

Paideia Academy Newsletter



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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.



A note from Mrs. Godtland...

Dear Parents:

Regular attendance at school is crucial to a student's academic success. Please make sure your child is present for school everyday that they are able, as well as here on time.

There has been some confusion regarding excused and unexcused absences. In order to help clarify, I have listed some policies and definitions below. Additionally, letters will be going home to students that are in jeopardy of being retained a grade or reported truant with the students' report cards. These letters should be taken very seriously as they are of grave concern to the administration.

There are two specific policies that Paideia Academy is required to follow. These are listed below:

Grade Retention:

Minnesota Department of Education stipulates that a student must attend 80% or better in any particular grade level to be considered for placement in the next grade. This means that a student cannot miss more than 34 days of school whether excused or unexcused in order to be passed to the next grade level. Additionally, 3 tardy marks constitute 1 absence.

Truancy:

If a student has 3 or more unexcused absences in a school year, the law considers him or her to be a continuing truant. If a student has 7 or more unexcused absences, he or she is considered "habitually truant" and the school MUST file a truancy report with the state.

Tardy Arrivals:

A student is considered tardy after 8:17 am. There is a 2 minute grace period to allow students to get their materials put away.

3 tardy arrivals = 1 absence.

Excused Absences:

Medical, dental or vision appointments; illness or injury; religious holidays; or Academy sponsored events are all considered excused absences. Advanced parental communication is required for excused absences.

Family Vacations:

A two week written notice is required for students missing school for a family vacation. This notice should go directly to the Academy receptionist, Sandy Watkins. This allows the teachers to put together work for the student.

I hope this alleviates some of the confusion. If you have further questions, please email me at jgodtland@paideiaacademy.org. As always, thank you for your continued support.


Sincerely,

Jill Godtland

From the Office

Apple Valley Mayor to Announce Recycling Poster Winners

On Monday, November 22, Mayor Mary (Hamann-Roland) will be announcing the winners of the recent Recycling Poster Contest at our Monday Morning Meeting. The contest was sponsored and judged by the City of Apple Valley in conjunction with Dakota Recycling (a joint project of the Cities of Apple Valley, Burnsville and Eagan.)

	November 15 <i>2011 Chicago trip Meeting</i> <i>5:30 PM</i> <i>(2011 - 7 & 8 graders)</i>	November 22 <i>Innisbrook Pick-up in the gym</i> <i>after dismissal</i>	November 25 & 26 <i>No School</i>
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Check out the attachment for more details

It's time to order YEARBOOKS!

Yearbook pricing:

Order before November 24 / \$16.00

Add students name and photo on the cover/
+6.00

Order after November 24 / \$20.00

Add students name and photo on the cover/
+6.00

PAYMENTS MADE TO PAIDEIA ACADEMY

Volunteers

We Need Photographers!

The yearbook is in need of photographers.

If you are available to take photos on a regular basis, please contact

Valerie Taylor at taylormadeport@aol.com. If you already have photos or take them occasionally, you can send them to photos@paideiaacademy.org.

Volunteers Always Needed For Lunch Supervision!

It's a great way to get your volunteer hours in! Help needed 11:30—1:15!

Volunteer Hours - There are many ways to obtain your volunteer hours at Paideia Academy. One way is to attend things like the PIE Committee Meetings, Family Nights and the Board Meetings. If you would like to volunteer in the classroom please see the Volunteer Section on the Parents Only website: <http://www.paideiaacademy.org/Volunteering.html> You do not need to volunteer only in your child's classroom, there are plenty of opportunities to volunteer with different classes and grades. You do need to have had a background check completed for this year before volunteering in the classroom. Don't forget the Specials! Music, Spanish, Art, PE, Computers and Classical Languages all have opportunities as well. Be sure to talk to your grade level teachers as well to let them know what you are available to do; take-home work can be arranged as well. Feel free to contact your PIE Grade Representative for more ideas and direction.

FUNDRAISING



Keep buying scrip!
Paideia Academy has profited
over \$1100 already this year!

Let your everyday purchases pay off for Paideia!



LOOK!

It's a bird... It's a plane....

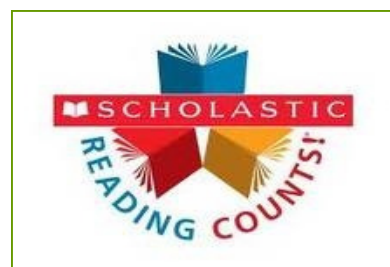
It's the 2010 Scholastic Book Fair!!!

Here's to Our Heroes..Reading Saves the Day is our theme this year.

Mark your calendars to join us for a special week of exciting times to honor the Heroes in our lives and in our BOOKS!!!

The dates are November 29 - December 4, 2010!

Details will be coming home next week!



Green Team

Green Fact

Recycling a stack of newspapers 3 feet high will save a whole tree!

Green Resource Center

Just a reminder that there are books, magazines and other resources available for Paideia families to check out at our Resource Center, which is adjacent to the volunteer table in the small commons. The resource center has been made possible by a Community POWER grant from the Metropolitan Solid Waste Coordinating Board.



Green Team Continued

Recycle your old shoes!
Dakota Recycling is sponsoring a shoe recycling drive. Bring old shoes, in any condition, to the Apple Valley Community Center from November 15-21. There are also sites in Burnsville and Eagan.

Recycle Your Old Shoes!!



WHAT:

For America Recycles Day, residents from the cities of Apple Valley, Burnsville and Eagan will be able to recycle shoes at NO CHARGE for one week.

All types of shoes, in any condition, are acceptable.

Shoes collected by Triangle Recycling, are either reused or recycled into new products; a portion of profits go to United Cerebral Palsy.

WHEN:

ONLY Monday, November 15 through Sunday, November 21, 2010.

WHERE:

Drop-off containers will be located OUTSIDE (except in Eagan where containers will be located INSIDE) the following facilities:

Apple Valley Community Center
14603 Hayes Rd.

Located OUTSIDE,
in front of building

Burnsville Ice Center
251 Civic Center Pkwy

Located OUTSIDE,
in front of building

Eagan Civic Arena
3870 Pilot Knob Rd.

Located INSIDE
building
Mon-Sun 8am-9pm

For more information, contact Dakota Valley Recycling at 952-895-4511 or visit online at www.DakotaValleyRecycling.org



Donald's Uniform

Annual Winter Uniform Trade-In

November 1st—March 31st

Used Items	Credit Amount
High School Skirts High School Jumpers	\$5.00
Plaid Jumpers Plaid Skirts & Skorts Flannel High School Pants	\$4.00
Sweaters & Sweatshirts Fleece Jackets & Vests Solid Jumpers & Skorts Uniform Pants & Shorts	\$2.00
Knit Shirts & Oxford Shirts	\$1.50
Turtlenecks & Blouses	\$1.00

Bring in your used uniform items and receive credit towards the purchase of new uniform items (in the *same* credit amount category)

- The Credit is 1 used item for 1 new item*
- Credit must be used at time of trade-in
- Used items need not have been purchased at Donald's
- Items donated to Charity

*Some exclusions may apply.
See Store for Details.

***Embroidered Items now accepted!**



**For More information Contact Donald's 1-800-728-8082
972 Payne Avenue ~ St. Paul MN 55130**