



August 19, 2011

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Paideia Website

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PIE Committee

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SchoolView Questions

mnufer@paideiaacademy.org

Lunch account balances

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Attendance

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952-953-6200

Mark Your Calendar!

August 29 - SEAC's meeting 4:00-5:00 PM

August 30 - Gifted & Talented Parent Meeting 4:00-4:45 PM

September 5 - Labor Day No School

Important Music Dates to remember:

Concerts

December 13 - 6:30 PM Grades K & 1

March 1 - 6:30 PM Grades 2 & 3

March 15 at 6:30 p.m. Grades 4 & 5 (general music only)

Field Trip

February 28 - Minnesota Orchestra Field Trip, "Peter and the Wolf"
Grades K - 4

From the Director

Dear Families,

It was great to see so many of you on Monday at our Meet Your Teacher Night! I trust that this was a good opportunity for you to meet your child's teachers and gather some valuable information about your child's learning this year.

This Monday, we had our first morning meeting as two separate groups-K-5 and 6-8. We received a lot of positive feedback from students and parents/guardians. One of the new practices that we are rolling out is getting into the habit of giving props. This is an opportunity in an open forum for students and staff to give praise to one another for exhibiting the P.R.I.D.E and R.E.A.C.H traits or any other positive behaviors they observe. The staff modeled giving props on Monday, middle schoolers have been practicing this during advisory period, and K-5 has begun this practice as well. Our purpose is to foster a positive, encouraging, and thankful culture amongst students, staff, and the greater Paideia community.

As a staff we have, thus far, engaged in two weekly collaboration meetings on Wednesdays during the early release time. The tentative schedule of meeting topics has been set; however, it will be flexible based on staff needs. This quarter we will spend time discussing classroom management, DDI implementation and technology, learn about TRIO (a student data management system), and integration of core content areas into the specials (ie. PE, Music, etc...). This time is invaluable to staff, and we truly appreciate the sacrifice that families make to afford us this time.

Lastly, we have a number of daily volunteer needs and would appreciate parent/guardian involvement. Before and after school supervision as well as help at lunchtime would be a great! If you are available on a regular basis (ie. every Monday for lunchtime help), please contact Sandy in the office.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, constructive feedback, please feel free to email me, call, or make an appointment. We are off to a fantastic start!

Have a fantastic weekend!

Warmly,
Joyce

Ps. The next time you see me, share with me which of the 10 character traits (P.R.I.D.E and R.E.A.C.H) is your favorite and why.

Friday, September 9 is NFL day at schools across the U.S.! 34 schools will be selected as NFL PLAY 60 Super Schools and receive an NFL team celebration and a \$10,000 NFL PLAY 60 health and wellness grant! If you are interested in helping to organize this day, please contact Anne Simon at asimon@paideiaacademy.org or Mindy Daugherty at mdaugherty@paideiaacademy.org.

Visitors and Alumni Policy

- Due to disruption of the academic day and liability issues, former students, alumni and friends/relatives of current students will not be allowed to visit during the academy hours of 8:15 - 3:30.
- May not attend events intended for current Paideia students such as a dance
- If a former student would like to volunteer, there is a form that is available at the desk in front of the elevator or online. This must be submitted prior to volunteering.

Volunteer Opportunities (50 hours strongly recommended per family)

Look for information about the online volunteer calendar in the very near future!

Volunteer Coordinator Contact Sandy, School Secretary

Lunchtime Help 11:30-1:00 daily Contact Sandy, School Secretary

Arrival 8:00-8:20 daily Contact Sandy, School Secretary

Dismissal 3:15-3:50 daily Contact Sandy, School Secretary

Middle School Honor Roll Breakfast Coordination Contact Heather Meyers hjmeyers@integra.net Dates: Nov 2, Jan 25, and April 18

Honor Roll Breakfast Specific Duties

Volunteer Babysitters 7:25 - 7:55

Volunteer Set-Up 7:15 - 7:45

Volunteer Clean-Up 7:45 - 8:00

Volunteer Photographer Take group photos of Gold and Silver students at each grade level. Be responsible for getting the photos to Annick Dahnke to be included in the yearbook.

