

## Paideia Academy

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## 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 18** - Science MCAs Grade 5 & 8**May 16** - **Special Education Advisory** meeting 4:00-5:00 PM**May 20** - **Carnival** 5:30 - 8:30 PM!**May 23** - **Diversity Equity Council** meeting 7:00 PM**May 23** - **Special Education Support Meeting** 4:00-5:00 PM (childcare provided)**May 30** - **Memorial Day**, No school**June 6** - **2012 Washington DC informational** meeting 6:00 PM**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** - **Upper Academy Play**, Casey at the Bat 7:00 PM**June 19** - **Upper Academy Play** Casey at the Bat 2:00 PM

## From the Director

13 May 2011

Dear Families:

When people ask me what I miss most about California, I believe they expect me to say "the weather". While this is true, it isn't actually what I miss most about California. Aside from friends and family, what I miss the most is the diversity, in every sense of the definition of the word. I felt perfectly comfortable in California because every third person or so looked like me--Asian. There are people of all sorts of backgrounds, in terms of ethnicity, religion, and sexual orientation, and thus, diversity is simply the way of life. This is, by far, what I miss the most about California, and this is in part why the new Diversity Equity Council (DEC) holds special meaning for me.

My parents are first generation immigrants from South Korea. They came to the States in 1971 to give us a "better life". I cannot recount how many times my sisters and I have heard that statement while growing up. It became a driving motivator for my life.

After two years at a Catholic school, our parents chose to move us to the local public school. Believe it or not, I was quite the terror in school, especially during second grade. This is probably why I am in the profession I am in today--penance. ☺ One morning, when I was in second grade, I told my mom that I wasn't feeling well. Then, I proceeded to vomit. After she cleaned up my mess she said, "There. You got it all out so you're all better. Now to go to school." Though I really was still feeling ill, my older sister and I got dressed and trekked out to the bus stop.

When I got to school, I was listless and lethargic for most of the morning. When recess time came, I dragged myself outside and found my friends. (Growing up in Chicago, almost all of my friends were white and Jewish.) No more than a minute after I met up with my friends, I vomited--right in the middle of the circle formation in which we were standing. **I was horrified.** You know how sometimes when you vomit, you can tell what it is

because things haven't really digested yet? Well, this time, my breakfast came hurling up and out onto the ground--the black concrete ground, and I could see that as my friends stared at it, they could not determine what it was. There lay a bubbly, white pile of rice porridge, which I had eaten for breakfast. There was no way in my little 8-year-old mind that I was going to tell my white, Jewish friends that I had had **rice** for breakfast because they all ate things like Cocoa Puffs, toast, and scrambled eggs.

My friends all looked at the ground; then took a few steps backwards. As I clutched my stomach in pain, I heard a resounding response, "EWWWWW!!!!" One of my friends asked, "**What** did you have for breakfast???"

Now, I have always been pretty quick on my feet and often times quick with my words. So, I answered, "I had Rice Krispies for breakfast. I think the milk must have been spoiled."

The look of disdain on my friends' faces instantly transformed into a look of sympathy. As my friend walked me to the nurse's office, I thought to myself...I **never** want to be different, ever again. From that moment on and for a long time, I didn't really like Korean food or the Korean language or really anything Korean. I just wanted to be like everyone else.

Eventually I grew up, went to college, and moved to San Francisco, California to become a school administrator. California was a fantastic experience for me. It is a place where there are so many different kinds of people (unless you're living in Cupertino, which is pretty much a province of China) that generally people accept, value and appreciate all the differences regardless of what they are.

**Paideia's new Diversity Equity Council (DEC)** is important to me because I want every person, whether they are a student, family member, or someone from the general public, to feel welcome at our school regardless of his/her ethnicity, religion, sexual orientation, or any other difference s/he may have. In particular, I do not want any student to feel the same way I felt growing up - ashamed of who they are. The mission of the DEC is to ensure an equitable, inclusive, and safe place for all students, parents, staff, and community. The vision of the DEC is for Paideia Academy to embody 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. Along with the mission and vision, the DEC will have a clear connection and action against bullying.

