



September 16, 2011



Paideia Academy NFL Play 60 Grant Photo

### 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 account balances

[FeePay](#)

#### Attendance

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

952-953-6200

### Mark Your Calendar!

**September 18-** Adopt a Park 2-4 PM Scott Park Apple Valley!

**September 19** - Picture Retakes, wear uniforms

**September 29** - Evening Conferences

**September 30-** Daytime Conferences - **No School**

### 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

#### Music Field Trip

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

## Important:

*Due to severe allergic reactions (including hives and respiratory issues) among staff members and students, please refrain from wearing perfumes, colognes or essential oils at Paideia.*

*Even small amounts of fragrance, scented or toxic products on a few people can add*

*up quickly to intolerable amounts. Exposure to small amounts of these chemicals are a danger. This is not a preference issue – it is a serious health issue.*

## From the Director

Dear Families,

It is hard to believe how quickly this quarter has gone by. We are wrapping up week 6 now and DDI (Data Driven Instruction) assessments begin next week on Friday with 6th grade language arts and 8th grade social studies. Assessments will continue the following week during the morning hours with the exception of Spanish 7/8 in the afternoons. We should be finished with the assessments by Thursday. Grades 2-8 will take the assessments online at quia.com. K and 1st will take paper based assessments which will then be loaded onto quia.com for results analysis. During our collaboration time on September 28, teachers will be meeting in teams to analyze the results and develop plans to re-teach standards that were not mastered and provide enrichment opportunities as needed.

Families who are new to Paideia, DDI assessments are administered primarily during the 8th week of the quarter and are summative/cumulative. This year, we are focusing on math in grades K-8 along with the core subjects (science, language arts, social studies, Spanish) for grades 6-8. All of the assessments were written by Paidiea teachers and are closely aligned with the MN standards which are mapped out in the respective scope and sequence by content area for each quarter. We are seeking the same level of rigor as the MCA state tests so that these assessments offer accurate data in relation to student mastery of content. [\(For more detailed information about DDI please click here to review the April 15 newsletter.\)](#)

During DDI testing, please ensure that your child has plenty of rest, a nutritious breakfast, and is present and on time to school.

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

Have a great weekend!  
Warmly,  
Joyce



Ps. The next time you see me, let me know if you'll be going up north to see the changing of the leaves this fall.

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## Policy Update from The National Alliance for Public Charter Schools

U.S. House Passes Charter Schools Bill with Overwhelming Bipartisan Support

[Click here to read article](#)

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### **Student Personal Party Invitations**

Invitations for student birthday parties that are held outside of school may not be distributed during school hours by a student, parent/guardian, or teacher.

Distribution of party invitations disrupts the school day and often times leads to hurt feelings if someone is not invited.

The school directory will be posted on the school website by next week. This directory includes family addresses and phone numbers, which will allow parents/guardians to contact student's classmates outside of the school day.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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### **Are you a Veteran or know someone who is?**

If so, please email Anne Simon at [asimon@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:asimon@paideiaacademy.org) with the following information: Name, in which branch you served and when, Paideia students will be honoring veterans on November 11, Veteran's Day.

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### **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.
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### **Volunteer Opportunities (50 hours strongly recommended per family)**

We are using Volunteerspot.com for our volunteer needs. You can find more information on the Paideia website under Paideia Families-Volunteering. There you will find the Power Point called "Parent Guide to Volunteerspot" as well as the links. I highly recommend looking through the Power Point first as it has important information you need to know before clicking on the links, such as registering first and making sure you use the same email address.[Click here to check out Volunteer Spot!](#)

**Lunchtime Help** 11:30-1:00

**Arrival** 8:00-8:20

**Dismissal** 3:15-3:50

**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: Senorita Adams, Spanish Teacher**

How I decided to become a teacher: I decided to become a teacher because I was able to do everything that I love in one subject. In Spanish, we study art, literature, music, history, culture, geography. After studying abroad in Spain and Mexico, I knew that teaching Spanish was what I wanted to do!

How long have I been teaching, what subjects, where: I have been teaching Spanish for four years. This is my third year at Paideia. I taught my first year at Montgomery-Lonsdale High School.

What I like to do in my free time: In my free time I love to get outside. I go backpacking nearly once a month on the Lake Superior Hiking Trail. During the breaks, I try to visit different National Parks. This summer was my third time visiting Glacier National Park in Montana. I love to rock-climb, bike, run, cook, play card games, and read.

If I could have one wish, what would I wish for: To travel to all of the Spanish speaking countries and learn more about the cultures and language.

### **How first grade uses their SmartBoard:**

- Arrival- The students follow the directions of the day to drag their name to show me they are here! They love it and it is a quick way for me to do attendance! This month they are "picking" their apple off of the tree and dragging it to the basket to show me they are here.
- Reading- Today I used the SmartBoard to stream a story for the kids' read-aloud. They got to hear Betty White read them the story Harry the Dirty Dog from <http://www.storylineonline.net/>.
- Math- I've used interactive manipulatives for math and I also put the warm-up and workbook pages up there for children to follow along with.
- Dismissal- We use it during dismissal time to announce student numbers.

- Beth Odegard, First Grade



First grader on Smart Board doing her attendance.

