



September 2, 2011

Quick Links

Paideia Website

www.paideiaacademy.org

PIE Committee

pie@paideiaacademy.org

SchoolView Questions

mnufer@paideiaacademy.org

Lunch account balances

[FeePay](#)

Attendance

swatkins@paideiaacademy.org

952-953-6200

Mark Your Calendar!

September 5 - Labor Day, No School

September 12 - 6:30 PIE meeting

September 13 - 6:30 PM Wolf Ridge parent/student meeting

September 19 - Picture Retakes, wear uniforms

Important Music Dates to remember:

Concerts (Location: Paideia)

December 13 - 6:30 PM Grades K & 1

December 15 - 6:30 PM Grades 5,6,7& 8 Strings and Band concerts

March 1 - 6:30 PM Grades 2 & 3

March 15 at 6:30 PM Grades 4 & 5 (general music only)

May 31 - 6:30 PM Grades 5,6, 7 & 8 Strings and Band concerts

Field Trip

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

From the Director

Dear Families,

As I wrote in a newsletter back in February, after 16 years of working with students of all ages, middle school is my favorite age group (on most days). This was a rather surprising evolution for me given that I started my career in elementary education and thought I'd work with "little kids" forever. Middle school is an awkward time when the body is changing, the mind is rapidly developing, and emotions/hormones are raging. All of this happens while students are daily interacting with other students who are facing the same intense changes in a contained environment called middle school.

Middle school students are at a stage when they are learning how to handle all of their responsibilities, stretching to find more freedom, and growing into their own. It's an exciting time but can also be a trying time for students and families alike. This past year, our middle school teachers worked in teams to update the family handbook and firm up expectations of student behavior and agreed to discipline procedures. Please take a moment to review this section in the handbook. Our goal is to make Paideia's middle school experience one that grants students more freedom, choice, and privileges to help

students develop into thoughtful, responsible teenagers.

At Paideia, we envision a new generation of engaged, productive global citizens. In this vein, the middle school staff, under the leadership of Anne Simon, have been working together to raise the bar in academic performance and provide meaningful opportunities for students. This year, students in grades 7-8 have been given the opportunity to participate in two different service-related classes as an elective-leadership (22 students) and teacher's assistant (33 students). Leadership class is organizing school-wide activities such as NFL Day (Sept 9), Mix It Up at Lunch Day (a proactive activity that helps students sit with students they may not normally sit with) and Veteran's Day (November). These students are incredibly enthusiastic and have some great ideas for bringing the Paideia student community together. The teacher's assistants (TA) spend one period a week in a classroom (K-5) or with a Specialist to support the needs of the teacher and students. Some TAs help out by tutoring lower academy students in math and reading. This has been a great way to bridge the upper academy with the lower academy. In total, 64% of our 7th and 8th graders are engaged in service-learning at school! I look forward to that percentage increasing over time.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, constructive feedback, please feel free to email me, call, or make an appointment.

Have a fun-filled Labor Day weekend!
Warmly,
Joyce

Ps. I will be out of the office on Thursday and Friday of next week at an Autism Spectrum Disorder conference/training. Look for the next Friday newsletter from Mrs. Gillingham.

SchoolView

Paideia Academy offers families access to SchoolView, an online service that is easy to access and will enhance teacher/family communication. In SchoolView you can:

- Find information about your child's schedule, attendance, discipline, demographic information and academic performance.
- Subscribe to an email alert system that will automatically send an email when your child is absent.
- Pay for and check your student's lunch balances.
- Update your phone numbers and e-mail addresses as well as update student health information.

August Attendance Report

We are nearly halfway through the first quarter. I am pleased to report that our tardy rate has gone down since last year. Tardies on average per week has been under 15! Props to you, Paideia families for getting students here on time!

Congratulations to the Fourth Grade Students who had the fewest number of tardies and

absences during the first month of school! As a grade, they had a total of just 6 tardies and 11 absences! That's excellent!

For all 394 Paideia Academy students, during the month of August there were 77 tardies and 216 absences. The tardies are much better than they were last year when we averaged 250 a week, but the absences are still too high. Please remember that academic performance is directly related to attendance. Thank you all for making a concerted effort to arrive to school on time and be in attendance!

Volunteer Opportunities (50 hours strongly recommended per family)

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.

Teacher's Corner: Mr. Troy Strand UA Music

How I decided to become a teacher:

I decided to become a teacher when I was studying music composition in college. I wanted to learn more about instruments and be a band director, so I went for a music education degree. I learned all about how to play brass, woodwind, percussion, and string instruments, and I fell in love with teaching!

How long have I been teaching, what subjects, where?

I have been teaching for five years in southeastern Tennessee, in Michigan (near Lansing), and in Chaska, Lakeville, Blaine, and Apple Valley. I have taught band, orchestra, general music, music theory, music composition, and music technology.

What I like to do in my free time:

I like to play video, board, and card games, ride my bike, and travel the world (my next trip is to the Serengeti in March!).

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

My very own personal orchestra to play whatever I compose whenever I want it.

Fundraising



Cane's Box Tops Challenge Winners

Congratulations to Mrs. Sherrard's advisory class who collected the most box tops, etc... for the Cane's challenge! 2,226 total! Congratulations to Ben Carter who single handedly brought in 900+ Coke caps!