Paideia Academy is launching the Diversity Equity Council (DEC) that will hold its first open meeting on Monday, May 23 7:00-8:00 PM in the small commons.

Thank you for reading my long-winded newsletter this week! As always, please call, email, or stop by to make an appointment if ever I can answer a question, listen to a concern, or help solve a problem.

Warmly,

Joyce

ps. The next time you see me (or send me an email), share with me one embarrassing story from your childhood.

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### **Traffic/Parking/Door Updates**

- Please park in the east or west side parking lots whenever possible, particularly for evening meetings and events. This is part of our agreement with Bogart's in relation to the easement for the playground.
- When using the drop off lane, please pull as far forward as possible. Otherwise, please park in one of the lots and walk your child(ren) into school.
- If your child is tardy, please walk your child into the office.

- Please do not block the entrances to the parking lot areas.
- If you are a YMCA parent and have a keycard please do not allow others to enter behind you. This is to ensure the security of our students.
- The potholes have been filled. Thank you to the property owner.

### **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 PM

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

May 27, June 10 Grade 3 library field trips from 12:45-2:00 PM

Daily Grade 3 M-F D.E.A.R. time from 12:45-1:15 PM - volunteers to read with the kids

May 20 Carnival (Contact your grade level PIE rep)

June 7 Three volunteers 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 PM Contact Michelle Sherrard [msherrard@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:msherrard@paideiaacademy.org) or Anne Simon at [asimon@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:asimon@paideiaacademy.org)

### **Volunteer Opportunities 2011-12**

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

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

W 2:25-3:25 PM 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 sturdy 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)

14 x14 rug for Spanish room

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

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#### **Mission-**

The mission of the Diversity Equity 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.

**Farewell** to Mr. Michael Friedrich, who has been serving as our Upper Academy Aide! He will be leaving us on May 13 to move back to sunny California. Thank you to Michael for his faithful service and commitment to the success of our students during his tenure at Paideia. We wish him all the best!

**Farewell** to Mr. Jamey Strand, who has been serving as our an Upper Academy Special Education teacher! He will be leaving us on May 13. Thank you to Jamey for his faithful service and commitment to the success of our students during his tenure at Paidiea. We wish him all the best!

**Welcome** to Anne Branstad! She will replace Mr. Strand starting on May 16. Ms. Branstad was a former Paideia teacher who is currently working on her masters in speech pathology. It worked out perfectly for Ms. Branstad to finish out the school year with us as a temporary replacement. Please join me in welcoming her back to Paideia!

**Welcome** to Scott Ritchie! He will replace Mr. Friedrich starting on May 17. Mr. Richie has worked in education for the past few years in Farmington. Mr. Ritchie will finish out the year with us as a temporary replacement. Please join me in welcoming him to Paideia!

## **Expansion Update**

### Expansion Update

"Many of you have inquired about the status of the facility expansion. We appreciate your interest in this important matter. As you might know, the Facilities Expansion Committee met several times earlier this year to discuss the feasibility and appropriateness of a facility expansion. At present, the committee continues to explore the financial feasibility of an expansion and expects to reach a decision about how to proceed in the near future. We appreciate your patience on this matter and will be certain to notify parents and staff once a decision is made."

Bret Walsh

Board Vice Chair and Long-Range Planning and Governance Committee Chair Paideia Academy

## **From The Office**

### **Science MCAs**

**Grade 8 will be taking the Science MCAs next week.**

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

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

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

### **Are You a Star?**

Check the Great Room. Our stars (families who have met their committed 50+ hours of volunteer time) are posted on the front wall.

Your family not up there? Be sure to sign up your hours in the volunteer log. If you need some volunteer hours, see the opportunities above.

### **2011 Family Survey**

Your feedback is important. If you have not yet done so, please complete our annual Family Survey at:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/CPYP3GS>

We would like to hear from every family.

