

Paideia Academy Newsletter



SUMMER 2010

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~Our Vision ~

We envision a new generation of engaged, productive global citizens.

~Our Mission ~

The Mission of Paideia Academy is to challenge and inspire learners by providing a rigorous, content-rich, classical education incorporating languages, music, and the arts while nurturing positive character development.

Mark Your Calendar

August 6- Back To School Info & Picture Day, 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

August 9- 1st Day Of School!

September 3 Teachers' Workshop, NO SCHOOL

September 6 Labor Day, NO SCHOOL

September 20 Picture Retakes, uniform required

Please Note Time!

Welcome!

This is your first newsletter of the 10/11 school year!

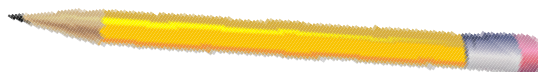
What is the purpose of the newsletter?

The Paideia Academy newsletter is a weekly form of communication that will be emailed to all families at the end of each week.

(Paper copies are available for pick up at the office.)

Newsletters will contain:

- Letters/Notes from the Director.
- Important updates and notices from the office.
- Contact numbers and various web addresses.
- **Board Beat** *(Notes from the latest board meeting).*
- **PIE** information and events (PIE = Parents In Education.)
- Volunteer information.
- ***Much more!***





Paideia Academy Rumor Control

Rumor #1: Paideia Academy is \$180,000 in debt.

False. In fact, it is quite the opposite. Our current fund balance is \$996,696 or 26.3% of our total annual expenditures. Our authorizer requires our fund balance to be at least 20% of our annual expenditures. Our treasurer and board prefer to keep the balance between 25-29%.

The state has increased the percentage of money they holdback from 27% to 30%. It has been advised by Minnesota Association of Charter Schools, Minnesota Department of Education, and our authorizer, Friends of Education, that we (and other charter schools) cut roughly 5% from our budget to help off-set this holdback. 5% equates to \$180,000. This does not mean that we owe the money, but that it may be in the next school year that we will receive it.

Because of this, the finance committee presented a document listing possible options for the board to consider. These options were not proposed or even recommended, but were presented as financial options or paths the board could choose to investigate. These options included cutting programs, changing benefits for staff, or potentially adding more students per grade level.

Rumor #2: Paideia Academy is increasing class sizes to 24.

False. Paideia is not adding more students. This was not a proposal nor is it on the agenda for the next board meeting. If this were to occur, the board would create a committee to research the viability of such actions. Second grade is over-enrolled because of grade accelerations. If any openings in second grade should occur, we will not fill those spots.

Rumor #3: The board is holding a secret meeting in July.

False. The board meeting is scheduled for July 21st at 7 pm as usual. There may be a board work session scheduled ahead of that. This would involve addressing board norms, board roles and responsibilities, and Roberts Rules of Order. It is against Open Meeting Law to hold a closed or a meeting without proper notice given.

Rumor #4: Mindy Hendrickson does not have a license.

False. Mindy is a licensed teacher and is in full compliance.

If you hear any gossip or rumors, please come to me for clarification and we can stop this detrimental behavior before it starts. Please help us create the best school we can be!

The Southwest Area YMCA is pleased to provide our School-Age Care Program to the students and families at Paideia Academy for the 2010-2011 school year. YMCA School-Age Care is a before-and-after school child care program available to all students who attend Paideia Academy. Come to an information night at Paideia Academy on Thursday, July 22nd from 7:00pm-8:00pm. Learn about the program, ask questions, and register for the program if you have not already done so. We will also be available at the Back to School Family Night on August 6th from 4:30pm-7:00pm to answer questions. We look forward to seeing you all there!

Eric Lancrete
Child Care District Supervisor - South District
YMCA of Greater St. Paul
651-683-4711



Back to School Night!

August 6, 1 pm – 7 pm

All parents and students are expected to join us.

You can come anytime between 1 pm & 7 pm.

- Valuable information will be covered!
- Parents will update forms and information
- Take your 10/11 School Pictures (Must bring uniform shirt)
- Meet your Teachers.
- See your Classroom.
- Drop off supplies.
- Get locker assignments.
- Turn in medication. (See policy below)
- Sign-up and pay for Clubs.
- Pick-up your planners.
- Visit the Paideia Store.
- Donald's Uniform Store will be present 3-6 pm.

We need parent volunteers to help with pictures!
Email
swatkins@paideiaacademy.org

Start the school year off right!

***Come, get informed,
and stay informed on
what's happening at Paideia!***

Paideia Medication Policy

ANY medication ("Over the Counter" or "Prescribed") administered to your child during the school day will require:

- Current school year Medication Administration Form signed by both a physician and parent/guardian.
- All medication must be brought to school by an adult and must be in its original Container, un-opened if of the Over the Counter type.
- Parents are responsible for contacting the office if medication/dosage changes.
- Medication will be kept in locked cabinet and administered by designated staff.