Props to Heather and Ron Meyers for organizing a fantastic first honor roll celebration! It was lovely!



Honors Celebration August 17

Donations needed:

Socks-white, black, tan
Gently used uniform clothing
Please drop any items that you have to the front office. Thank you!

Teacher's Corner

My name is Dena Bing and I am the new 4th Grade Special Education teacher. I am looking forward to an exciting school year. Prior to Paideia, I taught kindergarten and first grade for 5 years and spent one year as a private homeschool teacher. For the last 1 ½ years I worked as a paraprofessional in Red Wing. I knew even as a child I knew that I wanted to be a teacher. I loved to play school, and, as I got older enjoyed being around children and babysitting. During my first years teaching I had the opportunity to work with a variety of student, including some Special Education students. These students sparked my interest in special education, sending me back to school for my new licensures.

I spend the majority of my free time with my daughter. I enjoy spending time with family and friends, reading and shopping when I can find additional spare time. If I have one wish for this school year, it is that I can get to know all the students, as well as watch and help them achieve new goals and new heights this school year.

Parent Meeting for Gifted and Talented Students

August 30th 4:00-4:45 in the small commons. For more information contact Cate Belleveau at cbelleveau@paideiaacademy.org.

Annual Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community Wacipi (Pow Wow)

Dancers, singers, and visitors from across the country will gather at the SMSC Annual Wacipi (Pow Wow) for a weekend of dancing, singing, visiting, and shopping August 19-21, 2011.

Kids 10 and under are free and 5.00 for weekend with free parking.

Drop off and Dismissal

**** IMPORTANT ****

- Remember to use the far entrance to Apple Place Bowl on Garrett Avenue to enter the traffic line. Do not enter at the school's parking lot entrance off of Garrett as it is likely that there is a line and you will be "cutting" someone off and disrupting the flow of traffic.
- If you are in the car line at the drop off area, please do not U-turn back into the car line area. Follow the flow of traffic forward. If you are in the car line and drop off by the handicapped parking spaces, you may drive forward.
- If you would like to walk your child into school at the start of the day, please park in the lots by Merchants Bank and walk down the sidewalk where we have a crossing guard. Please do not park in the lot between the school and Bogart's as there is a lot of moving traffic which makes it unsafe.
- If you are picking your child up after school and would like to come into the building instead of waiting in the pick-up line, students will be waiting in the gym. **Please do not go to the front desk and ask for your child to be called down.** We are trying to safely and quickly dismiss nearly 400 students and commotion at the front desk is a distraction.
- Most importantly, follow the directions of the staff members who are outside directing traffic. Drop off and pick up duty isn't glamorous so we appreciate staff members being out there to ensure the safety of everyone - drivers and students alike.
- **All "Office" business should be conducted between the hours of**

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AM - 3:30 PM.

All of the procedures are in place to ensure the safety of our students and drivers while making drop off and pick up as quick and painless as possible. On average, it takes 15 minutes in the morning and 25 minutes in the afternoon for the staff to manage the arrival and dismissal process after school. If everyone follows the procedures that are in place, everything goes smoothly, safely, and quickly. Thank you for your cooperation!

From the Office

Lunch:

Because of our new lunch caterer, the monthly timing of the lunch menus has changed.

- Menus will no longer come out on the 15 of every month and the amount of weeks per menu may vary.
- We will continue to email the menu to families so look for September's menu later this weekend or beginning of next week.

Special Education

What is a SEAC?

A SEAC (pronounced "seek") is an acronym for Special Education Advisory Council, which is a group that provides input on special education issues to its local school district. Its purpose is to advise and advocate, not to decide policy. Minnesota law requires each school district in the state to have a SEAC although it does not specify how the groups should be organized or what duties they should perform. As a result, each SEAC may have a unique mission and structure.

