

Paideia Academy

September 14, 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:

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

September 19 - Picture retakes— *in uniform*
Board Meeting 7 PM

September 20 - Evening Conferences &
Lunch order due

September 21 - Conferences, No School

October 8 - 19 - Fall Break, No School

From the Director

Dear Paideia Community,

Hello! It's starting to feel like fall as we near the end of our first quarter. As much as I've enjoyed my first summer here, I'm also excited to experience my favorite season (fall) in Minnesota. As we move into this next phase of our school year, I'd like to share with you some of our current and upcoming programs/activities designed to support our community as well as share some of the work we are doing to help us fulfill our school's mission and vision.

Olweus Anti-Bullying Program - At our September 17th Monday Morning Meeting, we will be holding our kick-off meeting to officially introduce the Olweus Anti-Bullying Program to the Paideia community. This program is designed to support our staff and students to discuss the who, what, where, why, and when of bullying and other inappropriate behaviors. That same evening (Monday, 9/17/12 at 7:00pm), our Olweus representative will present a workshop specifically designed for families to help you understand the program and how you can support our efforts. We look forward to seeing you at one or both of the events on Monday!

Monday Morning Meetings for Upper Academy – Monday Morning Meetings will be redesigned for Upper Academy students for at least the second quarter. Rather than meeting as a whole group with parents, students will be divided into smaller groups to work with staff to concentrate on improving our communication and conflict resolution skills. Our intention is to give our Upper Academy students more voice in the community and to support their character development.

Family Conferences – Next Thursday and Friday, teachers will be leading conferences with families to discuss your child's progress and performance. This week, during our Wednesday collaborative planning session, we reviewed individual students' MCA data reports (4th-8th grades) so teachers would be prepared to discuss the intricacies of them, as well as how the data connect to what they are seeing in class, with you during conferences. Lower Academy teachers will be discussing the data collected from MAP testing and other assessments. Our school's data (MCA tests, MMR results, etc.) demonstrate that we are a great school making huge strides (10% growth on school-wide MCA math scores last year!), and that we have specific areas for improvement. We are excited about continuing our work together to support your children individually and collectively.

Teacher Observations – Ashley Gillingham, Lynda Cavanaugh, and I have been implementing our system for observations during the past few weeks, and we will have officially observed each teacher by the end of the first quarter. I am happy to say that I have been thoroughly impressed by what I've seen in our classrooms and the thoughtful planning and preparation teachers have put in to meet the various needs of our students. These observations have also helped me recognize our need to improve our consistency within and across grade levels, and we are devoting resources to doing so throughout the year and into next summer. This process has allowed us to have stimulating conversations about classroom teaching and learning, school-wide systems, and professional development. I have already seen improvements being made based on these conversations, and I am looking forward to see what is yet to come.

I encourage your continued participation at Paideia, particularly by becoming an active member of the PTO. I see great strength in this organization, and I anticipate that not only the families, but also the students and staff of Paideia will benefit greatly from a strong, cohesive PTO.

Thank you so much for your continued enthusiasm and support for Paideia!

Sincerely,
Marci Levy-Maguire
Director

From the office



- **Over \$3000 just received from Target!**

Did you know that when parents, guardians, friends, grandparents and teachers use the Target Red Card or Target Visa Card, Paideia can benefit? By designating Paideia as the school of your choice, Paideia can receive up to 1% of the value of your purchase. While 1% may not sound like much, many supporters together make for a big reward! Paideia has just received a check for \$3,149.72! These funds will benefit our school tremendously! Thank you so much for your support and please consider designating Paideia as your school of choice if you haven't already. Click here to enter your Red Card number and designate Paideia as your contribution school! http://www.target.com/redcard/main#?lnk=nav_redcard

- OCTOBER Lunch Menus are now available and all orders are due on Thursday, September 20.
- Quarter grades will be available in Schoolview on October 11th at 8am. If you don't have a Schoolview account yet, please contact Mrs. Ekrem: mekrem@paideiaacademy.org.
- Got Storage??? We are looking for a place to store some unused table and chairs. Please contact the office if you have an area we could use.
- No outside fundraising - Students & parents are not allowed to sell products in the school.

Dear Paideia Academy Board of Directors

- The Board will address the attrition that is occurring in the 7th and 8th in the first 15 minutes of the Board meeting on Wednesday, September 19. All families who have expresses some concern about this issue are encouraged to be on time for the meeting.
- Dear Paideia Academy families,
As you are likely aware, I recently tendered my resignation as Board Director due to my family's relocation to Texas. I want to thank the families, students, and staff of Paideia Academy for the opportunity to have served on the Board during the last two years. I wish all of you success toward the achievement of the goals of this fine public institution in the coming years.