Bring this form along with meds to the nurse's table at Back to School Night

**At no time should a student have medication on them or in their backpack!
This includes over the counter meds such as Tylenol, cough syrup, etc...**



Prescription and/or Over-the-counter Medication Administration Form

Parent/Guardians of students requesting that any medication, prescription or OTC be administered **during school hours** by school staff are required to provide for the school:

1. the physician's order,
2. a parental release, and
3. medication supplied in the original container.

Ask for prescription medication to be divided in two bottles completely labeled - one for home and one for school.

Student Name: _____ Expiration Date: _____

Birthdate: _____ Grade: _____ Home Room: _____

PHYSICIAN ORDER FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION BY SCHOOL PERSONNEL

I have prescribed or authorized the following medication for this student and request that dosages be given during school hours:

Medication: _____ Dose: _____ Route: _____

Time: _____ PRN Repeat Frequency: _____

(Morning medication dose _____ mg. to be given at school, only if student forgets to take it at home.

Reason for medication: _____

Possible side effects: _____

Special Instructions: _____ Last date to be given: _____

Medication ALLERGIES: _____

Print Physician's Name: _____ Phone: () _____

Physician Signature: _____ Date: _____

PARENTAL REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATION OF MEDICATION

I request this medication be given as prescribed. I release school personnel from any liability in the administration of this medication at school. I understand that I am responsible for communications with the ordering health care providers about this medication. **I understand that medication will not be administered by a school nurse.**

Please check appropriate spaces below:

☐ Keep this medication in school

☐ Send this medication home each evening

Physician and I agree that this student needs medication on field trips. ☐ Yes ☐ No

I feel my child/adolescent should carry and self-administer his inhaler. ☐ Yes ☐ No

I feel my child/adolescent should carry and self-administer his epinephrine (Epi-Pen). ☐ Yes ☐ No

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____

To promote safety for your child, medication information may be shared with school personnel working with your child and with 911 personnel, if they are called.

Picture Day!

August 6, 1 pm—7 pm

At the Back to School Event

Order online before Picture Day @ mylifetouch.com

1 Packages Choose your package(s) and fill in the appropriate circle(s) on the Order Form.

Pequeños: Escoge tu (tus) paquete (s) y llena el (los) círculo (s) apropiado en el formulario de pedido.

A. Value \$18.00 (2) 5x7 (4) 3x5 (8) Wallets (2x3) (1) Class Picture	B. Deluxe \$26.00 (1) 8x10 (2) 5x7 (4) 3x5 (8) Wallets (2x3) (1) Class Picture
C. Ultimate \$50.00 (3) 8x10 (4) 5x7 (8) 3x5 (16) Wallets (2x3) Portrait CD (1) Class Picture	
D. Premium \$39.00 (2) 8x10 (4) 5x7 (4) 3x5 (16) Wallets (2x3) Portrait CD (1) Class Picture	E. Basic \$12.00 (4) 3x5 (8) Wallets (2x3) (1) Class Picture
F. Family Pack \$32.00 (1) 8x10 (3) 5x7 (4) 3x5 (12) Wallets (2x3) (1) Class Picture	G. Entry \$8.00 (2) 3x5 (4) Wallets (2x3) (1) Class Picture

2 Add-ons Order additional sheets or build your own package and fill in the appropriate circle(s) on the Order Form.

Agregados: Ordena planillas adicionales o arma tu propio paquete y llena el (los) círculo (s) apropiado en el formulario de pedido.

H. (8) 2x3 \$9.00	K. (4) 3x5 \$9.00	N. (1) Portrait CD \$25.00
I. (2) 5x7 \$9.00	L. (18) 1.5x2.5 \$9.00	O. (1) Class Picture \$9.00
J. (1) 8x10 \$9.00	M. (4) 2x3 \$6.00	

3 Upgrades Select your upgrade and fill in the appropriate circle(s) on the Order Form.

Modificaciones: Selecciona tu modificación y llena el (los) círculo (s) apropiado en el formulario de pedido.

Your child's name and grade on all Wallets (2x3 only)

Retouching
 Applies to all looks purchased and yearbook photo too
 Digital retouching removes blemishes but will not remove moles, scars, glass glare or fly-away hair

Portrait Promise If not satisfied, return your portraits on Retake Day and we will re-photograph free of charge. If you are not pleased with your retake portraits, we'll gladly refund your money.

Garantía de los retratos: Si no estás satisfecho, devuélve los retratos el día en que se vuelvan a tomar las fotografías y las tomaremos nuevamente sin ningún cargo adicional. Si no estás satisfecho, con gusto se devolveremos el dinero.



