

Paideia Academy

04/29/11



**Come to the
Eco Expo Tonight!**
Friday, April 29 5-8 PM
Public Welcome!

In conjunction with the event, we will be holding a #5 plastics drive.
Please bring your clean #5 plastics to the event and we will see that they are recycled.

Funding for this project was provided by the Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board through Community POWER:
Partners on Waste Education and Reduction.

Demonstrations

Exhibits

Activities

Drawings



Quick Links**Paideia Website**www.paideiaacademy.org**PIE Committee**pie@paideiaacademy.org**SchoolView Questions**mnufer@paideiaacademy.org**Lunch Balances**www.paypams.com**Uniforms**www.donaldsuniform.com**Attendance**swatkins@paideiaacademy.org

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Generation Green[Find us on Facebook](#) **Save the Date:****April 29 - Eco Expo Open** to the public!**May 3 - Special Board Meeting** 7 PM &**6th Grade** Out of Uniform Day (Boxtop winners!)**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

May 9 - 2011/12 Board Candidate Forum 6:30 PM**May 20 - Carnival!****May 30 - Memorial Day**, No school**June 14 - 8th Grade Graduation** 6:30 PM**June 15 - Last day of school!****June 18 & 19 - Upper Academy Play**

7:00 PM Saturday 18

10:00 AM Sunday 19

**From the Director**

Dear Families:

I am still a firm believer in the value of an old fashioned hand-written note. Whether it is to express gratitude or to send someone condolences for the loss of a loved one, I have always felt that a hand-written note lets someone know that I truly care. It's personal, takes a little more effort than sending an email, and is a dying art that I'd like to revive.

At Paideia, we have a phenomenal staff/team of educators-one that I wish I could take credit for assembling. Having worked at a number of schools with many teachers throughout the

course of my career, I state this honestly and with the utmost confidence. There are few professions that are as difficult yet as equally rewarding as being an educator. No educator enters into the profession with the hopes of becoming rich. Most educators enter the profession for altruistic reasons. Nothing is more meaningful and enduring than a word of appreciation.

During this coming week, please join me in honoring and celebrating our staff during Staff Appreciation Week. I'd like to encourage you to take a few minutes to give your child's teachers, instructional assistants, custodians, office staff, cafeteria staff, someone on staff a hand-written note to share your appreciation for all of their hard work, caring, and dedication to our students. I am sure that your thoughtfulness will be priceless to our staff.

As always, please contact me if you have any questions or feedback.

Warmly,

Joyce

Ps. The next time you see me (or send me an email), share with me about your favorite childhood teacher.

MacPhail Contract Update

MacPhail has been a wonderful partner of Paideia since our inception six years ago. We are thankful for their partnership and dedication to our school. In this vein, we have restructured our contract with MacPhail in such a way that will save Paideia approximately \$20,000 while at the same time maintains our full-time relationship for music instruction.

At the K-5 grades, Sarah Olson will continue to teach general music with the addition of 5th grade. Mrs. Olson has been a constant for us at Paideia. Her love for music, students, and our community at large is the perfect storm for ongoing success.

For 5-8 instrumental (band and orchestra) and 6-8 general music programs, I am pleased to announce that Troy Strand will be our dedicated full-time MacPhail teacher. Mr. Strand has been our band instructor for the past two years during which time he also worked as the band, orchestra and general music teacher at DaVinci Academy in Blaine. He has a bachelors degree in music education, a masters degree in music composition and MN licensure for K-12 Instrumental & Classroom Music. He is a gifted musician including music composition which he has already done for our students, *and* he knows how to play hand bells! Mr. Strand's ongoing connection with MacPhail will allow him to continue in his professional development and receive the any other musical support as needed. With the addition of Mr. Strand to our full-time staff and the leadership that he will provide, we look forward to the exciting growth for our music program in the upper grades. Please join me in welcoming him as a full-time Paidiea Peep! (For those of you who may not know, "peep" is an affectionate, urban slang way of saying "our person".)

