but also academically. We are aware that this is a transitional year of many changes for a sixth grade student, but continued knowledge, growth, and faith will be ongoing to build people of integrity and faith. May Jesus continue to be your light filling your hearts with caring, honesty, and joy.

Ways to expand the mind throughout the summer are to read, read, and read some more. Try different genres, read a book before seeing a movie when one follows the other, share books with others so they can find the enjoyment that you found when reading. Practice those math skills when shopping, calculating in your mind how much the item(s) cost and do you have sufficient funds; baseball averages and percentages can be another great way to enhance those math skills. Above all, keep God at the center of your life. We are the high point of his creation, make him proud.

Continue your faith by attending church, helping to build the body of Christ at SPN. May Christ's peace fill your hearts.

Enjoy your summer, and may you be safe.



## Seventh Grade

**Miss Richard**

### 7th Grade- Here comes Summer!!

“And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God!” Philippians 1:9-11

I have been so blessed with these last two years at St. Philip Neri! I have grown in love and admiration for each of the students I have encountered as they have shown me the glory of God through their personhood. Thank you to the teachers and staff, especially the middle school teachers, our wonderful principal, Mrs. Simerly, the parents, and students! I have learned so much from you all and will always be grateful for how you have touched my life.

In 7th grade we had a full year of growth in faith and learning. I am most proud of how much each student has grown in their understanding of the Catholic Church, their interest in the saints, spiritual devotionals, and even doctrine, and the joy they find in prayer. In Religion we studied the Trinity, the life of Christ, the Sacraments, the Church, and an introduction to apologetics! In Grammar we worked hard to master parts of speech identification and writing skills. In Literature we traveled from 18th century England, to 20th century India and America as we focused on plot, characterization, voice, and figurative language.

I am so grateful that I have been blessed with the opportunity to work at St. Philip Neri. I have a great love for the students here of all ages! I will be taking these cherished memories, experiences, and lessons with me as I head back home to St. Louis. Thank you so much for all you have given me. Have a fabulous summer

everyone!! Know that you will remain in my thoughts and prayers! God bless you all.

Miss Richard



## Eighth Grade

**Mr. Draheim**

The 8<sup>th</sup> graders are graduating and we wish you all the best of luck!

Alyssia Booth-Merica – Marian High School  
 Izuna Braimah – Roncalli Catholic High School  
 Sydney Campbell – Roncalli Catholic High School  
 Mia Dolan – Roncalli Catholic High School  
 Aaliyah Green – Omaha North High School  
 Steven Hensel – Creighton Prep  
 Adrianna Krueger – Marian High School  
 Aydin Meehan – Daniel J. Gross Catholic High School  
 Kate Meier – Roncalli Catholic High School  
 Genesis Mulcahy – Roncalli Catholic High School  
 Jayden Mulcahy – Roncalli Catholic High School  
 Kaycie Negus – Marian High School  
 Isaac Parys – Roncalli Catholic High School  
 Keegan Sullivan – Mercy High School  
 Grace Treves – Marian High School  
 Gina Troia – Mercy High School  
 Diamonique Woolridge – Roncalli Catholic High School



## Physical Education

**Mrs. Tietz**

We had tons of fun this year. All students were able to showcase their athletic abilities, enjoy being physically fit and learn about living healthy lives! Please stay active with your students over the summer; encourage them to be outside as much as possible! Have a fun, fit and safe summer!

## Athletics

Thank you parents for all the support throughout the year! Volleyball will be starting before school is in session, keep an eye out for more information in Tuesday take home folders and be sure to check your email throughout the summer.

**If by chance you have any non-t-shirt uniforms please return them ASAP!!!**



### Primary Art

**Mrs. Miller**

We have made so much beautiful art this year! Keep working on art skills over the summer! If your student has any art supplies, such as crayons, rulers, markers, or especially watercolor paints that they no longer need, please consider donating them to our general art supply!

### 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Art

**Mrs. Tietz**

The students did a great job this year being creative and making beautiful artwork!



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### Spanish

**Mrs. Tietz**

¡Adios! Estudias en el verano!  
Keep studying Spanish throughout the summer!



### Kdg. -- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Music

**Mrs. Miller**

After an amazing production of Aesop's Fables, our music year has been winding down. In most classes, we are learning about all of the different musical instrument families, and we have a chance to play instruments from each family! It is a lot of fun, and hopefully will inspire some students to take lessons of their own! 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade are doing line dancing! It is a lot of fun, and a great way to end the year.



