

## Paideia Academy

04/22/11



## Quick Links

## Paideia Website

[www.paideiaacademy.org](http://www.paideiaacademy.org)

## PIE Committee

[pie@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:pie@paideiaacademy.org)

## SchoolView Questions

[mnufer@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:mnufer@paideiaacademy.org)

## Lunch Balances

[www.paypams.com](http://www.paypams.com)

## Uniforms

[www.donaldsuniform.com](http://www.donaldsuniform.com)

## Attendance

[swatkins@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:swatkins@paideiaacademy.org)

952-953-6200

## Generation Green

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## Save the Date:

**April 29 - Eco Expo Open to the public!****May 7 - Upper Academy Spring Concerts at Rosement Community Center:**

11:00 - Band Performance

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

3:00 - Strings Performance

**May 9 - 2011/12 Board Candidate Forum 6:30 PM****May 20 - Carnival!****May 30 - Memorial Day, No school****June 15 - Last day of school!**

## From the Director

Dear Families:

During the Spring break, Bob (our lead custodian extraordinaire) and I met with Officer Jim Gummert and Pam Walter, Crime Prevention Specialist with the Apple Valley Police Department. Together, we conducted a thorough walk thru to evaluate the safety and security of our building. Consequently, Mrs. Walter sent me a list of 9 recommendations for better securing the safety and security of our facility for our students and staff.

Most of Mrs. Walter's recommendations were facility-based such as:

- Number all exterior doors with numbers visible from the outside and the inside.
- Install security cameras at main entrance to capture images of people entering the facility, outside the bathroom doors on the second floor to capture images of people entering and exiting the bathroom as well as other areas in the building as needed.

Bob and I are working to implement these recommendations as quickly as possible.

One recommendation, however, will involve effort from the entire Paideia community. **Mrs. Walter and Officer Gummert cited a number of concerns with the back door of the**

**school closest to the gym and music room.**

- This doorway is blind, meaning it is not within the view of the main office and distant from the main office.
- The door does not properly latch unless one pulls the door tight.
- Because it is out of the line of sight from the main office, people can enter and exit from that doorway without having to sign into the main office.
- Having two separate locations where people can enter and exit the facility gives easy access to the school for anyone. No school in District 196 has two separately located entryways to their school.

**For all of these reasons, per the AVPD, beginning on May 2, the back door of the school located closest to the gym and music room will be locked at all times and may only be utilized as an emergency exit.** All students, staff, parents, and visitors must enter the school through the main doors. This includes during and before/after school drop off and pick up times including the YMCA SAC program. The only exception to this is the use of the metal doors at the back of the gym. As always, during after school pick up, these doors may be used by parents/guardians who are picking up and signing out children from the gym.

I understand that this is inconvenient as much of our parking is located near the doorway by the gym/music room; however, after a lengthy conversation with the AVPD and their recent recommendation, I believe it is within our best interest to comply so that our facility is as safe as it can be. The use of this door should have been addressed and corrected long ago.

Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring the ongoing safety and security of our students and all of the Paideia community.

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Separately, a few items regarding collaboration time:

- While many of the comments left on the survey about collaboration time were helpful, I was disappointed by the snide tone of some of the comments as I believe that we as a community have to do better to communicate in a manner that is constructive. There is no need for this, especially within our own Paideia community, where we teach our students to show Paideia PRIDE.
- Collaboration time will be used largely to implement Data-Driven Instruction (DDI) beginning with Math and Reading. It will not be used for staff bonding, individual lesson planning or staff to use as they see fit. It will be a 2:25 release, once a week, on the same day of the week.
- For those currently enrolled in the Y afterschool program, the additional hour of childcare is free. Currently clubs are not offered on Wednesdays. Likewise, with the implementation of collaboration time next year, there will be no clubs offered by teachers on the specified collaboration day of the week. I am looking into seeing if other clubs, such as Chess club, which is not staffed by our teachers, could potentially move into that time slot.
- The parent/guardian survey closed on Friday, April 22 at 3:00PM. The Board will be reconvening on May 3 at 7:00PM for a final discussion and vote.

If you have any ongoing concerns or questions about the collaboration time initiative for next year or anything else, please contact me. I am happy to answer any questions directly.

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Please join me in thanking Sandy Watkins for all her hard work on Administrative Professionals Day Wednesday, April 27.

Warmly,  
Joyce

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or to the present are certain to miss out on the future." --John F. Kennedy

## **MCA**

Props to all for a successful MCA week!

- Props to all the students for their efforts on the tests
- Props to parents for getting students to school well-fed and on-time
- Props to Lynda Cavanaugh, testing coordinator, for the smooth process
- Props to teachers for preparing the students and administering tests

## **Board Beat**

### **Meeting Highlights**

- The budget revision was approved.
- Enrollment is up 2, at 187.
- Approval was given to add an assistant music teacher to the 7th/8th grade general music class for the remainder of the year.
- The director was given the approval to truncate the MacPhail contract in the Upper Academy for the 2011-12 school year, and to hire a FT middle school band/orchestra/general music teacher.
- The slate of nominees for the upcoming school board election was approved. The candidate forum has been moved from May 4 to May 9, the day voting begins. The board voted to make one of the three at-large seats a community member seat, to ensure compliance with current state law.
- Teachers presented an Equitable Salary Proposal to the board for consideration in the 2011-12 budget year.

