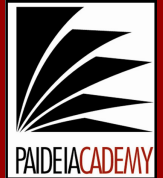


Paideia Academy

April 20, 2012



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.

Calendar:

Tonight! - Lower Academy Pump It Up 6-8 PM

Upper Academy Dance - 7-9 PM

April 27 - 6:30 Director Candidate Forum

May 18 - Movie Night! 6:30-8:00 PM

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

From the Office

DANGER! DANGER!

During morning arrival, please stay in the line and follow our single line traffic pattern and pull as far ahead as possible. Pulling around cars and out of line is very dangerous! Keep our students safe!

Meet the Candidates Night

Paideia Academy PTO will be sponsoring a **Meet the Candidates Night** on Friday, April 27. The candidates for our director position will be giving a brief introduction of experiences, background, educational philosophies and then finish with a Q & A session. There will be an opportunity for families to submit questions that evening as well. The Candidate 1 presentation will be from 6:30 – 7:15 and Candidate 2 will present from 7:30 – 8:15. Hope you can join us!

Science MCA Testing: 5th Grade and 8th Grade

5th and 8th grade students will be taking the Science MCA on the morning Monday, April 23. This test will be online and will require headphones. Please send your student with a set of headphones for Monday morning. Thanks!

MCA Make-up Tests will be held on Tuesday, April 24 and Thursday, April 26.

Wednesday Collaboration Time Update

Ms. Gillingham presented information regarding teacher collaboration time during the February PTO meeting. The presentation is linked on our website and will highlight the work teachers have completed and our continued focus on student achievement. In addition, we continue to be above the state requirements for instructional hours even with our shortened Wednesday schedule. The Paideia teaching staff is grateful for the opportunity to work collaboratively. Any questions can be emailed to Ashley Gillingham, Interim Director at agillingham@paideiaacademy.org.

A special thanks goes out to all the Parent volunteers who help with MCA snack breaks!

Your opinion matters!

Please complete the 2012 Family Satisfaction Survey that was emailed to you on April 12 or go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Q5XQ8GB> to complete the survey.

Highlights from April Board Meeting

(these are not official minutes)

- Financial report included an update from the 2011 K-12 Education Bill that will provide Paideia with additional revenue.
- From the director's report we heard that Paideia continues to be fully enrolled, we welcome Andy Grover as our long-term substitute for computer class, and administration is working on improvements to the gifted/talented program for next year.
- Amy Monson updated us on all that is happening with the PTO.
- Governance and Long-Range Planning provided an update to the timeline for 2012 Board of Directors election process.
- Curriculum committee let us know that the new Olweus curriculum is here and training will begin for staff in July.
- Marketing reported that the Home and Garden Show on March 31 was a great success.
- Director Search committee reported that we have two final candidates that will be presented to the parents on April 27 and will interview with the Board on April 28.
- In Open Forum we heard comments on communication and the kindergarten enrichment program.

Welcome long-term Computer Substitute Mr. Grover

I am as pleased as a panda bear in a bamboo plantation to be at Paideia. I'm Andrew Grover and began teaching computer classes on April 9th for the fourth quarter. I have met almost all of the students and staff and feel welcome in my first couple of weeks. I live in Eden Prairie with my bride and three children. I have taught computer classes for 7 yrs in three different schools and have also taught elementary students in a variety of grades. I enjoy working with teachers to combine technology with learning projects they are doing in their classrooms. I am thrilled to work with students in improving their keyboarding skills and in choosing the best use of computers for their school projects. I look forward to a fantastic fourth quarter!

If you have question/comments here is my contact information:

Phone: 952-953-6200 Ext: 123

E-mail: AGrover @paideiaacademy.org

It's Time to think about Summer Child Care!

YMCA Summer Programs days are filled with adventure and discovery activities that outpace regular day care options. Summer Programs fit perfectly into a parent's work day and allow the flexibility you need. From full weeks to a few days, the Summer Programs add enrichment to your child's summer and balance to your family life.

Save \$25 off registration fee when you register March 17– April 15

Check out the YMCA programs!

Summer power link: http://www.ymcatwincities.org/child_care/summer_programs/eagan/summer_power/

Summer uproar link: http://www.ymcatwincities.org/child_care/summer_programs/eagan/summer_uproar/

General summer programs: http://www.ymcatwincities.org/child_care/summer_programs/eagan/

Summer Brochures are also located in the Paideia main lobby.

SCRIP Fundraising Program

Would you like to help raise money for Paideia without having to do anything more than your regular shopping? You can through the Shop With Scrip program. Scrip may be better known to some as gift cards. You buy a Scrip card for retailers you use regularly and Paidiea gets a percentage back from the sale of those cards. Paideia keeps several of the most commonly purchased cards in stock in the office. You can purchase them with cash or check either in the office or at the table in the lobby at Monday Morning Meetings. Here are a few things that you might not know about Scrip:

If 100 Paideia Families purchased only 1 \$100 Cub or Rainbow Foods card per month Paidiea could earn over \$4000 each year with those cards alone.

WalMart cards can be used at both WalMart and Sam's Club.

Kohl's Cards can be used to pay your Kohls Credit Card bill in the store.

Here is what Paidiea keeps in stock and how much the school gets from each card purchase:

Groceries: Cub Foods 4%, Rainbow Foods 4%

Retail Stores: Best Buy 3%, Kohl's 4% Target 2% WalMart/Sam's Club 2%

Gifts & Services: Barnes & Noble 9%, Great Clips 8%, iTunes 5%

Dine In Restaurants: Applebee's 8%, Chili's 11%, Olive Garden 9%, Red Lobster 9%, Red Robin 9%

Fast Food Restaurants: Bruegger's Bagels 7%, Caribou Coffee 2%, Chipotle 10%, Cold Stone Creamery 8%, Domino's Pizza 8%, Great Harvest Bread 6%, Little Caesar's 8%, Noodles & Co 8%, Panera Bread 9%, Papa Murphy's 8%, Pizza Hut 8%, Starbucks 7%, Subway 3%, Taco Bell 8%, Wendy's 4%

Gas: Holiday Gas 2%, Kwik Trip 9%

Paideia PTO

- April :** No executive or General PTO meeting
- Tonight!:** **Spring Dance** 7-9pm 5-8 grade
Pump it up! 6-8pm K-5 grade
- April 27:** **PTO Meet the Director Candidates** 6:30-8:30pm
- May 7:** **PTO Executive Board meeting** 5:30-6:30pm
PTO General Meeting 6:30-8pm Paideia Academy School
Board Candidate Forum (Meet the candidates running for the School Board)
- May 7-11:** **Staff Appreciation week**
- May 18:** **Movie Night** 6:30-8pm—RIO!
- June 2:** **2nd Annual Paideia Academy 5K Run/Walk** 8am
First Annual Paideia Academy Trivia Night 7-10pm
@AV American Legion. Staff & Parent a night out, social fun and TRIVIA!
- June 4:** **PTO Executive Meeting** 5:30-6:30pm
PTO General Meeting 6:30-8pm Topic TBD
- June 13:** **8th Grade Graduation**



Showing at Paideia
May 18th!

Entertainment books

- For sale in the office for \$5.00. These are books that expire Nov. 1st. The PTO is assessing if this is a good fundraiser for the fall!

Amy Monson
PTO President

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