

## Paideia Academy

05/06/11



## 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:

**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 11 & 18 - Science MCA's Grade 5 & 8****May 12 - Special Education parent support meeting 4:30-6:30 PM****May 20 - Carnival 5:30 - 8:30 PM!****May 23 - Special Education Advisory meeting 4:00-5:00 PM & Diversity Equity Council meeting 7:00 PM****May 30 - Memorial Day, No school****June 7 - Light Bulb Fair 6:30- 8:45 PM Academic showcase of projects****June 10 - Upper Academy Dance 6:30-8:30 PM****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:

On Tuesday May 3, the Board held a special session to vote on:

- the collaboration time initiative and
- items to be purchased with the budget surplus

First, after two parent meetings, two Board presentations, numerous conversations with individual parents, strong support from our authorizer Friends of Education, and a parent survey, which showed a 68.9% "yes" and an additional 17.8% "yes but have concerns about

childcare", I am pleased to announce that the Board unanimously (with the exception of one Board member, who was not able to attend the meeting) approved the implementation of collaboration time (CT) for next year. For the 2011-12 year, students will be released at 2:25pm every Wednesday in order for staff to meet and work together. 46.2% of the families who responded selected Wednesday.

While the Board has approved this for next year, they will review progress at the end of the school year and then vote again whether to renew the approval of the early release time for the following year. I have every confidence in our staff. We, as a focused team, will show impressive product--most importantly, increased student learning.

I have been looking into the various child care options for families.

- The YMCA has agreed to a Wednesday only program for families who want to have their child(ren) attend once a week. They will be providing brochures in the next couple of weeks. This is an exception to their standard program that they are making just for Paideia. Families who are enrolled in the general YMCA program will not be charged an extra fee for the additional hour of care.
- We are researching outside fee-based club sponsors such as Chess Club to run an hour long program during release time.
- Other parent-run clubs are another possibility. If you are interested in running a club during the 2:25-3:25 Wednesday release time, please contact me immediately.
- Other outside childcare resources are available, which we are not able to advertise due to the non-compete clause in our YMCA agreement. Many parents use outside resources so please ask other families about their childcare providers.
- Carpools are another option.
- Our two instructional assistants (IA), Dawn Rode and Ann Palmer, will also provide childcare, which is in the works. This care group will be limited to a manageable number of students, on a first come, first served basis. (Our preference would be to have our IAs attend collaboration time with the rest of the staff so that they, too, improve their practice and work with children. However, if it is needed, they will provide a childcare option.)
- Teacher-run clubs will not be offered on Wednesdays, as is the case this year.

Prior to the end of the year, we will announce all of the available childcare options in detail for the early release hour so that families can make arrangements as needed.

Thank you for the strong vote of support for the collaboration time early release for Wednesdays next year! We are all very excited and eager to have dedicated time to work together as the planning for the use of this time has already begun. I look forward to sharing with you throughout the next year how we are utilizing the collaboration time and how teachers working and growing together is positively impacting students.

Secondly, I'd like once again to sincerely thank you for choosing Paideia knowing that we ask families to waive their right to transportation. It is a *tremendous* sacrifice, one that I can fully appreciate as a parent who works full-time and has to do the entire drop off and pick up process for my own children. I drop my children off to their pre-school/daycare every morning by 7AM in order to arrive at Paideia by 7:15 and then rush over to pick them up by 5:00PM. I often wish someone else would transport my children so that I could have a more leisurely start to my day. Time to stop at Caribou would be nice! The sacrifice that you make is a real one, with monetary value for the school. At the Board meeting on Tuesday, the following items were approved for purchase using some of those funds:

- Appropriately sized lockers for the Upper Academy \$12,000 (We will try to

repurpose the smaller lockers that are currently upstairs in the lower academy.)

- Singapore math updated curriculum \$30,000
- Spanish curriculum \$4,000
- Balanced literacy books \$5,000 (These materials have not been updated since the school opened.)
- Floor scrubber \$1,000

Thank you for your sacrifice of driving your children to and from school in order to make it possible to purchase these items!

Paideia is turning 7 this August and the growing pains of start-up should be by and large long gone. It is time for us to make a paradigm shift and focus on our academics, learning, and growing together as a community. While I am not naïve enough to think that we will all hold hands and sing a song at the end of every year, I am a forever optimist and thus believe that we as a community will look past our differences and focus on the similarities in the reasons that drew us all to Paideia in the first place. No school is perfect, but we sure will do our best together to make Paideia as close to perfect as possible.

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

Warmly,

Joyce

PS. The next time you see me (or send me an email) share with me about one thing you are looking forward doing to once the weather catches up to the calendar date. I'm looking forward to wearing flip flops!

### **Volunteer Opportunities 2010-11**

M-F Lunchtime supervision 11:30-1:15

M-F Traffic supervision 8:00-8:20am and 3:25-3:50

Various cleaning and repairs around the building (Contact Bob at [bhanson@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:bhanson@paideiaacademy.org))

May 13, 27, June 10 3<sup>rd</sup> grade library field trips from 12:45-2:00.