Minutes for this board meeting will be posted when approved.

## **Special Education**

### **Special Education Parent Support Group Meeting**

On Thursday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, the Special Education Parent Support Group will meet from 4:30 to 6:00. Childcare and dinner will be provided. Please RSVP to Mary Koll at [mkoll112@charter.net](mailto:mkoll112@charter.net) if you are able to attend.

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**It's time to start thinking about Summer Fun Camp!**

- \$10 per day for students who do not receive special education services.
- \$5 per day for students who receive special education services and want to stay for the entire morning.
- Free for students who receive special education services and want to come for just the amount of time stated on their current IEP.

**Click the link below or stop by the office for registration forms.**

**[Summer Fun Camp](#)**

**PIE**

**May PIE Meeting Date Change!** Please update your calendars, PIE will meet on May 9 (not May 2). The PIE Committee believes that it is important for parents to make educated decisions on who will guide the school forward in the coming years and because of this appreciate the opportunity to host the Board Candidate Forum for the second year in a row. Please come and meet the Board Candidates; remember this is your opportunity to ask questions. PIE will conduct standard business and have one brief speaker between 6:30 and 7:00 pm. We look forward to seeing you there!

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**Volunteers**

As we approach the of the year, we would like to recognize families who have met their 50 hours or more of volunteer time! We encourage other families to continue to work towards the goal of 50 volunteer hours.



**50 + Volunteer Hours!**  
**Thank you!**

Abraham	Hay	Ruff
Antolik	Hayrynen	Ryan
Barker	Herzog	Sailors
Borg	Holmberg	Siddiqui
Carter	Innes	Solinger
Crafton	Johnson	Solinger-Hillenbrand
Culler	Johnson	Steeves
Cummins	Kelly	Stevens
Dahnke	Klein	Stites
Dobberman	Klopp	Stone
Donohue	Kohler	Taylor
Fidelman	Kuntz	Townley
Field	Lundgreen	Treat
Fischer	Lundstrom	Wente
Foreman	Martinez	Westerberg
Gelhar	Maughan	Wold
Gerdis	Mindeman	Wollschlager
Gustafson	Monson	
Hall	Rohlwing	

## **Fundraising**

### **PAIDEIA CARNIVAL**

**Here's a list of what we need to make our Carnival a success:**

#### **GAME SPONSORS**

**Game sponsorship can be attained with a donation of as little as \$25 or as much as \$100 or more.**

**Sponsors receive free advertising for their business or organization.**

**Money received will be used to purchase game supplies and prizes.**

**CONTACT: Laurie Holmberg 952-891-3694 or**

**Phil Ramsland 651-319-1434**

#### **BOTTLE BLAST DONATIONS**

**Donate a plastic bottle of anything. See an upcoming newsletter for collection dates.**

#### **GAME VOLUNTEERS ON CARNIVAL NIGHT**

**More than 75 volunteers are needed on Carnival night to setup, run the games and tear down.**

**See an upcoming newsletter for web site sign-up information.**

#### **CARNIVAL ATTENDEES - WE NEED YOU AND YOUR ENTIRE FAMILY**

**This year's Carnival promises fun for the entire family -**

from preschool thru adult!

At least 7 NEW games are being added to target Middle Schoolers  
and Grown-ups:

Minute to Win it, Are You Smarter than a ..., Heads and Tails, Jail, Kobe Blaster  
Great Prizes: \$50 Cash, Lindor Truffles, Sunglasses, Gift Cards, Stuffed  
Animals, Jewelry, Books, Key Chains

### SILENT AUCTION

Contribute and Volunteer! Theme Baskets..... Remember there is just one  
contribution bin this year. It's down by the office.

Also, there are just 5 themes.....

- Family Fun Night
- Garden Basket
- Arts & Crafts
- Grilling, Toys

Pick any one (or more!) and drop your contributions by Friday, May 6<sup>th</sup>

### **Light Bulb Fair**

**11 volunteer judges are needed**  
**to view our Light Bulb Fair Projects on June 7.**

The judges will be looking for projects that went far and above in quality in the following  
areas :

1. Creativity
2. Best Environmental
3. Best Literacy
4. Best Theater
5. Best Science
6. Best Social Studies
7. Best Artistic / Asthetic Display
8. Best Mathematical
9. Best Invention
10. Future Genius Award
11. Technological Award
12. Best Sports Focus Award
13. Best World Geography

*(If your child has a project I will work out a way for someone to judge their child's project so  
it is fair to all.)*

Questions? Email [cbelleveau @paideiaacademy.org](mailto:cbelleveau@paideiaacademy.org)

*Mrs. Cate Belleveau*

Gifted / Talented Specialist

~ 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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