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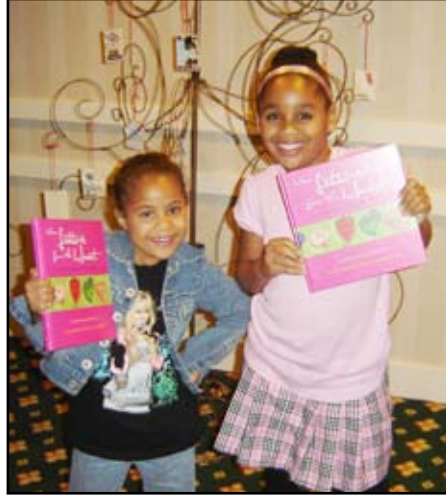


FEELIN' THE LOVE FROM GIRLS INC. NATIONAL

As hosts of the 2008 Regional Conference for Girls Inc. regions I & II, Girls Inc. of Omaha welcomed Girls Inc. staff and volunteers from around the country and Canada to our community for training, networking, and (the best part!) socializing with peers.



Girls Inc. staff members Carolyn Green and Stacey Justus enjoy the kick off the conference breakfast at the Marriott Regency.



Jacquetta and Natalia narrated a Power Point presentation about our programming for conference attendees. Here they show off their books – gifts from Girls Inc. national.



Girls Inc. alum Shardea Gallion was the breakfast speaker. She was poised, professional, and articulate. That's how we grow them at Girls Inc. of Omaha!

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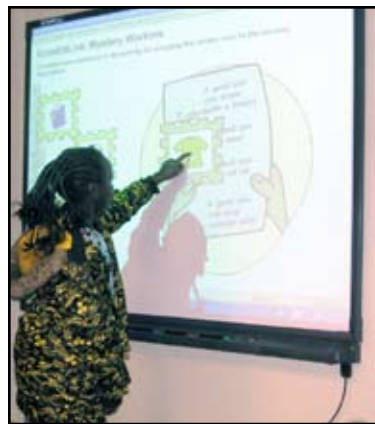
Girls Inc. members go to College of Saint Mary twice each week for Operation S.M.A.R.T.[®] CSM education students are the “teachers.”



Khadija received a certificate for perfect attendance for the fall semester.



Deja gets some computer help from her teacher.



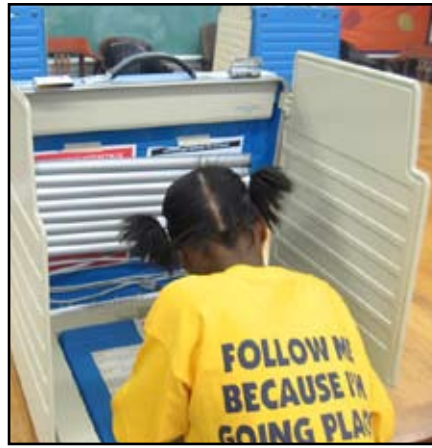
Rachael manipulates images on an interactive white board to help her learn vocabulary. She's also learning – by doing – about classroom technology.



Searching for Omaha on the globe.



Ms. Kainette explains the ballots to first time voters.



Check out the caption on this voter's t-shirt. We're going to have to agree with her!

Girls participated in **She Votes!** a national program that educates girls about political leadership. The program culminates with a mock election. In a competitive election year, the girls were very excited about having their voices heard.

MEDIA LITERACY:

These girls are cutting out advertisements from magazines to create their own positive messages in Media Smarts, a component of Girls Inc. national Media Literacy®.



National funding for our Lego League Robotics competition team: Girls Inc. Lego Ladies. Working with the Climate Connection theme, the Girls Inc. Lego Ladies did research and hands-on work with programmable Lego robots.



The girls practice putting their robot through missions for the pre-qualifying trial in Sioux City, IA.



The girls take first place for Judges Choice and will advance to the regional competition in Ames, IA in January.



Seinna and Mychael work on programming the robot.

TEENS



Freedom Writers teacher Erin Gruwell visited us twice this fall. She read aloud from the journal writings of her students and shared clips from the movie. Each girl received an autographed book (and many of them also received hugs!).



This one didn't get away from Ashley!
Teens went fishing on a camping expedition.