### Library and Computer

**Mrs. Clayton**

Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade have been spending their library times listening to the Golden Sower nominee books for this year. After following our bracket of wins and loses we chose *The Day the Crayons Quit* by Drew Daywalt as our favorite! Coincidentally, *The Day the Crayons Quit* was also the winner for the Primary category of the Golden Sower books.

After learning last month about the placement of fiction books in the library, Fourth and Fifth graders this month have been learning about the placement of nonfiction books in the library. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders are wrapping up their last Genius Hour project of the year. We will spend our last few classes presenting. Eighth grade helped me complete generalizing the middle school section of the library. I am so thankful for their help; this project would have taken me all summer without it.

On May 12<sup>th</sup> Paige Wagner, Youth Services Librarian, from the Florence branch of the Omaha Public Library came to tell the students about the library's summer reading program. It is a great program to encourage the kids to keep reading over the summer and I encourage everyone to check it out.



### Computers

In computer class, kindergarten has been focusing on improving mouse skills and the placement of the letters on the keyboard. We are adding games that help these mouse and keyboarding skills as well as reinforce math and reading competences. First and Second graders have been practicing their spelling words using games from <https://www.spellingcity.com>. It is a fun program and uses a game type format to help the students learn their spelling words for the week. Third graders are finishing up an animal research project using a database and power point. Fourth grade is finishing up the Dance Mat typing program and recording their words per minutes and accuracy rates. Fifth grade is finishing up on the brochure they created from research about the 13 original colonies. The finished products turned out great! Because this is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the National Park Service, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade have been creating a power point presentation about 4 national parks of their choice. Maybe it will inspire them to visit these beautiful parks one day. I know I want to. 8<sup>th</sup> grade did research on the Occupational Outlook Handbook Website <http://www.bls.gov/ooh/>. They were to select 3 jobs that they might be interested in and complete a research sheet about the occupations. They then selected one occupation out of the three and wrote a 4 paragraph report using the information. Hopefully this helps give them a glimpse into what their future could be.







## Here is What's Happening at the Florence Branch Library

Omaha Public Library's Summer Reading Program, "On Your Mark, Get Set...Read!" runs June 1st to July 31st. Activities for kids, tween, teens and adults are at all 12 library locations throughout the summer. You can sign up online or in person starting the end of May and start logging your hours June 1st. Most kick-off parties are Saturday, June 4th, 1-3 pm.

After reading & logging 10 hours, stop in for a prize. The kids' & teens' prize packs include a coupon sheet, book, water bottle, Storm Chasers vouchers, entry into a drawing for NEST 529 scholarship & entry into drawings for gift certificates to local entertainment venues. Adults are automatically entered into drawings for gift certificates and memberships to are entertainment venues after logging 10 hours of reading time.

Special to Florence Branch this year: The Amazing Reading Race! Pick up your reading passport, then read books associated with different continents and receive a stamp in your passport for each one. You can also do an activity for each continent at the Community Center and keep track of your progress on a World Map in the Glass Cases by the Community Center's Front Desk. Collect a prize at the Library's main desk once you've "visited" all seven continents! This is co-sponsored with the Florence Community Center.

All OPL Locations will be closed on Monday, July 4th for Independence Day.



## June

**Fridays, June 3, 10, 17 & 24 -- 10:30 AM**

**Family Storytime.** Join us for stories, creative movement, music and more. Interaction and participation are encouraged. We explore some of the early literacy skills of singing, playing, reading, talking and writing in each storytime. Children of all ages are welcome; storytimes will be tailored for the age of the children present. Childcare groups, please call 402-444-5299 in advance.

**Wednesdays, June 8, 15, 22 & 29 -- 6:30 PM**

**Florence Science Club** Our Wednesday night Science Club is back again this year. Children are invited to explore the exciting world of science! Guest instructor and

experienced teacher Ms. Ziegler encourages a hands-on learning approach and the importance of recording observations. This program is geared for the reading child who is comfortable following instructions and working with minimal guidance. If your child is highly motivated, but not in 3rd grade yet, we encourage you to give us a call. Registration is required; space is limited. Please register for each program; not the series. Registration opens a month before the meeting. Contact Paige G. Wagner, Youth Services Librarian, with your questions at 402-444-5299.