Daily 3<sup>rd</sup> grade M-F D.E.A.R. time from 12:45-1:15 - volunteers to read with the kids

May 20 Carnival (Contact your grade level PIE rep)

June 7 three volunteers for to judge the Lightbulb Fair. Contact Cate Belleveau at [cbelleveau@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:cbelleveau@paideiaacademy.org)

June 15 Middle School Kelley Park Field Trip-help run games, 12:30-2:30

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M-F Lunchtime supervision 11:30-1:15

M-F Traffic supervision 8:00-8:20AM and 3:25-3:50PM

W 2:25-3:25 Collaboration Time Childcare/Clubs

### **Items requested for donation:**

Large round planter for the front of the school

6 bulletin boards 3x5 (size is flexible)

2 Bookcases (4 shelves or more) 1 for middle school language arts, 1 for Kindergarten

1<sup>st</sup> grade white plastic pant hangers with clips to hang up listening center books

30 specialty awards for the Light bulb Fair (email Cate Belleveau

[cbelleveau@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:cbelleveau@paideiaacademy.org) for more details)

### **Diversity Equity Council (DEC)**

Paideia Academy is launching a Diversity Equity Council (DEC) that will hold its first open meeting on Monday, May 23 7:00-8:00 PM in the small commons. This council will address the mission and vision as printed below along with a clear connection and action against bullying. We hope to see you then!

#### **Mission-**

The mission of the Diversity Equality Council (DEC) is to ensure an equitable, inclusive, and safe place for all students, parents, staff, and community.

#### **Vision-**

We envision Paideia Academy as a welcoming environment free from bias and prejudice, where all are valued, differences are acknowledged and celebrated, and all are supported and treated with respect.

### **From The Office**

**THANK YOU** to PIE and all our families for all the Staff Appreciation goodies!

#### **Science MCAs**

**Grades 5 & 8 will be taking the Science MCAs next week.**

*5 grade test on Wednesday, May 11 from 1:15 -2:15.*

*8 grade test on Monday, May 15 from 8:30 - 10:30.*

#### **Parking Lot**

Please do not block the various driveways to the parking lot during drop off / pick up. During Paideia events, please park in the west parking lots.

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!

#### **2012 Calendar Date Change:**

Graduation day for the 2012 school years has been change to the last day of school ( June 13 ).

**FIRST ANNUAL  
PAIDEIA ACADEMY**



Calling all Paideia Academy families, friends and community members!

Get ready for our first annual  
5K Run / Walk!

**When:** June 11,  
Saturday  
9am start time arrive  
starting at 8am.

Registration forms coming out  
next week.

For questions or if you would like  
to volunteer email:

[mamonson@comcast.net](mailto:mamonson@comcast.net)

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

### Why?

Paideia Academy is about community, knowing your child's school, being involved and coming together to celebrate what an awesome culture your children are a part of! We are involving staff, parents and students to get together, be involved in physical activity together and to commit to a fun event as a community. It has been a goal of mine to have this annual event and I am so excited to see it happen. So get outside, get active and have fun!

Amy Monson, Founder

We are so lucky to be a part of such an amazing Paideia Community, why not come together and start another tradition. Walk, jog or run, just come out and be a part of the fun!

Mindy Daugherty PE teacher

### Special Education

#### Special Education Staff for 2011-2012

It appears at this time that Paideia Academy will have several fewer students who



receive special education services next year. There will be some changes in special education staffing , based on the needs of the students who will be attending in August.

Please attend the Special Education Advisory Council meeting on Monday, May 18, at 4:00 for further information OR contact Sharon Owens at [sowens@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:sowens@paideiaacademy.org).

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**Special Education Parent Support Group Meeting**  
On Thursday, May 12, 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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## **Fundraising**

### **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](mailto:marypaideia@charter.net).

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)<<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

### **Gifted and Talented**

## **Congratulations!**

Joey Dokken, Tracey Treat, Kenan Anderson, Bryant Ruff and Brady O'Neil competed in the 2011 *Math Masters Competetion* last Friday and placed 4th out of 18 teams! Way to go!

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## **The Light Bulb Fair is Coming ! The Light Bulb Fair is Coming !! Celebrating Research and Creativity !**

**We are seeking donated prizes for awards for our Light Bulb Fair on  
June 7 - 6:30 - 8:45 PM .**

**33 prizes are needed. Awards given to projects that really shine with quality in the various categories. All students will receive ribbons and certificates.**

**We are giving out the following awards:**

- 1. Creativity**
- 2. Best Environmental**
- 3. Best Literary**
- 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**

*SOME IDEAS ---*

*Ideal specialty prize for Creativity - tickets to a local museum*

*Environmental - field guide or posters*

*Literary - book or blank book / journal*

*Theater - play book or mask*

*Science - model kit - a few polished rocks etc.*

*Social Studies - book*

*Arts - sketch pad or art supplies*

*Math - game*

*Future Genius Award - poster of Einstein or fun puzzler book*

*Technological --- ( a new laptop - I jest ) ( I have a prize for this one.)*

*Mrs. Cate Belliveau*

**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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