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Save the Date:

March 21- April 8 - Spring Break!

NEW! Office Hours: 8 AM-1 PM

April 16 - Lower Academy Spring Concerts at Rosemount Community Center

12:00 - Grades K-2 Concert

2:00 - Grades 3 & 4 Concert

April 22 - Teachers Workshop - No school

April 29 - Earth Day Expo!

May 7 - Upper Academy Spring Concerts at Rosemount Community Center:

11:00 - Band Performance

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

3:00 - Strings Performance



From the Director

Dear Families:

A wise friend of mine once told me that when making a decision, particularly an important one, it is critical to consider, "What can you live with, but more importantly what can't you live without?" When I think about school choice, I think this is invaluable advice.

Depending on one's perspective, a particular attribute of Paideia is an "I-can't-live-without-it", while others may view the exact same attribute as an "I-can-live-with-it". For example, some may like that Paideia is a small school with under 400 students K-8, as that naturally lends itself to a family and community feel. Others may look at that exact same fact and consider a small

school one that isn't able to offer as much variety as a large school could offer, and thus it's not a positive. While the former person would consider that an "I-can't-live-without-it", the latter person would consider it an "I-can-live-with-it". It's a matter of one's perspective.

Either way, each family at Paideia has chosen to be here, and thus, the "I-can't-live-without-it" factors must have outweighed the "I-can-live-with-it" factors. Perhaps for some families, an "I-can-live-with-it" is the minimum 50-hour volunteer commitment. And for others of you, it may be the absence of after-school team athletics. For some students (especially middle schoolers), another "I-can-live-with-it" is wearing uniforms. Regardless, each family at Paideia was informed of these requirements prior to enrollment in order to help them make educated decisions.

I believe that one of the biggest "I-can-live-with-it" accommodations that Paideia families make is providing their child/children's own transportation. Many of you drive 15+ minutes to bring your child here. I want to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU for agreeing to transport your own child to Paideia. This sacrifice on your part helps afford our students the programs that we have and smaller class sizes. If we were to incur the cost of transportation, our school would look very different in a way that likely would not be attractive to so many families. Thank you!

As a Paideia family who has chosen to be here, I encourage you to continue committing fully to our school's mission and vision. Do it together with gusto, enthusiasm, and joy! Life is too short to live it otherwise.

Warmly,

Joyce Lee
Director

In the News



On Friday, March 4, Paideia Academy hosted a charter school round table with Congressman John Kline. Mr. Kline is the Chairman of the Education and Workforce Committee in the 112th Congress. Directors from Aspen Academy, Cologne Academy, Northfield School of Arts & Technology and Cannon River STEM School attended the round table discussion of current charter school issues. In addition, Mr. Kline toured our facilities and had the opportunity to meet students and teachers. He was very complimentary of our school, students, and program and hopes to visit again! Props to all students and staff in helping make

our school shine!

From the Office

REGISTER FOR 4th QUARTER CLUBS NOW!

Don't wait until its too late and all the good clubs are cancelled!

[Click here to view club flyer](#) (Link will take you to the parents page, scroll to bottom to view flyer.)

Please Note: Office hours during Spring Break are 8 AM to 1 PM.

PROPS to the Green Team, Crystal Kohler, Mary Hall, and the entire Paideia community!

Paideia was recognized by Mayor Mary at the Apple Valley Chamber of Commerce State of the City address for our green initiative and partnership with the City.

Summer Fun Camp! July 11 - 29th are the dates for Summer Fun Camp. We will be providing reading and math small group classes for students who receive special education services and for students who are having difficulty with either reading or math. More details will follow after spring break.

Remember!

If your student is tardy - you are to accompany them into the office to sign them in.

Please do not drop students off at the door if it is after 8:15!

Generation Green

First Graders are First in #5 Plastics Drive

Thanks to the many families who attended the recent Eco Experience Family Night. It was a great success thanks to coordinator, Crystal Kohler, our terrific teacher-volunteers, and the staff of our YMCA after-school program.

We collected 1395 items of #5 plastics at the event. These items are not collected curbside, but thanks to you, many of them will avoid the landfill, and be recycled. Congratulation to the 1st graders who won an ice cream party for turning in 481 items. In second place was 2nd grade with 399 and in third place was 5th grade with 233 items.

Funding for the event was provided by the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board through a CommunityPOWER grant.

PIE

PAIDEIA PANCAKE BREAKFAST!



**Saturday, March 19
8–10 AM**

\$5 per person

(2 sausages, orange juice or coffee and all the pancakes your can eat!)

**Tickets must be preordered!
Order NOW!**

Held at the Apple Valley Applebee's location

You must pre-order, tickets will NOT be available at the door.

Please click the link below for ticket order form. Order deadline March 16th!

[Applebee's order form](#)

Thank you to everyone who attend the PIE Meeting on Monday! We were happy that the weather improved throughout the day ~ eventually it will stop snowing, right? Our next meeting will be held on May 2, 2011. PIE has the following openings and is accepting applications for Co-Chair and Communications Coordinator, please submit in paper to the office by March 18th or via e-mail to PIE@paideiaacademy.org by April 1.

The Carnival (May 20) planning is under way and going well. More hands always make for lighter work and new ideas help make the same event fresh! If you are self-employed please consider sponsoring a game, your company name will be advertised and it helps the Carnival to be offer better prizes. If you work for a company, especially a local company, consider asking them for a donation. Again, their name will be advertised to over 200 families! You can contact PIE@paideiaacademy.org for more information or to offer your donation.

