



July 29, 2011

Quick Links

Paideia Website

www.paideiaacademy.org

PIE Committee

pie@paideiaacademy.org

SchoolView Questions

mnufer@paideiaacademy.org

Lunch account balances

[FeePay \(replaces PayPams\)](#)

Uniforms

www.donaldsuniform.com

Attendance

swatkins@paideiaacademy.org

952-953-6200

GenerationGreen

[Find us on Facebook](#) 

Save the Date:

August 3 - Back to School & Picture Day!

Stop in anytime between 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM

- * Classroom placements will be posted
- * Wear uniform shirt
- * Bring school supplies
- * Sign-up for Clubs
- * Purchase 11/12 Yearbook
- * Bring completed medication forms & medications
- *BRING CHECKBOOK!**

August 8 - First Day of school!

*** Students are to be in their classroom by 8:15 AM. (Plan ahead for proper arrival time!)**

Summer Office Hours:

Monday - Friday 8:00 AM to 12:00PM

From the Director

Dear Families,

Paideia has been participating in the Minnesota Department of Education program called Quality Compensation (Q Comp) for the past few years. This is a program that grants schools, who apply and are accepted to participate, up to \$240 (for charter schools) per student per year. These funds are specifically allocated for and may only be used in alignment with the five components under Q Comp: Career ladder/Advancement Options, Job-embedded Professional Development, Teacher Evaluation, Performance Pay, and an Alternative Salary Schedule. Only licensed teachers are eligible to participate.

With these some of these funds, Paideia is able to create what are called Career Ladder Positions. In essence, this is a leadership structure for teachers to earn a small stipend for taking on an additional leadership role. This is a great opportunity for teachers to utilize and develop their skills and share in the leadership of the school. For the 2011-12 school year, Paideia has 15 lead teachers in Career Ladder Positions. Near the end of the 2010-11 school year, teachers who were interested in a leadership position submitted an application and participated in an interview process. I would like to introduce the lead teachers for this year:

Lynda Cavanaugh
Rachel Chamley
Zac Holm
Erica Marshall
Jen Rothstein
Kristin Schnase

Erin Harmon/Leah Hood UA Language Arts/Social Studies Co-Leaders
Michelle Sherrard UA Math/Science
Jayne Largent LA Language Arts/Social Studies
Suzy Webster LA Math/Science

Anne Simon 6-8
Jessica Creighton 3-5
Beth Odegard K-2

We are fortunate to be a Q Comp school as no new schools/districts are being accepted into the program. Props to Ashley Gillingham for her outstanding leadership with this program on behalf of Paideia!

As always, if you have any questions, feedback or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Have a fantastic final week of break! We hope to see you all at Back To School Day, August 3 from 1-6pm!

Warmly,
Joyce

Teachers Corner

Dan Armstrong, UA Special Education Teacher

I decided to go into teaching in the mid 1990's. I originally wanted to teach theology at the college level, and so I went to seminary in 1999 and graduated in 2002. From 2001 to 2005, I taught theology as an adjunct in Minneapolis. In 2006, I began the languages portion for a doctorate in theology, but I needed five languages (Greek, Hebrew, Aramaic, Latin and German), and after doing a year of Greek, I began to some serious soul-searching. I was managing a Dunn Brothers at this time, and one of my regular customers, a Special Education Teacher, was finishing a doctorate in education at the U of M. I told her I was at a crossroad, and she invited me to volunteer where she worked. I did, and the rest is history: In the summer of 2007, I enrolled at Mankato State University for their graduate license program in Special Education.

As an adjunct professor at North Central University, I taught theology and ethics (I did this on a full-time basis). From 2007-2010, I worked as a paraprofessional for the Carver-Scott Educational Cooperative in Chaska. Given my background in theology, I frequently taught the subject of world religions to students with Emotional and Behavioral Disorders. During the 2010-2011 school year, I was a Special Education Teacher for an Autism program in Chaska, and taught social skills, math, and reading.

What I like to do in my free time:

Seven months ago, I purchased a foreclosed home, built in 1936. I immediately fell in love with the house because of its old-world charm and woodwork throughout the house. I was able to purchase it for a great price because of how much work it needed. Having said that, for the past seven months, my family and I have been sanding and staining hardwood floors, repairing our lath and plaster walls, completely gutting and rebuilding a full bathroom, and of course, painting.

When I'm not fixing up my house, I'm volunteering my time for an organization called Launch Ministry, a non-profit organization in Chaska that helps those between 18-25 successfully transition to adulthood. (We have a partnership with the Dunn Brothers I used to manage: They let me use their roaster to roast coffee, and Launch sells it as one of their ways for raising funding).

If I could have one wish, what would I wish for?

I love teaching because it represents a chance to make a very meaningful difference in peoples' lives. This is the heart and soul of why I went into teaching, and when I feel like I'm doing this, I cannot even begin to describe how fulfilling this is to me. In other words, if I had just one wish, it would be to know that I am making a meaningful difference in my students' lives.

Ben Olofson, 7/8 Science Teacher

My name is Ben Olofson and this is my 1st year at Paideia. I am very excited be a part of such a wonderful team! The first time I walked through the front doors I instantly felt the warm atmosphere of the school, students, parents and staff. I became a teacher because of the impact that my teachers had on my life as a student, and I strive to create that same impact on my students. I graduated in 2010 from the University of North Dakota with degrees in Biology and Education. I taught 7th and 8th grade science last year at Willmar Middle School in Willmar, MN. This year I will I be teaching 7th and 8th grade science. I love science because it offers a path for students to actively explore the world around them and have fun while doing it!

Outside of school I love spending time outdoors. I will use just about any excuse to get outside! My favorite activities are sports, running, canoeing, fishing, hunting, going to the beach and campfires (smores!)