**Thursday, June 2 -- 2 PM.**

**Crackle & Magnetic Nail Art.** Learn how to make your own magnetic nail polish and create great designs. All supplies included. Please register, for tweens & teens.

**Friday, June 3 -- 1 PM**

**Play It: Teen Gaming.** Enjoy snacks and relax. Play Xbox 360 and Wii games! For tweens & teens.

**Saturday, June 4 -- 1 PM**

**Summer Reading Kick-off Party.** Join us for the 2016 Summer Reading Program Kick-off event. This year's reading program has a fitness theme: "On Your Mark, Get Set... Read!" There will be an obstacle course, bounce house, crafts, & snacks. Give Wii sports a try. Bowling anyone? In addition, Alex R. Thomas of Fist & Foot Martial Arts will be at the Community Center for hands-on demonstrations. The first 72 people who sign up for the Summer Reading Program will receive a special theme-based prize. This event is co-sponsored with the Florence Community Center. All ages are invited.

**Saturday June 4, -- 2 PM**

**Knitting Club.** All ages and experience levels are welcome to bring a knitting or other craft project, or learn to create one! Some supplies are provided.

**Tuesday, June 7, -- 10:30 AM**

**Teddy Bear Picnic.** For the whole family, join the fun! Bring your Teddy Bear and your own lunch. Gather in the Meeting Room with your bear friends for the Teddy Parade, & doing the Hokey Pokey. Picnic outside in the area to the North East of the Library. Remember sunscreen, hat, lunch, drink, Teddy & something to sit on. Dolls and toy friends are also invited. Please register.

**Wednesday, June 8, -- 10:30 AM-3:30 PM**

**4-H Babysitting Clinic.** Calling all babysitters! Get ready to learn and to share your ideas about babysitting. We will discuss guidelines for caring for babies, toddlers, preschool and school aged children. You'll also learn basic first aid, how to advertise your babysitting services and choosing appropriate babysitting jobs. Dress comfortably and BRING A SACK LUNCH. Class size is limited so register now. For tweens & teens.

**Saturday, June 11, -- 2 PM**

**Healthy Snacking.** For all ages, join us for an interactive cooking activity from No More Empty Pots to learn to make homemade granola. We will build our own parfaits with healthy, economical, and kid-friendly ingredients. This craft involves food, so dress accordingly. All supplies will be provided. Please register.

**Tuesday, June 14, -- 1 PM**

**Dr. Oxygen Science Show.** Bring Science to life with Dr. Oxygen! Explore the world of science through your own imagination and hands-on demonstrations. Fast paced fun with gobs of science tossed in. Hold onto your seats for a fantastic trip through the exciting elements of science. You do not want to miss this event. Groups of 5 or more, please call ahead. Contact : Paige G. Wagner, Youth Services 402-444-5299. Held in the Community Center Gym. For all ages.

**Wednesday June 15, -- 11:30 PM**

**Exercise & Read Book Club.** Join us for a lively discussion of this month's featured book, The Orchardist by Amanda Coplin. See a staff member to reserve your copy today. This book club was originally started by individuals attending an exercise class at the Florence Community Center. All adults are welcome to attend.

**Thursday, June 16 -- 2 PM**

**Teen Takeover: Henna Tattoos.** Henna, or mehndi, is the process of drawing patterns with a paste which dyes the skin and creates a tattoo that can last anywhere from two days to two weeks. Come design your own henna tattoo with us! For teens & tweens. Please register.

**Friday, June 17 -- 10:30 AM**

**Curious George Visits Storytime.** Curious George wants to meet the children at Florence Branch, so he is visiting us for a special storytime. We will sing songs and listen to stories. Greet Curious George at the blue couches. Give him a hug and a high five. Remember your camera!

**Saturday June 18 -- 8 AM & 10:30 AM**

**Dig It: Family Gardening.** At 8 AM all ages are invited to gather at the Community Garden on 30th and Bondesson. (Behind the Shell Station). Wear grubby clothes and bring your own gloves and tools (we will supply some tools and children's gloves). Dig in the dirt! Plant something! Have fun with your family and neighbors. Then at 10:30 join us at the Florence Library for refreshments and an activity. Learn about tree planting. All ages are welcome.



**Wednesday June 22 -- 4:30 PM**

**4th Wednesday Book Club** Join us for good literature and discussion. Pick up a copy of this month's book, The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion by Fannie Flagg, at Florence library.