Jazmyn is tired after caring for a crying (and crying some more!) **Baby Think It Over** doll. The dolls are a very effective tool to help encourage girls to delay parenthood. Did we mention these dolls cry a lot?

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Super-famous k'jillionaire and Omaha home boy Warren Buffett introduced Senator Hillary Clinton at our annual **Lunch for the Girls**. The teens got to meet both superstars backstage prior to the luncheon. This is definitely one for the scrapbook!



Teens traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with elected officials as part of the **Born Leaders!** program. Here they are with Senator Ben Nelson.



Girls worked with artist Stacy Wonder to design and paint a new mural in the teen center.

Teens dive in to the pie eating contest at Pajama Jam 2008.



YOUNGER GIRLS

Summer ended with a splash. Literally! The girls played in wading pools, jumped and splashed on a misting inflatable, blew bubbles, and squirted water guns. It was a wet, fun time for all. Forgot a swim suit? No problem! Girls jumped in fully clothed. A little water never hurt anyone!



Career Connection at the Med Center provided girls an opportunity to look at water samples from Hanscom Park Lake under a microscope. Girls looked for parasites then did research to identify the specimens they saw.



The doctor will see you now! The **Medical Suitcase** program from Methodist Hospital provides girls a chance to try on some sterile gear, play with stethoscopes, and even get a small cast.



In **Celebrate Africa!** programming, the girls participate in African drumming and dance lessons. They will share their accomplishments at a recital in January wearing costumes and jewelry created in class.



Nia learns about the physical properties of water in the Girls Inc. science lab.



Peter Kiewit Foundation provides an annual trip to the River City Round Up Rodeo. Complete with t-shirts, hats, hot dogs and chips, this is always a good time for a cowgirl or two. Or one hundred!



Move it! Dance and movement classes are part of our overall health and wellness programming.



100 girls enjoyed a beautiful fall day at the pumpkin patch courtesy of Hayes & Associates.



Chanecia works with a high school tutor on trombone skills and Jessica does the same with her violin. The Omaha Symphony coordinates the Music Mentor program for our budding musicians.



Pajama Jam 2008 had a little bit of everything - bowling, skating, laser tag, balloon-popping relay races, a pajama contest, dancing, a talent show, a pie eating contest, late night movies, and snacks. Sleep, you ask? Not so much...

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A NEW AND IMPROVED EMMA LOZIER CENTER IN SOUTH OMAHA!



Emma Lozier Center renovations include a new double garage with shaded outdoor learning space on the roof. The garage also provides shop space for tools and building projects for the girls. Other improvements include new energy efficient windows, repaired gutters, tuckpointing, a new security system, new garden beds for the girls, and new low-maintenance landscaping complete with benches and a pond. For the first time, girls at Emma Lozier now have a safe outdoor space to play and learn.





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girl party with GIRL FRIENDS

Our girlFRIENDS guild hosted a fall party for the girls in November. Cookie decorating, crafts, and manicures made for a fun getting-to-know-you evening at the North Omaha Development Center.



Nicoletta shows off her fancy nails.



girlFRIEND member Allison Balus puts the finishing touches on Destiny's manicure.



Kendyl dabs a last bit of glue on her candle holder.

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Girls Nite Out!

Thursday, January 22, 2009

5:30 p.m. Boutique Shopping and Cash Bar
Complimentary Valet Parking will begin at 5:15 p.m.

6:00 p.m. Dinner, Shopping and Socializing

7:00 p.m. Comedy with Tammy Pescatelli

**Holiday Inn Central
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Featuring the Comedy of Tammy Pescatelli

Since beating out thousands for the enviable spot as part of the Final Five on NBC's "Last Comic Standing 2," Tammy's schedule is jam-packed with headlining appearances at top comedy clubs and venues across the country, as well as adding her comedic observations to specials on VH1, E!, G4, CMT and TV Land.

Becoming one of the top finalists on "Last Comic Standing" has catapulted Tammy's career and won her a slew of new fans, solidifying her as one of the sharpest women in comedy. Tammy has appeared as a guest on "The Tonight Show with Jay Leno" and "Dennis Miller" and has been a featured comic on "An Evening at the Improv," PAX's "Balderdash" National Lampoon's "Funny Money" and Comedy Central's "The World Stands Up."

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