Volunteer Hours - remember as a community member of Paideia Academy your family has committed to volunteering for 50 hours per year per family. There are lots of ways to get those volunteer hours in, attending morning meeting, attending PIE Meetings, helping in the classrooms, Volunteering At The CARNIVAL (hint, hint, clue, clue). The Carnival is a ton of fun to volunteer at. You get to meet Paideia Academy students and families and make them smile while running a game. Did you know it takes over 100 volunteers the night of the Carnival to make that happen? If you are interested in signing up early, contact mona.reitz@gmail.com or use the Volunteer Book at school to sign up.

Have a happy, healthy, warm Spring Break!
The PIE Committee

Fundraising

BOXTOPS for Education Contest!

Contest runs March 1 until April 11.

Start clipping those box tops!

Tell your friends and neighbors too!

Collection pails are with each grade. The winning grade will get an out of uniform day!

Money raised helps the school pay for field trips.

CARNIVAL GAME SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.

Attention Paideia families. Are you looking for a great, inexpensive way to advertise your (husband/ wife, grandma/grandpa's) business to an appreciative audience? Carnival night is only a couple of months away and we are looking for businesses or organizations that would be interested in sponsoring a game for the Paideia carnival.

Sponsorship cost can be as little or as large as your budget will allow! Sponsorship donations help defray the cost of prizes for the game and we will gladly acknowledge your company's generous gift. Age appropriate give-aways (t-shirts, water bottles, USB/thumb drives) left over from your last marketing campaign (with prior Paideia approval) may be used as partial sponsorship donations.

Not a business owner but an employee? No problem - please check with your employer as they may have an interest in a low budget, high touch kind of advertising event.

For additional information, please contact either Phil Ramsland (651-319-1434 / phil.ramsland@yahoo.com) or Laurie Holmberg (612-940-6822 / laurieholmberg@cs.com) from the carnival games committee. Sponsorship deadline is Friday 4/1/11 but don't wait - call today. First come, first serve on your choice of games. Opportunities exist for sponsorship at all ages, including an expanded selection of "grownup games", at this year's carnival!!! THANKS!

Y School Age Care

Sign-up for School Age Care this Spring Break!

Highland Elementary March 21st-March 25th				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Creepy Crawly	Target Field Tour	Dance Party w/DJ	Down On The Farm	Playworks
At Site	12:00-2:00	12:00-4:00	At Site	9:00-1:00
What to bring each day: a.m. snack, lunch with drink, p.m. snack, outdoor clothes, and gym shoes				
Paideia Academy March 28th-April 1st				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Guest Artist	Maple Syruping	Walker Art Museum	ArtMobile	Wonder Weavers
9:30-11:30	8:00-2:00	9:00-1:00	9:00-2:00	12:00-3:00
What to bring each day: a.m. snack, lunch with drink, p.m. snack, outdoor clothes, and gym shoes				
Paideia Academy April 4-April 8				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Dodge Nature Cen-	First Aide	Guest Naturalist	Crystal Caves	Jensen Lake
9:00-12:00	9:00-2:00	10:00-12:00	8:00-2:00	10:00-1:00
What to bring each day: a.m. snack, lunch with drink, p.m. snack, outdoor clothes, and gym shoes				

A big thank you to those families that participated in Y-partners fund raising campaign where 100% of the proceeds go to personal pricing plans to help send kids and families to Y camps, S.A.C. and any other Y programs they otherwise may not be able to attend due to financial reasons.

Come down to the Y communities board and check out the fun pictures from Family Dodge Ball Night and see what fun we have at S.A.C!

Liz Q. Harper
Site Director - Paideia Academy

MacPhail

You are invited!

MacPhail Community Partnerships Recitals & Open House

MacPhail Center for Music
 501 South 2nd Street
 Minneapolis, MN 55401

Sunday, March 13, 2011

Recitals in Antonello Hall at 12:30 p.m. & 3:30 p.m.

Open House from 2:00-3:30 p.m.

Did you know that over 2,200 of MacPhail's students participate in MacPhail programs through a school community partnership?

Join us for the 4th Annual Community Partnerships Recital, celebrating student performances by students from a wide variety of partnerships. Many Paideia students will be featured in a Partnership slide show at the event.

Save-a-Life Saturday

Save the Date to Save a Life!

Join the American Red Cross as we host the Gabrielle Giffords Honorary Save-a-Life Saturday on March 19, 2011.

Just over a month ago, the events that unfolded in Arizona reminded the nation of the importance of being prepared in the event of an emergency. Many of the bystanders knew CPR and first aid and were able to save the lives of several victims, including Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords, who received help from her intern Daniel Hernandez.

On March 19th, in more than 100 locations across the nation, the Red Cross will provide fast and easy classes to teach the basics of hands-only CPR, the treatment of shock and how to treat wounds.

The classes will be shortened versions of Red Cross training courses, lasting approximately 45 minutes to one hour and offered multiple times during the day.



Congresswoman Gabrielle Giffords

Best of all, the courses are being offered free of charge through the generosity of our sponsors, Safeway and Walgreens.

The Twin Cities Area Chapter is offering classes at the following times:

9:30 am
11:00 am
1:00 pm
2:00 pm
2:30pm
3:30pm

To Register for any of these classes you can visit www.redcross.org/en/takeaclass or call customer service at 612-872-3245

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.

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