I also want to express our gratitude for the work of our current 5-8 general music teacher, Katie Gordhammer, and Strings teacher, Teresa Campbell. They have each been a positive impact on

our students and school community, and they will be missed. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

I'd also like to note that all of the MacPhail benefits to Paideia families such as discounted fees for lessons will continue next year without change.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

From The Office

Parking Lot

Please do not block the various driveways to the parking lot. We share that space with Bogart's and Apple Place Bowl and would like to be a good neighbor especially since they granted easement for the space that we use as our playground. Thank you for your help!

Tardy?

If your student is tardy you must accompany them into the office!
Do not drop late students off at the door; you must sign them into school.

**Dust off your running shoes
for Paideia Academy's
first annual 5K walk/run June!**

Look for more information to follow.

If you would like to help please contact
Mindy Daugherty at mdaugherty@paideiaacademy.org
or Amy Monson at mamonson@comcast.net



Special Education

Special Education Parent Support Group Meeting

On Thursday, May 12th, 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 if you are able to attend.

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!

Fundraising

**WE ARE ORDERING SCRIP ON MONDAY, MAY 2.
PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ORDER THIS WEEKEND!**

Would you like to order scrip for the specific cards you need?

Three easy steps to supporting our school by ordering scrip this weekend.

- 1) Place an online order by going to www.shopwithscrip.com. You just need to register with our school code (EAAC1D2C18284) and your name, then shop. Print out your order sheet and send it in with your check.
- 2) Send a check for your total shopping amount with your child to school on Monday. Make the check out to Paideia Academy and put scrip in the memo line.
- 3) Select if you would like to pick up your order from school or have it sent home with your child. It will be sent home or you will be notified as soon as it arrives. (We plan for it to arrive by Friday, May 6)

**Thank you for your continued support of Scrip.
We have made over \$2500 for the school this year.**

PAIDEIA CARNIVAL!

CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS:

We're using VolunteerSpot (an online sign up and reminder tool) to schedule our upcoming Carnival. Please sign up - here's how it works in 3 easy steps:

- 1) Click this link to go to our invitation page on VolunteerSpot:

<http://www.volunteerspot.com/login/entry/4523456350236500126>

2) Enter your email address. VolunteerSpot will then send you a PERSONAL* signup invitation coded to your email address. (No registration required!) Please note: VolunteerSpot does not share your email address with anyone or send spam emails.

3) Go to your email inbox and open the invitation from VolunteerSpot - click "Sign Up Now" to choose your spots.

Note: If you have trouble accessing the site - please email Mary Koll at marypaideia@charter.net.

** For those of you who sign up by midnight on Wednesday May 5, you will be receiving BONUS tickets! You will get them with your ticket order.. Also, if you would like to volunteer at a specific game for more than an hour, we encourage you to sign up for multiple time slots.

* Please don't share your personal sign up invitation; the link is unique to your email address. If you delete your personal email invitation, please go to www.VolunteerSpot.com<<http://www.volunteerspot.com/>> and click "Find My Activity Links" to get a new email with links to all your activities.

All volunteers need to check in at the table by front desk, 10 min before your scheduled time. The table will be labeled "volunteer sign in". You will be responsible for watching the time. A reminder will be sent to you via the VolunteerSpot approximately 2 days prior to the Carnival. Please remember the kids depend on us to keep our volunteer commitment for stations to be able to stay open.

Thank you for volunteering, you are the one who makes this possible!

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.

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 by the office. We need more donations! (NEW items only) Also, there are just 5 themes.....

* Family Fun Night * Garden Basket * Arts & Crafts *Grilling * Toys

Light Bulb Fair

**8 more volunteer judges are needed for
Light Bulb Fair Projects on June 7!**

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

Questions? Email Cate Belleveau at cbelleveau@paideiaacademy.org

~ 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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