	<p><b>Paideia Academy families, friends and community members!</b></p> <p><b>Get ready for our First Annual 5k Run / Walk!</b></p> <p><b>Saturday, June 11 9 AM start time!</b></p> <p>~Questions? Want to Volunteer?~ Contact <a href="mailto:mamonsom@comcast.net">mamonsom@comcast.net</a> <a href="mailto:mdaugherty@paideiaacademy.org">mdaugherty@paideiaacademy.org</a></p>
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**Registration**

**forms are being sent home today! Check those backpacks!**

### **Special Education**

**Please attend the Special Education Advisory Council meeting on Monday, May 16, at 4:00 for further information OR contact Sharon Owens at [sowens@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:sowens@paideiaacademy.org).**

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

**On Monday May 23, the Special Education Parent Support Group will meet from 4:00 to 6:30, childcare provided. Please RSVP to Mary Koll at [mkoll112@charter.net](mailto: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 Registration Form](#)**



### **Attention 6 & 7 grade parents...**

**Hello Parents and Guardians of 6 and 7 grade students!**

We are writing to let you know that there is an informational meeting about the trip to Washington D.C. coming up on June 6, from 6:00 - 6:30 PM. The trip will be May 10 - 12 of 2012; we will be traveling with Brightspark Travel (formerly Educational Tours). Ms. Hanson and Ms. Hood are organizing this trip and will be giving details about the trip cost, itinerary, and other information. A representative from Brightspark Travel will also be at the meeting to answer any questions you might have.

We have set up an informational website for this trip. Check it out at <http://paideiadctrip.webs.com/>. When you enter this site, there will be an option to register in the upper right-hand side of the page; registration is free. If you register, you will automatically receive notifications whenever the site has been updated. You will also be able to comment on things and join in on discussions. If you would like to become a member of this site, you can click on "Register", fill out your information, and hit "Submit". If you prefer not to register, we recommend bookmarking this site on your computer so that you can check back frequently, as we will be consistently updating the site with new information as soon as we get it.

Thank you and we hope to see you at the meeting on June 6!

Ms. Hanson and Ms. Hood

## Fundraising

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.

## The Silent Auction is Just Around the Corner! It's Bigger and Better than Ever!

Over 150 items....Tickets from every major theater in the Metro! Birthday Parties! Theme Baskets, Restaurant Gift Cards! Fun experiences with Paideia teachers and staff..... Make cookies with Ms. Odegard.... Have a doll lemonade picnic with Mrs. Prouty..... Do a jazz dance class with Ms. Bender... Have Mrs. Owens paint a portrait of your pet.... Have voice lessons with Ms. Simon....Run a 5K with Ms. Daugherty ..... Grill your hot dog lunch with Bob and Dave and have a tour of parts of the school that no one ever gets to see.....Be Mrs. Lee's Assistant Principal for a day! Plus 20 more fun teacher items!

Be ready to bid! This is what you need to know!

1. All money raised at the auction will go toward buying Smart Boards for our kids' classrooms.
2. Pick up your Silent Auction Catalogue at Monday Morning Meeting.
3. A complete auction list will be posted near the office by noon on Wednesday.
4. The Silent Auction will be upstairs this year- You can only use the stairway by the gym.
5. If you don't already have one, be sure to pick up a bidding number when you enter the Carnival.
6. Bidding opens at 5:30 and closes at 7:45 - no exceptions!
7. All items must be paid for and picked up the night of the Carnival.
8. Cash or Check only - no charge cards! Bring your billfold and your checkbook!

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And for a special treat.....Mural Artist,  
Tracie Thompson, will be painting.....



## \*\*\*Live\*\*\*

at the Auction, for you to bid on her finished painting!

*Join us on Friday, May 20, 5:30 - 8:00 PM for Paideia's biggest and best ever Carnival and Silent Auction!*

### 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) 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

### Gifted and Talented

## 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.**

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 Beliveau*

**Gifted / Talented Specialist**

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Exclusive invitation that qualifies you as Friends and Family to attend the  
Biggest Warehouse Sale of the Year!!

**For admission, present this coupon at the door.**

May 17, 18 & 19

11 AM - 7 PM

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Invited by: \_\_\_\_\_ Paideia Academy.

Please visit our website if you would like to sign up for a fast  
cart pass and get your

**coupon that is good for \$10 off of a \$50 purchase!**

[www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/warehouse](http://www.scholastic.com/bookfairs/warehouse)

#### **~ 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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