Very sincerely yours,

Bret Walsh

PAPTO

Thank you to everyone who came Monday night and provided excellent input for the formation of our school PTO!



Monday - September 17, 2012 - Olweus Anti-Bullying Curriculum Presentation
6:30 to 8:30 - Large Commons

Innisbrook - If you haven't, please enter your orders online and turn in your money! All checks/cash should be turned into the office in an envelope labeled Innisbrook. Keep your order forms so you can deliver the product when received!

Get your Spirit Wear orders in. All orders are due September 19, 2012. Remember sweatshirts will be available through pre-order only - they will not be kept in stock at the school. Plan for winter now!

Volunteers are still needed to fill Executive Board positions on the PTO. If you are interested, please contact us at papto@paideiaacademy.org.

**Spirit wear
orders due
Wednesday,
September 19**

**Size
samples are
now hanging
in the lobby.**



Paideia Academy Spirit Wear 2012-2013



These two items
Pre-Order Only!



- A. Red Fleece Jacket w/logo
B. Crew neck red sweatshirt
w/PAIDEIA ACADEMY across the chest
Lower Academy
Youth : S M L XL



ALL NEW DESIGN FOR THIS YEAR!

- C. Unisex T-Shirt
With Paideia Logo
Adult : S M L XL
Youth : S M L



- D. Gray Hooded Sweatshirts
Upper Academy
Adult : S M L XL

• Order by Sept. 19, 2012

- Name _____ Phone _____ Teacher _____
• ITEM A: Qty _____ Size _____
• ITEM B: Qty _____ Size _____
• ITEM C: Qty _____ Size _____
• ITEM D: Qty _____ Size _____
• Total Qty _____ \$ _____

-No Late or Email orders accepted
-No Refunds or Returns on orders
-Item A and B will NOT be available in the school store, they must be pre-ordered NOW!
-Cash or Checks written to Paideia Academy

Any questions? Email paptofundraising@gmail.com

Volunteers

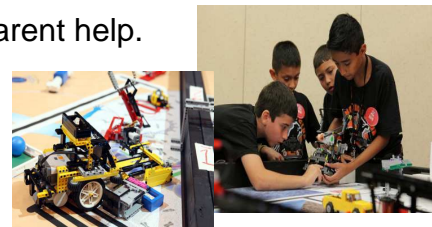
Calling for Parent Leadership for Paideia Lego League

Paideia is looking to re-start their Lego League program, but needs parent help.

Deadlines are fast approaching if a team is going to form.

Please contact Karen Pettinger:

kpettinger@paideiaacademy.org if interested in leading a team.



Music

If you are interested in a fantastic choir experience for your 2nd-8th grade student, I encourage you to take a look at Allegro Choral Academy. There are different age group options on Monday and Thursday evenings in both Lakeville and Rosemount. Several Paideia students already participate. For more information go to the website: <http://www.allegroca.org>

Wednesday is picture retake day.
If you student needs photo's be sure to grab an order form off the
"pick up table" located in the lobby.
Bring forms and money on picture day only.

Order online before Picture Day @ mylifetouch.com OR **Order with this form** follow steps 1 thru 3

1 Packages

\$20 **\$28**

Wallets (2x3) \$4.00, 8 \$4.00, 1 \$4.00, 2 \$4.00, 4 \$4.00, 8 \$4.00, 16 \$4.00, 32 \$4.00, 64 \$4.00, 128 \$4.00, 256 \$4.00, 512 \$4.00, 1024 \$4.00, 2048 \$4.00, 4096 \$4.00, 8192 \$4.00, 16384 \$4.00, 32768 \$4.00, 65536 \$4.00, 131072 \$4.00, 262144 \$4.00, 524288 \$4.00, 1048576 \$4.00, 2097152 \$4.00, 4194304 \$4.00, 8388608 \$4.00, 16777216 \$4.00, 33554432 \$4.00, 67108864 \$4.00, 134217728 \$4.00, 268435456 \$4.00, 536870912 \$4.00, 1073741824 \$4.00, 2147483648 \$4.00, 4294967296 \$4.00, 8589934592 \$4.00, 17179869184 \$4.00, 34359738368 \$4.00, 68719476736 \$4.00, 137438953472 \$4.00, 274877906944 \$4.00, 549755813888 \$4.00, 1099511627776 \$4.00, 2199023255552 \$4.00, 4398046511104 \$4.00, 8796093022208 \$4.00, 17592186044416 \$4.00, 35184372088832 \$4.00, 70368744177664 \$4.00, 140737488355328 \$4.00, 281474976710656 \$4.00, 562949953421312 \$4.00, 1125899906842624 \$4.00, 2251799813685248 \$4.00, 4503599627370496 \$4.00, 9007199254740992 \$4.00, 18014398509481984 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