Mrs. Sherrard's class will enjoy a free Cane's meal during lunchtime and out of uniform day on Wednesday September 7.

Winner of the \$25 gift card: Autumn Anderson

Second place: Mr. Hondl's class at 1,946

Free Cane's meal on 9/7: Ben Anderson & Caleb Wollschlager

Winner of the \$25 gift card: Abilyn Bahr

Third place: Mrs. Webster's class at 1,219 Free Cane's meal on 9/7: Landon Antolik

Fourth place: Mrs. Chamley's class 1,093 Free Cane's meal on 9/7: Kattaria Blood

Fifth place: Miss Walker's class 1,011 Free Cane's meal on 9/7: Andrey Zimmerman

In total, Paideia families collected nearly 15,000 items that will earn our school cash and points towards items that can be purchased for the school! A little over 8,000 box tops were collected, which is approximately \$800!

Great job everyone! We will have another challenge during the winter break so start collecting now!

The fundraising committee/PIE would like to thank Dan Zimmerman for putting together the Cane Fundraiser. Also Thank you to all who came and counted on Monday. It was a great success. Start saving because the winter contest is coming. Look for more detail going soon.

Major props to Cane's Apple Valley for their incredible support of our fundraiser! They donated: 30 meals, two \$25 gift cards, and 600 milk moola caps, which they took the initiative to collect and donate to Paideia!!!

All winners of individual prizes were selected through a raffle.

Innisbrook Fundraiser

1.) Top selling classroom wins a MN Zoo Adopt an Animal.
(drawn from top 3)

2.) Special gift for the teacher with the top selling class

Sales Goal: \$15,000 to support Security cameras, gym storage and musical instruments.

\$5000 profit will make Mrs. Lee and All staff wear PJs!

\$6500 profit will make STAFF AND STUDENTS wear PJs

Prizes below reward the kids for participating!

20 random winners for Paideia for ordering online

Drop coupons in box (at the table in front of the elevator) each morning
for chance to win at lunch!

\$ 30 for Top seller

Several Innisbrook National Winners (online orders)

Sale Dates: 8/29-9/12



Delivery 10/26

SELL SELL SELL!!!

Spirit Wear / Polo Order Update:

Shipment is expected to arrive in 2 - 3 weeks. Shirts will be delivered to students classrooms.

UNIFORM SWAP DAY!



Saturday October 22
 9-11 AM
 at Paideia Academy
 More detail will becoming if you have any questions
 please email pafundraising@paideiaacademy.org

From the Office

Late Pick-up Fees

-PLEASE TAKE NOTE-

Reminder!

If students are not picked-up by the following times late fees will be charged:

- **After school: M, T, Th & F** \$10 if picked-up between 3:50 & 4:15, \$20 if picked-up after 4:15

After school W: \$10 if picked-up between 2:50 & 3:15, \$20 if picked-up after 3:15

- **After Clubs: M, T, Th & F** - \$20 if picked-up after 5:05

After Clubs W: \$20 if picked-up after 4:05

* Above charges are per student.

2012-13 & 2013-14 calendars

Calendars have been approved by the Board and are posted on the website.

With this amount of advanced notice, we ask that families please plan family vacations during summer breaks; students are only allowed 5 excused vacation days per school year.

Special Education

We will be having a seminar at Paideia, September 14th 4-6pm, called

"Executive Functioning" with Jody Van Ness. This is open to all teachers and Paideia families. Even if you do not have a child with these challenges, it may benefit you to learn about one of your children's friends or classmates allowing you to better understand their challenges.

Executive function refers to the cognitive skills we use to solve problems. Executive function may be one of the least studied and most frequently overlooked contributors to academic and behavioral problems. Individuals struggling with Executive Dysfunction are often labeled lazy, forgetful, unmotivated, always late,

and easily distracted. Learn how this disorder impacts planning, flexibility, sequencing, emotional regulation, working memory, organization and self-monitoring. Participants will better understand the development of executive function, its role in daily living and learning, and how it is assessed and supported.

Gifted and Talented Information

Below is the link to MCGT's website and information on the upcoming 2011 annual conference. Please forward this email to educators and parents that might be interested in attending. A reminder that the kids' programs fill quickly!

[2011Conference Link](#)

Washington D.C.

Dear 7th & 8th Grade Parents/Guardians

The deadline to register for the Washington D.C. trip is September 9th, 2011. Please refer to the following website for information about the trip: <http://paideiadctrip.webs.com/>
If you have other questions that the website doesn't answer, please contact Teri Hanson: thanson@paideiaacademy.org 952-953-6200 ext. 123

It's always a fantastic trip!

Sincerely,
Teri Hanson & Leah Hood



NEW CARDS ARE IN STOCK!

Stop by the office or Monday morning meeting for your supply!

Community

Open house for **Boy/Cub Scouts**

September 15

At Paideia Academy

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM * Please note time change from last newsletter.

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

Free Target Children's Book Festival

Sept 10th 10 AM- 5 PM

at Hyland Lake Park Reserve in Bloomington.

many great speakers and shows in a carnival-like environment.

www.target.com/reading

Community Education, District 196 has a free Multi-Cultural Family Club

For Parents and Children ages 4 to 11 meeting at Deerwood Elementary in Eagan on Sundays from noon to 4pm. For more information follow the link below.

[District 196 Community Education](#)

~ 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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