Paideia Academy

August 17, 2012



Calendar:

August 21 - Board Meeting, 7:00 PM

September 3 & 4 - Labor Day, No School (Please note: this is 2 days off)

September 17- PTO Meeting (Olweus Anti-Bulling Program) 6:30 PM

September 19- Picture retakes

September 20– Evening Conferences

September 21 - Conferences, No School

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.

From the Director

Dear Paideia Community,

Thank you so much for a wonderful second week of school! It was great seeing so many of you at our first Monday Morning Meeting and at Curriculum Night last night. Please note that the agendas for previous Morning Meeting are posted on the school website under "Current Families". I would like to thank our staff profusely for the late hours they have put in this week and their collaborative efforts to clearly communicate their academic and behavioral expectations for students.

As mentioned last night, I am requesting that all families read the Family Handbook in its entirety (it is currently available on the website under "Current Families") and provide us with feedback through an online survey at http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MQV8573 by next Friday, August 24th. The handbook will then be revised, and approval of revisions will be voted on at the September Board meeting. Your feedback will be extremely helpful to us as we make changes to better support the entire community and ensure that we are able to use our time most effectively during the day to support the academic and social-emotional development of our students.

I am truly thankful that we have such involved families, and I know that, sometimes, you wish to volunteer your services to the school, but you're not entirely sure how to do that. Attached in this newsletter is a list of the Top 20 Ways to Support Paideia. Please consult this list and contact the appropriate staff member to find out more about how you can volunteer.

Lastly, our primary concern every day is ensuring your child's safety. Please be aware that, throughout the year, we will be conducting a variety of safety drills with the entire school. We will not be able to let you know about these drills ahead of time, and we understand that some children will be anxious about these drills. The more you can talk to them about the need to practice and be prepared for situations, the less anxiety they may feel when actually required to participate in drills.

Thank you in advance for your completion of the Family Handbook Survey! I look forward to reading your responses and revising the document to best reflect our community's agreed-upon policies and procedures.

Sincerely, Marci Levy Maguire, Director

TOP 20 WAYS TO SUPPORT PAIDEIA!

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Chaperone school events Support arrival & dismissal process Gardening/weeding campus Support playground monitoring Support lunchroom monitoring Chaperone field trips Classroom help (*Lower Academy only) Decorate bulletin boards Create programs/posters for school events Create certificates for student awards Support marketing/student recruitment efforts PTO Committee work Support school-wide celebrations Make copies Data entry (*non-confidential information) Building touch-ups during breaks Support for new Paideia families (i.e. - support New Family Orientation) Photograph school events Participate in carpools Check-in volunteers for events

From the Office



- We are a fragrance free school
- Please have orange car dismissal tags ready at dismissal (in the gym and carline)
- Curriculum night Thursday at 6:30 pm (now past)
- Backpacks need to be kept in lockers
- Family handbook and newsletters are on the website
- Introduction of new staff

In order to increase communication, we have developed a survey to collect feedback on our Family Handbook.

Please complete the survey at the below link by next Friday, August 24^{th.}

http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MQV8573

SCHOOLVIEW FEE PAY: At this time your balance in FeePay may not be correct. We are working with Schoolview and our lunch processing company to fix this, we appreciate your patience!



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Thomas and Andrea Stone so graciously donated woodchips for our front landscaping and now we are asking for your help to not only spread the chips but also divide/replant plants and weed!

Please come ready to work next week between 2 PM & 4 PM!

Bring tools and a wheel barrow if you have them!

DID YOU VOTE THIS WEEK?

Our school can receive up to \$10,000 in Targetcards for books or any supplies we need.

All we need to do is vote for our school each week until September 8.

For every 25 votes our school receives, Target will send our school a \$25 gift Card!

Visit the Give with Target app at Facebook.com/Taget and vote!

Help our school!











- We still need Grade Level Reps. If you'd like to support the teachers in your child's grade by coordinating volunteers for projects and helping to plan parties or events this is the role for you. Most of the work will be communicating via email so you can get volunteer hours as your schedule allows.
- The First general PTO meeting is September 17, at 6:30 PM; A representative from the Olweus Anti-Bullying Program will be presenting. All parents/guardians are welcomed and encouraged to attend!

Don't forget about our Box Top Challenge!

Please send in your Box Tops, Milk caps, Coke stuff, and Labels for Education. Monday Aug 27th – 31st each classroom will have their own collection box. Please put everything into a plastic bag labeled with your child's name. The winning upper and lower academy class will get an out of uniform day.



Scrip Cards for sale at the office!

Make your everyday purchases fundraise for Paideia!