**Thursday, June 23 -- 1 PM**

**Jeff Quinn Magic Show.** Enjoy the dazzling magic of Jeff Quinn in the Florence Community Center Gym. Groups larger than 5, please call ahead. All ages are welcome.

**Thursday, June 23 -- 2 PM**

**Teen Takeover: Giant Yahtzee.** Test your skills in a larger-than-life game of Yahtzee! For tweens & teens. Please register.

**Tuesday, June 28 -- 10:30 AM**

**Painting Fun.** You can paint! Let's have some outdoor painting fun! Paints and sponge "brushes" will be available. Please remember sunscreen, hats, and appropriate clothing. Gather on the East side of the Library (near the playground). Groups of 5 or more, please call ahead. For kids. Please register.

**Thursday, June 30 -- 10 AM**

**Inflatable Obstacle Course & More.** Come to the Florence Community Center Gym for a fitting test of your skills and endurance. Visit the Library for games of skill (Life size Connect 4 & Jenga) and other activities (make your own game). This event is open to children. Co-sponsored by the Florence Community Center, Omaha Parks & Recreation, and Omaha Public Library. Contact: Paige G. Wagner, Youth Services Librarian 402-444-5299. Please call ahead if you will be bringing more than 5.

**Thursday, June 30 -- 2 PM**

**Teen Takeover: Karaoke Battle.** Let your inner pop star take the stage. Test your knowledge of popular music with games such as guess the artist, guess the lyrics, and other musical battles. Please register. For tweens & teens.



## **JULY**

**Fridays, July 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 -- 10:30 A.M**

**Family Storytime.** Join us for stories, creative movement, music and more. Interaction and participation are encouraged. We explore some of the early literacy skills of singing, playing, reading, talking and writing in each storytime. Children of all ages are welcome; storytimes will be tailored for the age of the children present. Childcare groups, please call 402-444-5299 in advance.

**Wednesdays, July 6, 13, 20 & 27 -- 6:30 PM**

**Florence Science Club.** Children are invited to explore the exciting world of science! Guest instructor and experienced teacher Ms. Ziegler encourages a hands-on learning approach and the importance of recording observations. This program is geared for the reading child who is comfortable following instructions and working with minimal guidance. If your child is highly motivated, but not in 3rd grade yet, we encourage you to give us a call. Registration is required; space is limited. Please register for each program; not the series. Registration opens a month before the meeting. Contact Paige G. Wagner, Youth Services Librarian, with your questions at 402-444-5299.

**Saturday July 2 -- 2 PM**

**Knitting Club.** All ages and experience levels are welcome to bring a knitting or other craft project, or learn to create one! Some supplies are provided.

**Tuesday, July 5 -- 10:30 AM**

**Sidewalk Art.** Draw to your heart's content on the concrete area just South of the Library. Chalk is provided. Please remember sunscreen, hats, and appropriate clothing. If your group exceeds five in number please call in advance. For children. Please register.

**Thursday, July 7 -- 2 PM**

**Teen Takeover: Upcycled Tees.** Learn how to transform old t-shirts into no-sew totes, necklaces and scarves. For tweens & teens. Please register.

**Friday, July 15 -- 10:30 AM**

**Froggy Visits Florence Storytime.** Froggy wants to meet you, so he is visiting Florence Branch for a special storytime. We will sing songs and listen to fun stories. Give him a hug and shake his hand. Don't forget your camera! The character will greet the children on the blue couches at 11 AM Groups of 5 or more, please call ahead. Contact: Paige G. Wagner, Youth Services Librarian 402-444-5299.

**Saturday July 16 -- 8 AM & 10:30 AM**

**Dig It: Family Gardening.** At 8 AM all ages are invited to gather at the Community Garden on 30th and Bondesson. (Behind the Shell Station). Wear grubby clothes and bring your own gloves and tools (we will supply some tools and children's gloves). Dig in the dirt! Plant something! Have fun with your family and neighbors. Then at 10:30 join us at the Florence Library for refreshments and an activity. Learn about the importance of pollinators from entomologist, Jonathan Larson. All ages are welcome.

**Tuesday, July 19 -- 6:30 PM**

**Lifetime Fitness.** This program will explore proper body mechanics, as well as specific movement throughout each day, that will enhance better health and well being. Guest presenter, Midge Bianchi. Co-sponsored with the Northern Lights Garden Club. For adults.