Why are SEACs Important?

Local SEACs advise school districts on the development of programs and services to meet the special educational needs of children and families. By sharing their unique perspective of what it is like to use these services, parents can help the district to be more effective. As a result, outcomes for children with disabilities should improve.

Why might I want to participate on a SEAC?

Parents give many reasons for joining a SEAC, including these:

- I may be able to help other families and children with disabilities in my school district.
- I can share what I've learned since my child began his education.
- I can support the school professionals in my district.
- I will be a good role model for my child.
- I feel good when I make a contribution to this community.
- I will learn information and skills that may help me work more effectively with my school district.
- I will meet others with similar goals, both parents and school professionals.
- I may build positive relationships with others in my district.
- I will become more knowledgeable about special education.
- By sharing my unique perspective and insights as a parent, I may help the school district work more effectively with families and improve outcomes for children.

The Paideia Academy SEAC will meet on Monday, August 29th, from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

All parents are welcome to attend. Please contact Sharon Owens at sowens@paideiaacademy.org to RSVP (so we have enough chairs and cookies), We will be discussing the current special education services at Paideia and how to make improvements.

Music

Greetings from the music room! Mr. Strand and I enjoyed talking with many of you during Back to School day and Curriculum night. I wanted to mention an exciting choral opportunity for 2nd-8th grade students. Allegro Choral Academy, an outstanding local children's choir, is currently accepting registrations for their fall season. The Allegro choirs rehearse in various locations, including Lakeville, Rosemount, and Savage. The Bel Canto 6th-8th grade treble choir is an auditioned group. The 2nd/3rd grade Vivace choir and the 4th-6th Prima Voce choir do not require an audition. Tuition varies, according to choir placement. I've had the opportunity to attend an Allegro concert, and I was so impressed with the quality and artistry of all the different groups. For more information, visit www.allegroca.org or call: (952) 846-8585. We also have brochures available in the music room for interested students. Many Paideia students already participate in all three Allegro choirs, and I have heard many positive comments about their experiences.

Very Truly,
Sarah Olson
(MacPhail/Paideia K-5 General Music)

Fundraising

What is SCRIP and why should I participate in this painless fund raising program?

Paideia families helped our school earn over \$3500.00 during the 2010 - 2011 school year.

SCRIP is a gift card program that gives Paideia families and staff the opportunity to purchase gift cards at full face value. Companies that participate in the program give back certain percentages to Paideia.

ONLINE ORDERING INFORMATION

1. Register at www.shopwithscrip.com.
2. Our enrollment code is EAAC1D2C18284.
3. Online ordering gives you complete access to all the scrip that is available. Fill your cart with your desired gift cards and check out.
4. You can choose to pay by check, made out to Paideia Academy. The other option is Presto-Pay, a secure online payment option that deducts the total from your checking account. Presto-Pay deducts an additional 39¢ from your checking account as a convenience fee. If you choose to use Presto-Pay, please be certain that the funds are available in your account. If there is any problem and your payment via Presto-Pay is returned or rejected, there will be a \$30 charge to Paideia. Because Paideia is a **non-profit we can NOT absorb this cost and it will be passed along to you.**
5. When ordering online, you must select a pick up option, either in the office with Mrs. Watkins or sent home with your child.



[Need polo shirts or spirit wear?](#)

[Order forms are now on the website and in the lobby.](#)

Order before September 19!

Community

Open house for **Boy/Cub Scouts**

September 15

At Paideia Academy

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Come get informed on Boy/Cub Scout opportunities at Paideia!

4 H Meet and Greet

September 24

At the Dakota County Conservation and Extension Center

4100 220 Street West

Farmington

9 AM -12 PM

This event is especially for first and second year families that are interested in learning about 4 H. Community member Marian Brown is planning on starting up a 4 H after school club at Paideia if enough students show interest.

Pick up an informational packet at the office.

~ 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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