## From the Office

### Picture Retakes Are Monday!

- Pick up an order form at the office
- Wear uniform
- 1 Parent Volunteers are needed - Please contact Ms. Sandy

**Conferences are just around the corner!** We will not be using Genbook this time around as we are testing out Volunteer Spot, a new sign-up system PIE introduced. Thank you for your patience as we work out the kinks with this new technology. We promise to have a more unified system of setting up conferences next time around! As always, please feel free to email [agillingham@paidieiaacademy.org](mailto:agillingham@paidieiaacademy.org) with any feedback.

If you have questions about the site please contact:  
[tedra7@live.com](mailto:tedra7@live.com) or [myemilie@charternet](mailto:myemilie@charternet)

### Dismissal:

Please be advised that the preferred method of after school pickup is the car line. It appears that more and more families are using the gym - this is causing too much congestion inside and outside the west end of the building. With the new dismissal procedures the car line is usually complete by 3:46 (2:46 on Wednesday).

### YMCA - Sign-up now for care during the fall break!

Full day recreational programs for children in grades K-8..

Stop by and chat with Liz during Y Care or pick up registration forms in the lobby.

## Diversity Equity Committee

**This month the DEC will be meeting on Sept. 22 at 7-8:30PM.** An overview of two school-wide anti-bullying programs that have been researched will be shared - Olweus and Take Time To Be Kind. Relevant, current policies that are in place and/or what needs to be improved to make our school a safe place for all students, staff and community will be shared as well. A work/break out session will follow to help review and update these policies. Please join us!

## PIE / Fundraising

**Thank you** for joining us this on Monday as we reviewed Schoolview, learned more about the Volunteer calendar on Volunteer Spot, provided a brief explanation on PIE/PTO and discussed raising Global Citizens. We hope you will join us October 3 for our next meeting which will focus on Safety.

**Paideia Academy has Adopted Scott Park in Apple Valley.** Please join us on Sunday, September 18th from 2 to 4 pm to quickly pick up the park and celebrate Paideia's ability to give back to our community. This is a great opportunity for you to show your students that volunteerism is important to your family and it's one way to create global citizens. Our students will clean the park throughout the year and PIE/PTO will schedule at least one park event a year.

**Innisbrook Fundraiser:** Please return your envelope with payment for your orders. There are still outstanding payments on approximately 11 orders that have been submitted. If payment is not submitted then Paideia loses out. Kudos to Ann Schomisch and Patty Solinger for another successful fundraiser! We are looking forward to finding out the results!

**Mark your calendar for Family Movie Night on September 30th.** We will be showing "Gnomeo and Juliet". Bring a blanket and pillows to relax on the gym floor. Please no outside food; concessions will be available for purchase (this helps us cover the cost of the event).

**If you are interested in assisting in the creation of a Paideia Academy PTO,** please contact Tonya Lundstrom using the [pie@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:pie@paideiaacademy.org) e-mail address. Specifically anyone with legal or CPA experience or experience working in a PTO.

## Spirit Wear / Polo Order Update:

Shipment is expected to arrive in 1- 2 weeks. Shirts will be delivered to students' classrooms.

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## UNIFORM SWAP DAY!

Saturday, October 22

9-11 AM

at Paideia Academy

More details will be coming. If you have any questions  
please email [pafundraising@paideiaacademy.org](mailto:pafundraising@paideiaacademy.org)



CARDS ARE IN STOCK!

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

### WORD MASTERS Grades 6-7-8

It's time to register for 2011-12 Word Masters. The cost is \$10 for the entire year. Word Masters is a national competition for students interested in learning about incredibly interesting words and analogies. There are three competitions during the year. Students will gather after school for study sessions a few weeks before the competition. Meetings will be on Thursdays from 3:50-4:30 (dates forthcoming). Students are welcome to study independently if they are unable to come to study sessions and still participate in the competition. Anyone who loves words would enjoy Word Masters. If you have any questions **please contact Susan Sailors at [SSailors@PaideiaAcademy.org](mailto:SSailors@PaideiaAcademy.org)**.

### Special Education

#### **Dyslexia Awareness Month**

IDA-UMB will celebrate Dyslexia Awareness Month by hosting a free screening of the HBO film, "Journey Into Dyslexia", on Sunday, October 9, 2011 at 2 p.m. at the University of St. Thomas O'Shaughnessy Educational Center (OEC) Auditorium.

Open to the public. Please register to reserve your seat by calling 612-486-4242.

Seats limited so register today!

### Community

#### **Wild Rice Festival**

A family-friendly celebration of wild rice, Native American culture and Minnesota's fall season Friends of Roseville's Harriet Alexander Nature Center (FORHANC) present 8th annual Harriet Alexander Nature Center in Roseville, Minnesota

Saturday, September 17, 2011

Wild Rice Pancake Breakfast 8:00 - 10:30 am

Free Entertainment, Exhibits, Activities & more 9am - 4pm

<http://www.wildricefestival.org/>

**The Ukrainian American Community Center** is having a heritage festival this Sunday in Minneapolis. Free entrance and Great family entertainment.  
<http://www.ukrainianamericancommunitycenter.org/>

**FARM FEST is This Weekend!**

Come to the front lawns of Valley Natural Foods and enjoy fun activities, music and free samples galore ... you don't want to miss this fantastic event!  
<http://valleynaturalfoods.com/wordpress/2011/09/14/farm-fest-is-this-weekend/>

**~ 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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