**Wednesday July 20 -- 11:30 PM**

**Exercise & Read Book Club.** Join us for a lively discussion of this month's featured book. See a staff member to reserve your copy today. This book club was originally started by individuals attending an exercise class at the Florence Community Center. All are welcome to attend.

**Thursday July 21 -- 10:30 AM**

**Bubble Fun.** Let's have some outdoor bubble fun! Bubble solution and various wands will be available. Please remember sunscreen, hats, and appropriate clothing. Event is outside in the concrete area just South of the Library. Groups of 5 or more, please call ahead. Registration opens July 1st. For kids.

**Thursday, July 21 -- 2 PM**

**Teen Takeover: Pedal Toward Healthy Snacking.** Interactive presentation: making simple snacks and smoothies on a blender bike! For tweens & teens. Please register.

**Saturday, July 23 -- 1 PM**

**Safe, Fit & Fun Day.** For the whole family. Explore the offerings of the Community Center: gym, game room, weight room, & surrounding park. Participate in Martial Arts demonstration with Alex R. Thomas, Fist & Foot

Martial Arts. Visit the library for games of skill (Life size Connect 4 & Jenga) and other activities (make your own game). Climb aboard the train engine simulator provided by Operation Life Saver, Inc., an International Volunteer Railroad Crossing safety organization. Fire Station 23 will provide a close up view of a fire engine. Contact : Paige G. Wagner, Youth Services Librarian 402-444-5299. Please call ahead if you will be bringing more than 5 children. OFD participation is subject to change. Co-sponsored with Omaha Parks & Recreation.

**Wednesday July 27 -- 4:30 PM**

**4th Wednesday Book Club** Join us for good literature and discussion. Pick up a copy of copy of this month's book, Grandma Gatewood's Walk by Ben ry, at Florence branch library.

**Thursday, July 28 -- 2 PM**

**Teen Takeover: "Just Dance" Tournament.** Show off your dance skills with "Just Dance" for the Xbox 360. High scores advance through the bracket. Prizes awarded! For tweens & teens. Please register.

Questions? Please call us at (402) 444-5299 or email me, [droutt@omahalibrary.org](mailto:droutt@omahalibrary.org).



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# St. Philip Neri-Blessed Sacrament Summer Sale - 2016

Friday, July 29 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.  
and Saturday, July 30 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.  
in the St. Philip Neri Activity Center

We will have 3 "drop off" dates for you to make donations to the sale.

Friday - July 22 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Sunday - July 24 from 6 - 8 p.m.

Monday - July 25 from 5 - 7 p.m.

Please call the Parish Office if you need assistance with getting bigger items to the sale.

We are collecting items to use for the summer sale, such as: large boxes, grocery bags, Ziploc bags, black permanent markers, price stickers, masking tape, and poster board. If you have a hanging clothing rack we could borrow - that would be great!

For the summer sale we will accept clean, gently used household items, baby items, toys, tools, furniture, clothing, etc. - NO paint, pesticides, toxins, - or "old" TV sets.

We also need volunteers to help fill the timeslots - to work the sale and also set up and take down the sale. We are hoping to only schedule volunteers for 2 or 3 hour shifts.

If you are a school parent or student who needs service hours, this is a great way to get them. Many hands make light work!

Please help us meet our goal of \$5,000.00!

Please call the Parish Office at 402-455-1289,  
if you are interested in helping!

# June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 Vacation Bible School @ Cooper Farm -- 9:00 -- Noon	14 Vacation Bible School @ Cooper Farm -- 9:00 -- Noon	15 Vacation Bible School @ Cooper Farm -- 9:00 -- Noon	16 Vacation Bible School @ Cooper Farm -- 9:00 -- Noon	17 Vacation Bible School @ Cooper Farm -- 9:00 -- Noon	18
19 Father's Day 	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 Service hrs. must be completed & entered into Sycamore by today.	1	4

Beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>, the school office will be open from 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. each day through June 30<sup>th</sup>. The office will be closed during July.

# August 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Registration Night 4 to 7 pm 	5	6
7	8	9	10 Teacher's Return 	11	12	13
14	15 Ice Cream Social 4 to 6 pm  <small>ClipartOf.com/52228</small>	16	17 First Day of School Noon Dismissal 	18 First Full Day Hot Lunch Begins	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31	1	2	3