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February 18, 2011

NEWSLETTER



Save the Date:

February 21 - President's Day - No School

February 22 - Teachers Workshop - No School

February 24 - Enrollment Info Session, grades 6-8 @ 6:30pm

February 28 - Spring Pictures - Out of Uniform Day

March 03 - Family Night 6:30-8:00 pm

April 16 - Lower Academy Spring Concerts at Rosemount Community Center

12:00 - Grades K-2 Concert

2:00 - Grades 3 & 4 Concert

May 7 - Upper Academy Spring Concerts Rosemount Community Center:

11:00 - Band Performance

3:00 - Strings performance

1:00 - Grades 5/6 and 7/8 General Music performance

Dear Families,

The definition of "collaborate" is to work with one another or others on a joint project; to cooperate, usually willingly, with an enemy nation. To elaborate further, collaboration can be defined as working together with people of varying opinions and backgrounds for the purpose of achieving a common goal. At Paideia, our common goal is our mission statement--to challenge and inspire learners by providing a rigorous, content-rich, classical education incorporating languages, music, and the arts while nurturing positive character development. To simplify that, our common goal is to ensure the best holistic education possible for each and every one of our students.

Teacher collaboration is an invaluable part of achieving our common goal. Research shows that when teachers collaborate effectively, it leads to:

- Teacher retention and job satisfaction
- School-wide shared responsibility of all students and their learning
- Professional culture and a true practice of being a team
- More effective use of data to drive instruction

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Schoolview Questions

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Lunch Menus

www.paypams.com

Uniforms

www.donaldeuniforms.com

- Improved teaching practices through sharing of knowledge
- Accountability for outcomes
- More uniform application of school-wide policies and procedures

What school community wouldn't support regular teacher collaboration given these potential outcomes? One of the barriers to teacher collaboration is time. Teachers are often lacking common duty-free time, and thus are unable to collaborate across differing grade levels/teaching assignments (such as specialists), across curricular areas, and sometimes even across same grade levels. Paideia is no different. Our staff is sorely lacking dedicated time to meet and collaborate. This makes it nearly impossible to work together regularly as a whole staff to move our school forward. I will be addressing this dilemma at the March 7th PIE meeting and invite you to join me and provide feedback.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter! The next time you see me, tell me that the Cubs will win the World Series this year (even if we all know that probably won't happen) so that I know you've read my message. And as always, please feel free to contact me at any time.

Have a fantastic weekend!

Warmly,
Joyce

A couple of online resources about teacher collaboration:

<http://www.thefreelibrary.com/The+benefits+of+teacher+collaboration.-a0185292088>
<http://www.slc.sevier.org/tcollab.htm>

Attendance

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From the Office

An Attendance question that is often asked is "how can one of my students be recorded as tardy and not the other-- I dropped them off at the same time?" Keep in mind that just because students are dropped off on time doesn't mean your students are getting into the classrooms on time...

It's Open Enrollment time! If you have friends and neighbors who are interested in Paideia, now's their chance. Pre-Enrollment forms are being accepted through March 4. Informational meeting is for grades 6-8 is Feb 24 at 6:30 Please see the website for further information.

Spring Picture Order Forms!

Order forms were sent home today in your child's backpack. Please have your child(ren) bring this form to the photographer on picture day, February 28. **Do not send the form to the teacher or office, it must be brought on picture day.** This year's pictures will be ordered in advance in the same way that Fall pictures were ordered. Go to Lifetouch.com for more details. We need two more volunteers to help, please contact Mrs. Watkins if interested.

Thank you to Tracy Reese for providing us with a new American flag. We will proudly display it in the great room!

Music News

Greetings from the music room, Paideia Parents! Thanks so much to all of you who squished onto the buses to help chaperone our orchestra field trip in January. The orchestra is now offering a free download of the concert on their website, www.minnesotaorchestra.org. If you click on the education link, there are easy directions to receive your free download of the concert we heard.



I am also writing to remind everyone about the K-2 concert and 3/4 concerts coming up on Saturday April 16 at the Rosemount Community Center auditorium. This is the same site as our concerts last year. The Kindergarteners, 1st graders, and 2nd graders will perform at 12:00 pm. The third and fourth graders will perform at 2:00 pm. The upper academy concerts are on May 7.

I am looking for parent volunteers to help move instruments to and from the concert site, so let me know if you can help out. Thank you all so much for your amazing support of MacPhail Music at Paideia Academy!

Very Truly,
Sarah Olson
(solson@paideiaacademy.org)

Join us Thursday, March 3 at 6:30 pm for Family Night And join the Eco Experience

Kids vs. Parents!

Recycle relay
Footprint frenzy
Paper chase
Cleaning concoctions
And much more!
Games! Prizes! Fun!
Please bring your own bag.



**Please bring your #5 plastics.
Winning grade earns prizes!!**

PIE

Now that we all know how to train our dragons, the PIE Committee is looking to Spring! Spring Break is around the corner, but before we get there we still have some business to take care

of. The PIE Committee is accepting applications/nominations for 2011/2012. The following positions are available: Kindergarten, 4th Grade, 5th Grade, 7th Grade and Co-Chair. There is also the possibility that the Communications Coordinator position may also be open. If you have any questions regarding the responsibilities associated with being a PIE Representative please feel free to talk to your current Representative or contact Ginie Klopp at PIE@paideiaacademy.org.

Click the link below for the application/nomination form.

<http://www.paideiaacademy.org/PIE - Parents In Education.html>

Upcoming events include Family Night on March 3, our Eco Experience. The PIE Meeting on March 7 with presentations by the Green Team and the Expansion Committee (yes, we're giving it a go again! Think healthy thoughts for all!). A Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's on March 19, more information to come, and then if you can believe it - Spring Break!

Geographer's Fair

Students Andrew Trepanier and Serena Abraham, both 4th grade students, reached high in their academic lives as they entered the MN Statewide Geographer's Fair held at the MN Science Museum in St. Paul on February 5. The students did projects on the coral reef of Australia and the life and loss of the land base of Chief Crazy Horse of the Lakota. The students met with judges to show what they knew (a lot!), and were happy to take part in a scavenger hunt with the answers found on their peers' display boards. The students each received a ticket for a day of access to the Science Museum.



MN Statewide Geographer's Fair

Congrats to both Andrew and Serena! They represented Paideia Academy outstandingly!

Special Education Parents Support Group

The second meeting of the Special Education Parents Support Group will be Friday, March 4th, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. Childcare will be provided along with a pizza dinner for parents and children. Please RSVP to Mary Koll at mkoll112@charter.net if you can attend. Please include the number of children you will be bringing so we make sure that we have enough childcare workers and pizza!

YMCA School Age Care

Upcoming events at SAC:

ALL SCHOOL FAMILY DODGE BALL NIGHT!

When: February 25

6:00-8:00pm

Where: Paideia Academy Gym

What: The YMCA SAC program would like to invite all Paideia Families to a night of Dodge Ball and Walking Tacos. At least one parent must accompany their child and sign up for this FREE event at the SAC NEWS bulletin board by February 18.

SIGN UP FOR RELEASE DAYS:

February 11 at Greenleaf Elem.

February 21 at Greenleaf Elem.

February 22 at Paideia Academy

SUMMER RALLY DAY IS SATURDAY MARCH 5 at the Southwest Area YMCA 9 AM TO NOON

NO REGISTRATION FEE now through March 5, that is \$50 savings PER CHILD!

Family Fun Activities Plus:

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Sessions

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~Our Vision ~

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

~Our Mission ~

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