Free SmileSafe Kids® Safety ID Card and 24/7 Rapid Response (Only at participating schools)

Tarjetas de identificación de seguridad SmileSafe Kids gratis y 24/7 Respuesta rápida (Solo en escuelas participantes)

Cuando pagues con un cheque, nos autorizas a presentar el pago como una transacción de cheque o usar la información de tu cheque para hacer una transacción de crédito en el día de tu compra. Si no estás de acuerdo, por favor, no uses un cheque para pagar. Si usas un cheque para pagar, no puedes cancelar tu pedido. Si usas un cheque para pagar, no puedes cancelar tu pedido. Si usas un cheque para pagar, no puedes cancelar tu pedido.

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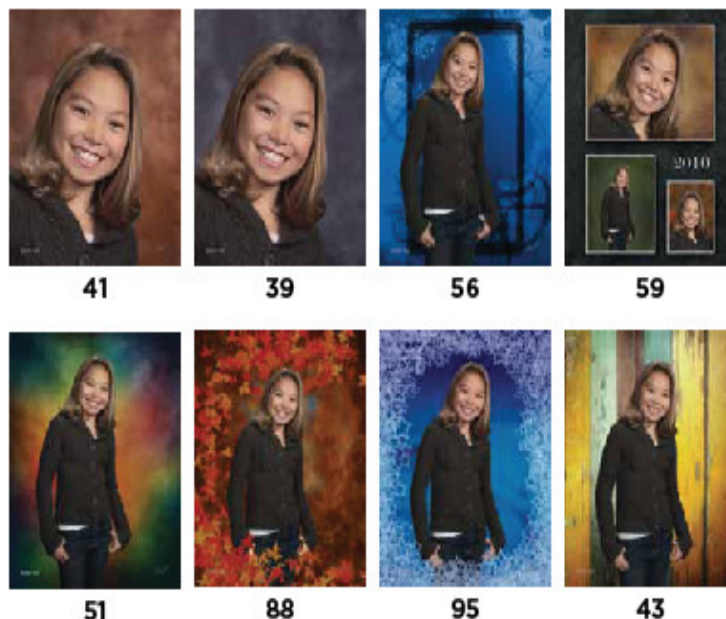
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Friday, August 6, 2010 viernes, 6 de agosto, 2010

4 Portrait Looks Choose a look for each package and add-on you order and write it on the Order Form.

Estilo de imagen de los retratos. Escoge un estilo de imagen para cada paquete y agregado que ordenes y escríbelo en el formulario de pedido.

Look Code



ORDER AT: mylifetouch.com

Before Picture Day

- Customize your package with multiple Portrait Looks
- Get a different Portrait Look on every sheet
- Pay with



Questions or comments call 866-955-8342

Retake Day: Monday, September 20, 2010 - Picture Day ID: MH110137Y1

When you pay by check, you authorize us to present the payment as a check transaction, or to use the information from your check to make a new line of credit fund transfer from your checking account. Funds may be withdrawn from your account on the same day we receive your payment, and your financial institution will not return your check. A service fee may be charged on return of checks. No partial dollar checks are accepted.

This Important Contact Information Is Listed On The Front Of Every Newsletter For Your Convenience!

The More You Use It... The Better Informed You Will Be!

SchoolView

ties@paideiaacademy.org

SchoolView, is a computer on-line service, and will enhance teacher/parent communication regarding grades and attendance. This service will also eliminate the need for quarter reports because it provides you with information 24 hours a day regarding your students progress. SchoolView will also provide you with an opportunity to register for an e-mail alert option that will automatically e-mail you when your student is absent from school or tardy. **We will assist you in setting up your SchoolView account during the Back to School Event.**

Paideia Web Site

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Parents Only View

Password: intouch

Visit our Website often to keep up on important dates and news.

Log on to the "Parents Only" now to view your child's 10/11 class lists and supply lists. Log on during the school year for lunch menus, newsletters, and any "forms" you might need.

You can even get up to date on past Newsletters!

PIE Committee

pie@paideiaacademy.org

This is the email to contact our Parents In Education Committee about events or volunteer opportunities.

Lunch Balances

www.paypams.com

This is the Lunch website. You can add funds and track your child's balance. **Your child will be assigned a lunch ID at the Back to School Event.**

Uniforms

www.donaldsuniform.com

Visit DONALDS on line store for convenient online shopping. Be sure to click on "find your School's Uniforms" to get Paideia specific uniforms and price lists. Donald's will even ship your on-line purchases to Paideia free!

Attendance

swatkins@paideiaacademy.org

952-953-9200

Please email or call between 7:30 a.m. & 9:00 a.m. if your child is going to be tardy or absent. *The Paideia Academy School Day begins at 8:15. Be sure to plan accordingly to avoid unnecessary tardies.

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