If I could have one wish, I would wish for the happiness and health for all my family, friends and loved ones.

From the Office

Be sure to check the website for the revised [Family Handbook](#) and [Classroom supply lists](#).

Reminder! Wednesdays are CT early release days.

The Board approved the implementation of collaboration time (CT) for the 2011-12 year, students will be released at 2:25pm every Wednesday in order for staff to meet and collaborate together.

Childcare Options:

YMCA School Aged Care (SAC)
Wednesday afternoon only option 2:25-6:00PM
\$50 annual registration fee per child
\$11.75/session per child
You will be billed for that day regardless of attendance.

Wednesday Club Options (Fee Based)

Youth Enrichment League visit www.youthenrichmentleague.com for more details.
Fencing Club & Lego Club
Girls Scouts
Running Club and more...
Registration for clubs will begin on "Back to School" Day.

MAP scores are in!

Pick up a copy of your student's score at Back to School Day.

Don't have a Schoolview login?
Don't know what Schoolview is??

Every family needs an account!

Please complete the Schoolview Acceptable Use Policy found on the website under forms and turn it in to the office.

Will your child need Medications for the 2011/12 school year?

Plan ahead--Get the Doctor's permission forms completed during the summer break!
Remember: A Doctor's permission is needed for both prescribed and over the counter medications. If your student has Seizures or Asthma, an Action Care plan form must also be completed. Forms can be found on the website or posted on the black bulletin board in the main lobby.

Lunch Update:

Lunch Menus are on our website and August orders were due on Thursday, July 28th.
If you missed the turn in date please plan to pack a bag lunch for the month of August.

Educational Benefit information for Lunch Free/Reduced.

[Click here for Information](#)

[Click here for Application](#)

[Does your child need Health Insurance?](#)

Remember PayPams is no longer accessible.

Lunch information is now and will continue to be accessed through your TIES SchoolView log under FeePay. You can see all your child(ren)'s lunch activity and make payments with a credit card through FeePay. (We have provided a quick link on the first page of this newsletter.)

Picture Day: (at back to school event between 1 AM & 6 PM) Wear a uniform shirt.

1 Packages

A. Value	\$19.00	B. Deluxe	\$27.00
(2) 5x7 (4) 3x5 (8) 2x3 (1) Class Portrait	(1) 8x10 (2) 5x7 (4) 3x5 (4) 2x3 (1) Class Portrait		
C. Ultimate	\$51.00		
(3) 8x10 (4) 5x7 (4) 3x5 (12) 2x3 Portrait CD (1) Class Picture			
D. Premium	\$40.00	E. Basic	\$13.00
(2) 8x10 (4) 5x7 (4) 3x5 (8) 2x3 Portrait CD Class Picture	(4) 3x5 (8) 2x3 Class Picture		
F. Family Pack	\$33.00	G. Entry	\$8.00
(1) 8x10 (3) 5x7 (4) 3x5 (8) 2x3 (1) Class Picture	(2) 3x5 (4) 2x3 (1) Class Picture		

2 Add-ons

Add more portrait looks to your package.

Special Offer #1 SAVE 30%

- Additional 8x10 (1)
- Retouching
- Name and grade on all portraits

\$16.00

Special Offer #2 SAVE 30%

- Additional 5x7s (2)
- Retouching
- Name and grade on all portraits

\$16.00

H. (2) 2x3 \$4.00	K. (2) 3x5 \$8.00	N. (1) Portrait CD \$15.00
I. (2) 5x7 \$9.00	L. 16 1.5x2.5 \$9.00	O. (1) Class Picture \$3.00
J. (1) 8x10 \$9.00		

NEW - Name On All Portraits

Portrait designer's choice

NAME ON ALL PORTRAITS (1)

12.00 or 10.00-50.00

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12.00 or 10.00-50.00

Retouching

Applies to all looks purchased and available (first is free)

Basic retouching (red eyes, blemishes, skin tone, hair, etc.)

Advanced retouching (skin, eyes, hair, etc.)

12.00 or 10.00-50.00

3 Portrait Looks

Look Code

TWO WAYS TO ORDER:

Before Picture Day

1. ORDER AT: mytftouch.com

- Customize your package with multiple Portrait looks
- Get a different Portrait look on every sheet
- Pay With

2. Complete Order Form

- Order Form will be available on picture day.
- Pay With Cash, Check or Money Order

PAIDEIA ACADEMY
Picture Day Wednesday, August 3 (Back to School Event)
Retake Day: September 19

Generation Green!

Generation Green will meet on Mondays during lunch and recess (1st Monday K-2, 2nd Monday 3-5 and 3rd Monday 6-8).

There will be a sign up sheet at Back to School Day, August 3.

Fundraising

CANE'S SUMMER CHALLENGE

Be sure to be collecting all those Box Tops, Labels for Education, Milk Caps and more during the summer. Plastic bags went home the last week of school with information and labels (extra for friends and family). The class that collects the most when we return to school next summer will receive a free lunch from Cane's! Plus there will be additional prizes!

If you have questions or didn't receive a bag and would like a label, please contact Dan Zimmerman at spirit.marketing@charter.net.

Let's kick the 2011-2012 school year off with a bang in this simple fundraising effort!

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**Going to the Grocery store?
Getting gas?**

Of course you are!
So why not let your everyday dollars go towards Paideia Fundraising?
Stop by the office and pick-up some Scrip gift Cards today!

Campbell's Labels - Earn Points!

Paideia Parents please take a moment everyday to enter our school in a chance to win \$45,000 dollar for a "Total Tech Makeover" that includes Computers and Smartboards and much more.

<http://campbellsoup.promotionexpert.com/labelsforeducation/fs/index.html>

~ 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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