

The Legend of the Phoenix

The legend of the Phoenix has been around for centuries: The Phoenix is a supernatural creature, living for 500 years. Once its life span is over, the Phoenix builds its own funeral pyre, and throws itself into the flames. As it dies, it is reborn anew, and rises from the ashes to live another 500 years. Alternatively, it lays an egg in the burning coals of the fire which hatches into a new Phoenix, and the life cycle is repeated.

The Phoenix was the symbol of the great civilization of Phoenician people who lived in the East Mediterranean around 4000 BC and invaded the whole Mediterranean area which was known as the Phoenician Sea.

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The Phoenix is a symbol to the students and staff at James E. Dottke High School that represents learning from a past of choices and actions that hindered growth, casting off that former life that did not include academic, social, and civic success, and beginning again, renewed by the power of the program and its people. In 4000 BC the Phoenix was the symbol of a great civilization- In the 21st Century it is a symbol of our hope, courage, and change.